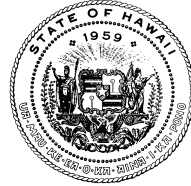


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G.M.550, G.M.551, G.M.643, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominees, KENNETH BRANDT, RICHARD JACKSON, and SHIRLEY DAVENPORT

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

Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the confirmation of Kenneth Brandt
2 (6/30/2016), Richard Jackson (6/30/2016), and Shirley Davenport (6/30/2015) to serve on the Mental
3 Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board (OSAB) for terms to expire as parenthetically
4 indicated.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the OSAB,
7 Gubernatorial Nominees, Kenneth Brandt, Richard Jackson, and Shirley Davenport. Pursuant to
8 Chapter 334-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes on Service Area Boards, the members of the Service
9 Area Board are service area residents who are consumers or non-providers of mental health services and
10 service area providers with a majority being non-state employees and non-providers of mental health or
11 other health services.

12 **Kenneth Brandt (G.M.550)** was recently elected as the vice-chair on the OSAB by his fellow
13 board members. Since July 2012, Mr. Brandt has been attending and actively participating in board
14 meetings. He is thoughtful and considerate in providing relevant and meaningful recommendations for

1 the board to improve services on Oahu. Mr. Brandt is a retired licensed clinical social worker and
2 fulfills the community member segment on the OSAB.

3 **Richard Jackson (G.M.551)** previously served on the OSAB. His passion for advocating for
4 people with mental illness motivated Mr. Jackson to reapply for membership on the OSAB after being
5 away from the board for several years. His professional and life experiences provide meaningful
6 perspective and insight in board discussions. Mr. Jackson tracks local and national legislation, as well
7 as current events as they relate to people with mental illness and substance abuse. He keeps the board
8 apprised of these current issues and provides a voice for consumers of mental illness during OSAB
9 deliberations.

10 **Shirley Davenport (G.M.643)** has been on the OSAB for four (4) years and is being
11 recommended for a second term. She currently works at the River of Life Mission and is a licensed
12 clinical social worker. Her work experiences in substance abuse treatment and therapeutic services will
13 provide the board with a range of qualities and experiences that will assist members in determining
14 policy, planning for continuing needs, and realistically assessing the impact for improving mental health
15 services on Oahu. Ms. Davenport fulfills the provider representation on the OSAB.

16 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming Kenneth Brandt, Richard
17 Jackson, and Shirley Davenport to serve on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area
18 Board.

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

**TESTIMONY
OF
SHIRLEY J. DAVENPORT
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,
OAHU AREA SERVICES BOARD ON
MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
ON
February 6, 2013**

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Senator Josh Green, Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Health, Oahu Area Service Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, I thank you and members of the Committee for this opportunity to present testimony on my behalf for your consideration of my confirmation to the Oahu Area Services Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Truly, it is an honor and a privilege to be considered as a member on the Oahu Area Services Board for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

I was born and raised in North Carolina. I grew up working on farms and in a factory. I am the fifth oldest of 10 children. In 1965, the Department of Human Services placed me in a foster home for two years. That experience was instrumental in determining my path in life. I lived a lifestyle, which took me to the point of depression and hopelessness. I was able to change my life.

I spent 5 years 8 months in the United States Navy. After leaving the US Navy in 1983, I worked for 14 years in audiovisuals and convention services in several major hotels in Hawaii. In 1996, I completed treatment for alcoholism and entered a 12 Step recovery support group. I began to advance in all areas of my life. I was able to see that my goal to become a social worker was attainable. I realize that my passion is to counsel and help others. Past and current community volunteer positions consist of:

- 1.) 12 Step Support Sponsorship
- 2.) Stephen Ministry individual & family church counselor
- 3.) Christ Care small group facilitator
- 4.) President and director of homeowners Board of Directors
- 5.) Chair of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on the Westside
- 6.) Vice-chair of the Oahu Area Service Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- 7.) Project NAM at the Women's Community Correction Center
- 8.) National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

I have earned educational degrees in Social Science including:

- 1.) Bachelor Degree in Psychology with a Certificate in Substance Abuse and Addictions Studies as an undergraduate in 2003 from the University Of Hawaii-West O`ahu
- 2.) Master Degree in Social Work in 2005 from the University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 3.) I am currently a doctoral candidate for the degree of Doctorate of Psychology (PsyD.) in Organizational Psychology, specializing in Nonprofit Organization Management with the University of the Rockies

I expect to complete the dissertation in the fall of 2013. My vision is to integrate psychology and spirituality my replicating the modalities found at the River of Life Mission in the Residential Programs. This program would focus on adolescents (run-a-ways, etc.) where the clients receive holistic services with the hope of providing faith-based, cognitive, motivational, interpersonal, and interdependent personal therapies.

As someone who has always been goal-oriented, I am looking forward to being confirmed to the Senate Committee on Health, Oahu Area Service Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. My life to date has prepared me to deal with obstacles. My determination, resilience, and caring are all qualities, which have assisted me in attaining my goals. I look forward to my future as Social Work and Psychologist. I believe I will succeed and will be a valuable asset to the community, the profession and the Senate Committee on Health. Furthermore, I believe that being a social worker residing on the Wai`anae Coast and working in Honolulu positions me to advocate in educating and to help reduce mental health disparity, stigma and fragmented services. I hope to ensure the availability and delivery of potential services for restoring and stabilizing member on the island of Oahu.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this prestigious appointment. I hope to assist in your efforts to provide services to all individuals with mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

Sincerely,



Shirley J. Davenport