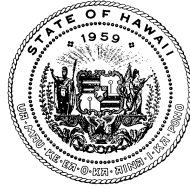


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**G.M. 742, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominees,
CYNTHIA DANG**

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

Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the confirmation of Cynthia Dang
2 to serve on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board (OSAB) for a term to
3 expire June 30, 2016.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial
6 Nominee Cynthia Dang for her initial appointment on the OSAB. Pursuant to Chapter 334-11 of the
7 Hawaii Revised Statutes on Service Area Boards, the members of the Service Area Board are service
8 area residents who are consumers or non-providers of mental health services and service area providers.

9 **Cynthia Dang (G.M. 742)** is a mid-level manager for Lean Pathways, a business consulting
10 firm, and works with groups ranging from 20-60 employees. She holds a doctorate in psychology from
11 Argosy University. Dr. Dang has experience working with various committees dealing with assessing
12 and treating trauma, and she worked as a program coordinator for homeless veterans. Dr. Dang fulfills
13 the community member segment on the OSAB.

14 The DOH respectfully requests your favorable consideration in confirming Dr. Cynthia Dang.
15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this volunteer.

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Comments: Dr. Robert Geffner, President of the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) and I have worked with Cindi Dang since 2008 in her role as a member of IVAT's Planning Committee for our annual conference held in Honolulu. Cindi has participated in a reliable and proactive manner as she has helped us expand our visibility, increased awareness and assisted the planning committee in a variety of ways as we work to provide high quality training on assessing, preventing and treating child, adolescent and adult trauma. Cindi has helped forge meaningful partnerships with various community members who through increased collaboration will be able to provide meaningful services to individuals dealing with mental health issues, substance abuse, trauma and victimization. Cindi has assisted with promotion of the conference through outreach to media, recruitment of volunteers and helping formulate important connections between key legislators and local community members. We have greatly appreciated Cindi's contributions to our conferences and value her professionalism, commitment and willingness to continue to bring attention to these critical issues. We believe Cindi would be an important addition to the Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Sincerely, Sandi Capuano Morrison, MA Executive Director, The Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma

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Aloha Chair Green and Committee Members,

Mahalo for the opportunity to appear before the Health Committee. It is a privilege to be nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to be a member of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse O`ahu Service Area Board. I would like to also thank Senator Michele Kidani for her support.

Hawai`i has so many diverse programs available in both the public and private sectors. This undoubtedly allows us to give back and make a difference. Volunteering and partnering with the community enhances businesses, enriches workforce talents and supports families. The State's Boards and Commissions are great opportunities to serve and share perspectives in developing new solutions that move our State forward as an innovative leader.

There are many challenges facing us as a community on many levels with mental health and substance abuse. I understand the significance of being a part of this Board and working with providers and agencies in developing comprehensive plans.

I value the importance of listening and how crucial this is in building a reliable working team. As a member, I would bring experience from both clinical and business perspectives in evaluating processes, examining current trends and providing input on improvements. My doctorate in clinical psychology, bachelor degree in business administration and extensive training as a Best Practice specialist provide me with relevant perspectives in fulfilling the member's contributions. The Board is an opportunity to make a difference.

Mahalo for considering my nomination to this noteworthy Board.

I look forward to meeting with all of you.

Mahalo,

Cynthia Dang