

# GM577

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Greeting Senator Baker:

Please see my personal recommendation for Dr. Shimabukuro below.

**Recommendation in SUPPORT of GM 577 and GM 578, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT SHIMABUKURO, for terms to expire 06-30-2016 and 06-30-2020**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

My name is Dr. Daniel Ulrich, I am Medical Director of Department of Health, and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division and strongly supports Dr. Shimabukuro's nomination to the State Council on Mental Health.

Scott K Shimabukuro, PH.D. ABPP is a licensed clinical psychologist and board certified family psychologist who has been on staff with the Department of Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) since 2007. Dr. Shimabukuro was born and raised in Hawaii and leads CAMHD's training, consultation, and program development initiatives for state and independent mental health providers throughout Hawaii. I have personally had the pleasure of working with Dr. Shimabukuro since 2012.

Of special distinction, one of Dr. Shimabukuro's critical roles at CAMHD involves developing both clinical and administrative practices between the child-serving agencies such as the Judiciary, Office of Youth Services, child welfare, Department of Education and Med-Quest Division. A recent example of his efforts to coordinate among the agencies includes refining a protocol to transition youth from the child-serving system into the adult system. Dr. Shimabukuro was able to resolve the very complex issues around preventing the overlap of healthcare coverage and health care services, which are prohibited. . Dr. Shimabukuro was able to broker the administrative and clinical coordination between CAMHD, insurance plans, community providers and Med-Quest Division.

Dr. Shimabukuro's extensive clinical experience includes the delivery and management of school-based counseling, school-based day treatment, residential treatment for children, and community-based services. He has expertise in the training and dissemination of evidence-based

treatment, treatment of sexual offenders and in suicide prevention.

It is my pleasure to recommend the confirmation and appointment of Dr. Scott Shimabukuro to the State Council on Mental Health. The State of Hawaii would be well-served by this champion of children's mental health.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Mierzwa and Senator Baker,

I want to convey my enthusiastic support for the appointment of Dr. Scott Shimabukuro to the State Mental Health Council. I have worked closely with Scott at the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) for close to a decade, and I have greatly benefitted from our collaboration. Scott is a highly accomplished clinical psychologist, an excellent trainer, and a skilled administrator. Scott is one of the smartest, most thoughtful people I know, and he has an unusual ability to see the "big picture" and understand the whole mental health and child-serving system. I believe he can make a great contribution to the council, and I urge you to ratify his appointment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide input on this important appointment!

Sincerely,

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GM577 - Scott K Shimabukuro, PH.D. ABPP responses:

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

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) provides the State with public mental health services for youth. As a board member, I can effectively receive recommendations from, and disseminate information to the council.

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

My understanding of the role of board members are to receive recommendations and disseminate information to stakeholders about mental health in the State.

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

I have an understanding of the mental health system as it pertains to youth and the mental health challenges that consumers face. Along with being a publicly employed psychologist I am also an independently practicing clinician. With this background and an investment in our communities, all considerations I make would be with the consumer's best interest in mind.

- (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 am the Practice Development Psychologist Manager for the CAMHD. This role requires me to develop and refine practices, both clinical and operational, throughout the state as it pertains to mental health services. This includes collaboration with all major government entities such as the Judiciary, the Office of Youth Services, Department of Education, MedQuest Division, University of Hawaii and the Department of Human Services to name a few. With an understanding of the interactions between departments and offices along with a clinical understanding of practices and consumer needs, I believe I would be qualified as a contributor to the board.

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

I hope to partner with other stakeholders on furthering the development of a responsive and effective mental health system.

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

1) knowledgeable; I have an understanding of the mental health system, services and needs which would facilitate further discussion of mental health matters.

2) collaborative; I have existing relationships with stakeholders and am looking forward to developing new relationships.

3) invested; I have an investment in bettering our mental health system.

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

Over the past 9 years with the CAMHD my job has been to continuously develop and refine clinical and administrative practices. A current example is problem solving with MedQuest and insurance plans on developing a seamless transition, both clinically and administratively (insurance coverage) for youth that are leaving the child system and entering the adult system.

- (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 do not anticipate any conflicts of interest. Should one arise, I would consult with the Board on the best course of action.