

GM574

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHAD KOYANAGI, for a term to expire 06-30-2020 (term amended to 6-30-2019 by GM620).

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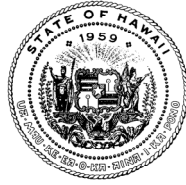
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Testimony SUPPORTING GM574
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health,
Gubernatorial Nominee, CHAD KOYANAGI,
for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: April 25, 2016, 11:15 a.m. Room Number: 016

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
3 of Chad Koyanagi, M.D. to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for his second term.
4 Dr. Koyanagi fills the SCMH in the capacity of a principal state agency with respect to social
5 services – MedQUEST Division. Dr. Koyanagi also fulfills the dual role on the SCMH on the
6 Hawaii Advisory Commission on drug abuse and controlled substances because he is
7 knowledgeable about the community and the relationship between mental health, mental illness
8 and substance abuse pursuant to Chapter 334-10 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Federal
9 Law, P.L. 102-321, Section 1914(c).

10 Dr. Koyanagi currently works as a psychiatrist in the Department of Human Services
11 MedQUEST Division and oversees its mental health programs. He is also a provider of rural
12 health services on Molokai and Maui, a strong advocate for the needs of individuals with severe
13 and persistent mental illness, the homeless, and victims of human trafficking. Dr. Koyanagi's
14 experience in teaching and training in the field of psychiatry is an asset to the Council as he often
15 suggests innovative solutions for homeless individuals with mental health needs. He continues

1 to aspire to making the mental health system better, and he often volunteers for other local
2 boards in the community or provides his expertise as a consultant for other programs.

3 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of
4 Dr. Chad Koyanagi in the MedQUEST segment of the SCMH and in the dual role on the Hawaii
5 Advisory Commission on drug abuse and controlled substances.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Dr. Koyanagi's behalf.

7 **Offered Amendments:** None.

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I believe that I have a unique and wide range of experiences in mental health, from the community setting to hospital work and work with government agencies. I believe my perspective could be very useful for the Council.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

I believe a Board member should share their concerns and experiences with the Board, offer feedback to other members, advocate for causes that need improvement in the community, and to have a high level of attendance and active participation.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

Due to my widespread experiences, especially with a focus on underserved communities, I can help identify areas in which consumers are not getting the optimal care or resources.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I have wide-ranging experiences in direct patient care (in multiple settings including hospital, outpatient, homeless outreach), worked in training centers, and currently work for DHS. I have extensive interest in general psychiatry, addiction psychiatry. I also focus much of my efforts in providing better care to underserved and poorly-served communities.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to make the Board more aware of gaps in care as well as identify programs that are currently effective. I also want to help identify problems in current legislation that adversely affect our consumers.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

conscientious, compassionate, and community-focused

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

extensive homeless outreach and care

(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I don't see any