

**TESTIMONY**

**GM791**

**HTH**  
**Confirmation Hearing**

TESTIMONY  
OF  
CHRISTOPHER PAUL SIBLEY  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
HEALTH  
ON  
March [TBD], 2012  
G.M. 791

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHRISTOPHER PAUL SIBLEY, for a term to expire June 30, 2013.

Chair Josh Green and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me for this opportunity to serve the community. This is truly an honor to be considered for the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I would also like to say thank you to the community leaders that submitted testimony on my behalf, and to those who are able to be here today.

First, I would like to briefly share with you my introduction to Hawaii ten years ago, as this is an important aspect to my character. Less than three months after my arrival, I was stabbed on Tantalus by three high school students. This potentially negative welcome to Hawaii might have caused one to reconsider staying. But the outpouring of strangers from all parts of this tight community,

allowed me to see the true aloha spirit. This spirit of the community continued after my personal cancer battle in 2006, when friends and complete strangers from all parts of our community came to talk story with me, cook food for me, help me through my treatments and once again show me the true spirit of this great state. I wanted to share with you what the community has bestowed on me over these past ten years and how I have tried to give back to make our community stronger together.

Since 2002, I have worked at HMSA supporting my mentor, Steve Van Ribbink, CFO, SVP and Treasurer. At HMSA, I've had the opportunity to better the health of the community through my work on implementing new health care models, connecting health care systems, developing research to better understand the trends in health care, co-writing the Beacon Grant for the Big Island and so many other activities working closely with many health care leaders in our state. I've been privileged to listen and learn from our health care advocates such as Beth Giesting. And through the health care reform challenges, I've worked with leaders such as Christine Sakuda at HHIE and George Greene at HAH to understand the complexities and potential solutions for our state.

My leadership extends beyond my health care work at HMSA. As the 2011 President of the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunrise, I was privileged to participate in reading programs at many public housing centers, restoring preschools for our keiki, providing dictionaries and books to public schools, working with at-risk students to stop bullying and help our neighbors in Japan by sending a delegation to Fukushima to help with their restoration. Through Rotary,

I've been allowed to see our most vulnerable, and learn how our QUEST/Medicaid programs and clinics help them but how much more is needed. Additionally, feeding the homeless at the Kaka'ako Shelter and spending time with the homeless with the Youth Outreach Program, has given me the perspective to see how our community is connected through our clinics, churches, health volunteers, foundations, employers, providers and payers.

Over the last 23 years, the diversity of my work experience combined with my education has allowed me to benefit professionally while keeping my core values steadfast. My community service reflects these values through my work with Rotary, the American Cancer Society, Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation and the past eight years on the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.

In closing, I would like to thank this Committee for the hard work that you do for the State of Hawaii, and for giving me this opportunity to be here today. Mahalo for your consideration of my nomination. And thank you to everyone that submitted testimony on my behalf.

At this time, I am happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

March 14, 2012

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with responses to the following questions, as well as my testimony. The responses below address the seven questions provided on March 14, 2012 and are provided in brevity with my separate testimony letter providing additional detail.

*(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?*

I wish to be a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) to represent Hawaii health consumers. As a cancer survivor, I provide a strong consumer perspective of the Hawaii health care system from the specialists to the primary care providers, from the emergency room to the home health services and more.

*(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?*

My role is to represent the Hawaii health care consumer as one of the twenty member SHCC. My responsibilities include the preparation and revisions of the state health services and facilities plan of which I worked to establish priorities through my role on the Windward Oahu Subarea Council (WSAC). In addition, my responsibilities include the appoint of a panel to review and the review of certificates of need which I performed over the past eight years through my duties with WSAC.

*(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.*

My qualifications to be a member of the SHCC include my eight years as an active member of WSAC, my ten years with HMSA working to improve quality outcomes through system solutions and provider engagement and my past five years as a cancer survivor, advocate and educator to help other cancer patients manage the health system and their personal health

challenges. My leadership positions within HMSA (manager), Rotary (president), American Cancer Society (chair) and WSAC (chair) combined with my dedication to our community through my ongoing volunteer work qualifies me as a strong contributor to the SHCC.

*(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?*

During my term in office I hope to contribute my strong financial skillset in review of certificates of need (CON) to ensure financial viability of CON's from a single CON review and whole health care system perspective. Additionally, I hope to express the values from the consumers that are within the communities impacted by the decisions of the SHCC.

*(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?*

Truthfulness – I am honest and truthful listening to others and contributing facts to the SHCC discussion along with my opinion without personal objectives. This quality would benefit SHCC through me dedication and advanced research in preparation of meetings.

Fairness – I was raised to respect all opinions and personalities especially in disagreement. I bring a strong character with fairness to all members of SHCC all will work to support the SHCC as a group to hopefully make the council stronger with my participation.

Analytical – My background in banking, investment banking, corporate finance and health care informatics brings a well-rounded financial mindset to the SHCC. This analytical skillset will provide a strong financial review of all CON's and aide in other SHCC priorities.

*(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?*

I survived a rare form of squamous cell carcinoma without any indicators or risk factors. Not only did I endure aggressive surgery and equally aggressive radiation therapy, I recovered to complete a 100 mile race raising money for children with cancer. As a member representing the consumer, this personal experience with the Hawaii health care system brings SHCC a real consumer perspective to add a strong voice for the consumer.

