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LATE TESTIMONY

Comments:

Letter of recommendation reg. HCR41 concerning the Licensure of Music Therapists, at the Hawaii State House

I would like to recommend the music therapy service provided by Sounding Joy Music Therapy Inc. Hawaii (in the following text SJMT) for the hearing regarding the licensure of Music Therapists in the State of Hawaii.

Personal background:

I got to know Sounding Joy Inc. since 2006 due to my position as EU Commissions paediatric network co-ordinator for music therapy. As part of a profound transatlantic strategy concept for music therapy academic and infrastructure development in the State of Hawaii SJMT invited me as guest lecturer for music therapy supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (www.daad.de) in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 at the University of Hawaii (John A. Burns School for Medicine and Faculty for Music) and the Hawaii Pacific University (College for humanities and College for Nursing and health science).

Scientific and political background:

Music Therapy is a WHO acknowledged health care profession with a 40 years period of academic and research development world wide as well as with focus in the USA and in Europe. Music Therapy is the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy program. (American Music Therapy Association, 2005)

There is no question, that recent findings of music therapy research (significant efficacy in treatment of several diseases / disorders, such as in i.e. neurology, neurorehabilitation and neuropaediatrics, developmental disorders like ASD, audiology and cochlea implant rehabilitation, psychosomatics, psychiatry and geriatric, perinatal medicine and intense care,) are acknowledged by the medical and psychotherapeutic professional community and meet in all respects the scientific standards of evidence proof. The licensure of Music therapist has been already proceeded in many European countries; I had the honor to be responsible for the acknowledgement in the Republic of Latvia (Chair of Music therapy at the University Liepaja / Latvia).

In the past 5 years I had the privilege to talk to several parents, whose children got music therapy treatment from music therapists of Sounding Joy Inc. All of the parents I met talked in every respect very positive about the way, how the therapists worked with their children. They told me, that they had somehow been already on long journeys through hospitals, clinics and examinations before coming to SJMT, where they found the first time real support and help for their kids through the music therapy approach, which was evaluated and documented as significant progress in development and recovering.

Since I am responsible for the academic and infrastructure development of music therapy in the EU paediatric network EUROPET (www.europet.org) I can state the high value of music therapy treatment in social and health care stationary and outpatient clinic services. I have documented the efficacy of music therapy methods in health care proofed in recent clinical studies in an official recommendation published by the European Medical Association (www.emanet.org) in "Health care overview-new perspectives" edited by the President V. Costigliola at Springer in March 2012.

Due to this background I can strongly recommend Music Therapy as WHO acknowledged health care profession for the Licensure in the State of Hawaii

For any further questions do not hesitate to contact me.

With highest regards,

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Comments:

I continuously support the regulation of the profession of Music Therapy in Hawaii, which will protect consumers from harmful practices of non-qualifying individuals and improve Hawaii's people's accessibility to music therapy. Please refer to my testimony submitted for HB2062 for this hearing.