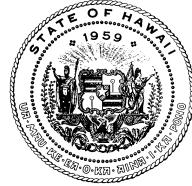


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GM 698, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council, Windward Subarea

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

Friday, April 26, 2013
8:30 a.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of Ms. Irene Carpenter to the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WISAC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
5 WISAC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Irene Carpenter.

6 Ms. Carpenter is the Founder and current Board President of the Koolauloa Community
7 Health and Wellness Center. Previously, she served as the Executive Director of the Bobby
8 Benson Center in Kahuku and held various managerial positions with the Child and Family
9 Services such as Vice-President of Business Development and Vice-President of Residential
10 Services. She was also a Community Organizer and Legislative Advocate for the Mental
11 Health Association of Hawaii.

12 Ms. Carpenter has dedicated many volunteer hours with several organizations and
13 community projects that include: Association of the Hawaiian Rural Health Centers, Ola Ku O
14 Native Hawaiian Methamphetamine Abuse Prevention, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition,

1 Hawaii's Children's Trust Fund, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Task Force, Hawaii Public
2 Health Association, Hawaii Business Alliance with the Mentally Ill, and Homeless Aloha.

3 Ms. Carpenter has a Master of Science in Counselor Education and a Bachelor of
4 Science in Psychology from Suffolk University.

5 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Irene Carpenter to serve on the
6 Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.



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In Support of Irene Carpenter for Inclusion on the Health Planning Council, Windward Subarea

Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer

April 26, 2013, 8:30 a.m., Room 229

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association, which represents community health centers in Hawai'i, **strongly supports**, the nomination of Irene Carpenter to the Windward Subarea Health Planning Council of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Ms. Carpenter currently serves as a consumer representative on the board of the Hawaii Primary Care Association. In that capacity she works tirelessly to ensure that the consumer voice is present in all care delivery discussions.

Further, Ms. Carpenter has also mobilized a consumer advisory council for the state's health centers, meant to both promote active participation by consumers in the state as well as serve as a sounding board to providers in Hawaii.

The Hawaii Primary Care Association would like to support the nomination of Mr. Carpenter based on her strength of character and unflagging efforts to better the overall healthcare system in Hawaii. There is no doubt she will bring the same level of dedication and commitment to the Health Planning Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Ms. Carpenter's nomination.