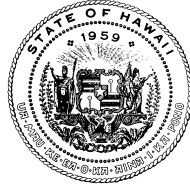


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G.M. 555, G.M. 556, G.M. 558 and G.M. 559, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominees, KATRINA LORENZO, LOUISE CRUM, PATRICK BROWN and SHEILA CALCAGNO

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

March 6, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the confirmation of Katrina Lorenzo
2 (6/30/2015), Louise Crum (6/30/2016), Patrick Brown (6/30/2016), and Sheila Calcagno (6/30/2016) to
3 serve on the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for terms to expire as parenthetically indicated.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the SCMH,
6 Gubernatorial Nominees, Katrina Lorenzo, Louise Crum, Patrick Brown, Ph.D., and Sheila Calcagno.

7 Pursuant to Chapter 334-10 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Federal Law P.L. 102-321, Section
8 1914(c), the SCMH appointees represent residents of the State, including principal state agencies with
9 respect to mental health, education, vocational rehabilitation, criminal justice, housing and social
10 services, families of adults or families of children with emotional disturbance, and segments of the
11 community.

12 **Katrina Lorenzo (G.M. 555)** is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of
13 Hawaii at Hilo. Since July 2012, Ms. Lorenzo was placed on the SCMH on an interim basis. She is
14 passionate about helping other youth in her community in the area of substance abuse and has been

1 involved in the Teen for Safer Communities Coalition, the National Student Safety Program and the
2 First United Protestant Church Outreach Committee. Ms. Lorenzo is currently developing annual goals
3 for the youth representatives to work on. She fulfills the youth representative segment on the SCMH.

4 **Louise Crum (G.M. 556)** fills the mandated Federal Law (P. L. 102-321) SCMH membership
5 position of a State agency employee that represents the criminal justice system. Ms. Crum is the Mental
6 Health Court Coordinator for the Hawaii State Judiciary and has worked with many consumers in the
7 Adult Mental Health Division since 2005. Prior to her current position, she worked as the Student
8 Services Coordinator through the Department of Education at Waianae High School. She holds a
9 Master of Education in Counseling and Guidance from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Ms. Crum's
10 qualifications and experiences assist her to make valued contributions to the SCMH.

11 **Patrick Brown, Ph. D. (G.M. 558)** retired from the Federal Government after thirty years of
12 service, most of it as a civilian employee, with the Department of Navy at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
13 and the Marine Corps Base Hawaii as a Human Resources Manager. He has taught at the high school,
14 college, graduate, and adult education level for many years. Additionally, Dr. Brown has over twenty
15 years of experience living and working with foster care youth with substance abuse addiction and mental
16 illness. He was recently elected by his fellow board members as the chair of the Oahu Service Area
17 Board (OSAB), where he demonstrates leadership in board meetings by keeping members focused on
18 fulfilling their goals as stated in the OSAB by-laws. Dr. Brown is nominated as the OSAB
19 representative on the SCMH.

20 **Sheila Calcagno (G.M. 559)** is an active member on the Kauai Service Area Board and was
21 selected by her peers to be the representative on the SCMH. She is a strong advocate for improving the
22 lives of individuals living with the human immunodeficiency virus and drug abuse in her community.
23 Ms. Calcagno's wide range of experiences will enable her to share information on behalf of these
24 individuals on the SCMH.

1 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming Katrina Lorenzo, Louise
2 Crum, Patrick Brown, Ph.D., and Sheila Calcagno to serve on the SCMH.

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for these volunteers.