*(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?*

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest, and value the opportunity to become a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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In reply, please refer to:  
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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 791, Gubernatorial Nominee to the  
Statewide Health Coordinating Council**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health**

**Friday, March 30, 2012  
2:45 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of Christopher Sibley to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the  
5 SHCC Gubernatorial Nominee, Christopher Sibley, MBA. Mr. Sibley is the Business Project  
6 Planning Manager at HMSA. He is also a member of the Windward Oahu Subarea Health  
7 Planning Council (WISAC).

8 Mr. Christopher Sibley was one of two individuals nominated by the WISAC for  
9 gubernatorial appointment to the SHCC. He has been an active and valuable member of the  
10 WISAC. He has extensive knowledge of the issues and concerns of health care services  
11 across the state. In addition, he is active in the community working on HMSA community  
12 events, and the Na Ala Hele, American Cancer Society and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

13 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. Sibley to the Statewide Health  
14 Coordinating Council.



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28 march, 2012  
Senate Committee on Health  
Hearing of 3/30/12

Letter in Support of **GM 791**: Nomination of Christopher Paul Sibley to Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am Michael Joseph Meagher, MD, FACR, Professor and Chairman of the Radiology Division at JABSOM. I am also Mr. Sibley's father in law.

More to the point, I have had intimate experience with Hawaii's attempts to rationalize health care expenditures via the SHPDTA and Statewide Coordinating Council mechanism as Chair of the SHPDTA High Technology Advisory Committee through the 1980s and early 1990s. Competent and useful service on such committees requires several qualities, each of which Mr. Sibley exhibits in abundance:

1. The ability to search out, define and understand a long-term plan, medium term goals and short-term priorities for the committee, often in an environment of contending ideas and emotionally weighted pleas.
2. The training and experience to understand testimony which is often highly technically impressive yet often lacks common sense
3. The interest to actually show up at the meetings, on time, and do the work required.
4. The maturity to balance, evaluate and prioritize multiple requests to approve projects, facilities and personnel additions, at a time in which the structure and very validity of health care funding is under intense, often irrational, debate.
5. The fortitude to actually make decisions, defend them and stand by them, in a political environment which often changes from day to day.

In summary, I highly recommend Mr. Sibley for this position.

Michael J. Meagher, MD, FACR  
Chairman and Professor, Division of Radiology  
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Radiologist, Shriner's Hospital for Children



March 28, 2012

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Members of the Senate Health Committee  
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RE: GM #791 (Christopher Sibley)

Honorable Chair Josh Green:

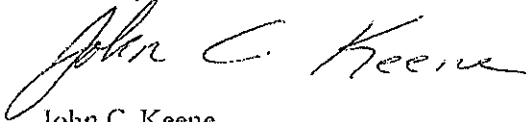
I am writing this letter of recommendation for Mr. Christopher Sibley in consideration of his acceptance to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I have had the honor of knowing Mr. Sibley both professionally and personally as a fellow member of the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WISAC).

Mr. Sibley is a highly respected community leader. As a past WISAC chair, he routinely demonstrated the capacity to help plan and coordinate the growing healthcare needs of our island community. In addition, Mr. Sibley is HMSA's Business Project and Planning Manager. His unique ability to analyze, create, and implement health models delivering life-saving medical services for Hawaii's residents is inspiring.

I strongly support Mr. Sibley's nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and humbly request your confirmation of his appointment. Now, more than ever, our community needs leaders like Mr. Sibley to address the healthcare challenges our states faces.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



John C. Keene  
Hawaii State Health Planning and Development Agency  
Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council  
Member

Thank you Senator Green.  
-John

March 20, 2012

Senator Will Espero  
Chairman Public Safety, Government Operations & Military Affairs Committee  
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Honorable Will Esposa:

As a principal in the architectural firm Ferraro Choi And Associates and past president of the Honolulu Sunrise Rotary, I was happy to learn that Christopher (Paul) Sibley is one of two candidates being considered by the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WISAC) for a gubernatorial appointment to the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

I know and work with Mr. Sibley in community service through our Rotary Club and in 2010-2011 I had the honor to serve as a committee chair on his board of directors. As president he provided the needed leadership for a non-profit navigating through two very difficult recession years in part due to his background in finance and management. He also provided a *can-do* inspirational attitude to all members of the Club as a cancer survivor and ultra-marathoner. Atypical to most past president he continues to serve in a director's position as treasurer of the Club and has revamped our accounting records with updated software allowing us to better manage the Club's finances.

My professional knowledge of Mr. Sibley comes from our office's current design for a new HMSA facility where Mr. Sibley is employed as a Business Project Planning Manager. The new building project was financially developed by him and brought to the review and approval of the HMSA board. Throughout our work on the project, I have heard nothing but praise for his capabilities from the president on down to HMSA project managers.

I believe Mr. Sibley is professionally capable and extremely well suited for this position to serve our community and wholehearted support his nomination for appointment to the SHCC. I strongly encourage you to select him for this important position.

Sincerely,



Joe Ferraro, FAIA, LEED AP  
Principal