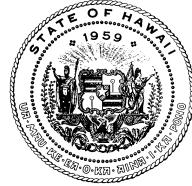


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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 771, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

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 supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of John Barnett, Ph.D. to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the  
5 SHCC, Gubernatorial Nominee, John Barnett, Ph.D.

6 Dr. Barnett is Principal of Barnett Consulting Group, LLC. He helps business  
7 organizations achieve improved business results and has proven experience in the  
8 management of change as organizations for both non-profit and for-profit. His technical  
9 expertise includes: strategy development and implementation, restructuring of organizations,  
10 staff reductions and redesign of work processes, formation and development of work teams,  
11 facilitation of leadership meetings, and conflict resolution. Dr. Barnett has worked  
12 internationally with organizations in Canada, Europe, Asia, and South America.

13 He is currently a board member of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce and SHCC.  
14 He also serves as a facilitator for the Mayor's health care initiative on the Big Island.

1           Dr. Barnett's doctorate degree is in Human and Organization Systems from the Fielding  
2 Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, California. He holds other degrees in education and  
3 certifications in counseling. He also received several years of training from the Gestalt  
4 Institute of Cleveland. He is a member of the Organization Development Network and Gestalt  
5 Institute of Cleveland.

6           We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. John Barnett to serve on the  
7 Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

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I have served on the board of the State Health Planning and Development Agency since 2009. I would like very much to continue to serve on the board. I maintain an intense interest in and commitment to the concerns of healthcare needs within the state. Because of my broad experience in business, in organizations and in professional staffing, I believe that my perspectives and knowledge make me an unique contribution to the discussions and decisions that occur at the board level.

As a social psychologist, I operate a family owned consulting practice on the Big Island and work with both non-profit and profit organizations to assist them to improve effectiveness and achieve their goals & objectives. I make use of an asset-based approach to accomplish change both at individual and organizational levels. I have been a part of many corporate transitions and offer experience and counsel to those in organizations undergoing change. Much of my consulting continues to be international in scope.

After moving to Hawaii in 2006, I became a co-organizer of Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance to address a local healthcare crisis. The goal of the Alliance has been to reduce executive level fragmentation across many healthcare enterprises. The Alliance now has > 50 members and has initiated strategies to improve regional planning and execution on the Island. The Alliance played a significant role in obtain the Federal grant monies for the Beacon activities that are making the implementation of electronic medical records on the Big Island a reality. In addition, the Alliance continues to play a significant role in advocating for the Physicians Family Practice Program at Hilo Medical Center.

Regarding my familiarity with other health related matters within Hawaii, I have conducted strategic planning sessions with HHSC Board (2008), with Kona Community Hospital, and have provided consulting services to the Planning Dept. of Hawaii DOH.

I have served two full terms as a board member of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce.

I hold Ph.D. in Human and Organization Systems, Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, as well as B.A. and M.A. degrees. I received seven years of post-graduate training at Gestalt Institute of Cleveland, am a member of Organization Development Network and Gestalt Institute of Cleveland.