

# GM673

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT DANIELS, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

**Report Title:** Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea

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**G.M. 673, Confirmation Hearing for Scott Daniels, PhD., Health Planning Council,  
Hawaii County Subarea**

**Testimony of Virginia Pressler, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**March 24, 2016**

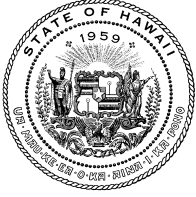
1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports Scott Daniels, PhD as a  
2 representative to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** none

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Confirmation hearing for Scott Daniels, PhD as a representative to the  
5 Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea.

6 Dr. Scott Daniels is the Program Specialist for the Hawaii Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility  
7 Program in the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health. In his capacity, Dr. Daniels has provided  
8 leadership to ensure a strong integrated system of care is available to rural communities. He works with  
9 the state's critical access hospitals on quality and performance improvement and with rural communities  
10 in transitioning to systems of care that emphasize population health. As the President of the National  
11 Organization of State Offices of Rural health, he keeps informed on a number of issues impacting rural  
12 health. Dr. Daniels is highly respected and well qualified to serve on the Health Planning Council,  
13 Hawaii County Subarea.

14 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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## Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

### GM 673, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council

#### Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Thursday, March 24, 2016  
9:00 a.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the  
2 nomination and confirmation of Dr. R. Scott Daniels to the Hawaii County Subarea Health  
3 Planning Council (HCSAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of the  
6 HCSAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. R. Scott Daniels.

7 A former Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana, West Africa, Dr. Daniels is currently the  
8 Hawaii Performance Improvement Collaborative (HPIC) Coordinator/Program Specialist with  
9 the Department of Health, Hawaii State Office of Primary Care & Rural Health. HPIC is an  
10 informal collaborative of the State's critical access hospitals focused on bringing about  
11 enhanced financial and clinical performance in their facilities. He has also served as Interim  
12 Chief and as an Evaluator for the State Office of Rural Health. Prior to his work with the  
13 Department of Health, Dr. Daniels was also a Senior Analyst with the Hawaii Health  
14 Information Corporation as well as a former Lecturer with the University of Hawaii, Public  
15 Administration Program.

1           Dr. Daniels is active in the local and national community. He is currently President and  
2 Board Member of the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health. He is an Advisory  
3 Committee Member for the National Center for Rural Health Works, National Technical  
4 Assistance Service Center, Hawaii Trauma Advisory Committee, and the Pacific Basin  
5 Telehealth Resource Center. He is a Board Member with the Hawaii Island Rural Health  
6 Association. He was formerly a Steering Committee Member with the Hamakua Partners in  
7 Eldercare and Imua Hamakua.

8           Dr. Daniels received his Bachelor of Arts with Honors from the University of Montana.  
9 He completed his Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Hawaii at  
10 Manoa.

11           We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. R. Scott Daniels to the Hawaii  
12 County Subarea Health Planning Council.

March 22, 2016

TO: [Cphtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:Cphtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

FROM: Jessanie Marques

RE: Scott Daniels Nomination to the Hawaii County Health Planning Council

As a rural health community leader and advocate, I would like to nominate Scott Daniels to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council. Scott is extremely qualified and knowledgeable of healthcare issues at the local, state and national levels and a resident of the Big Island.

He would be a tremendous asset to Hawaii County because of his honesty, integrity and commitment to serve the people of our rural island communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my mana'o and support for Scott Daniels nomination. Should you have any questions, please call my cell at (808) 936-5224.

**From:** [Lance Segawa](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** NOMINATION TO THE HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL, HAWAII COUNTY SUBAREA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 9:52:42 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly recommend, Mr. Roger Scott Daniels, as a nominee to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea. Mr. Daniels has provided outstanding leadership to the Hawaii State Department of Health, State Office of Primary Care and Rural Health for many years. He understands the multitude of challenges facing rural providers throughout the State. As a resident of Hawaii County, he has valuable insights of the community and healthcare stakeholders from all perspectives. Mr. Daniels would be an effective member of the Hawaii County Subarea Council.

Best Regards,

**Lance K. Segawa, MPH, FACHE, NHA**  
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**From:** [Merilyn Harris](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the nomination of Roger Scott Daniels GM673  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:20:59 PM

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I would like to express my support for the nomination of R. Scott Daniels to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea. In my role as administrator of Ka'u Hospital I have worked with Scott for almost ten years. He is extremely knowledgeable about the Big Island and health issues on our island. He is an advocate for providing quality healthcare to all and has used the resources at his disposal to assist all the critical access hospitals in our to state to fulfil the responsibility we have to our communities to bring the best possible health care close to home.

He is intelligent, dedicated and extremely hard worker. He has also demonstrated that he can listen to others and shows respect for all opinions. I think he would do an excellent job in this role. Thank you considering him for this appointment.

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Questions for Scott Daniels, GM 673, Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?  
Healthcare is currently undergoing a transformation in the United States as it moves from a system of providing sick care to one focused on population health. I believe that I can help in effectively helping the healthcare system in Hawaii county to make that transition and better provide services for the population.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?  
To review, seek input, and make recommendations regarding health planning for the county.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?  
By ensuring and expanding access to healthcare and by working on transitioning healthcare towards a focus on population health, meaning that the system truly works towards creating a healthy population and not just providing sick care.
- (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 been involved in healthcare for seventeen years, doing health data analysis and working with small rural facilities on quality and performance improvement. I understand the vision of the Affordable Care Act and have been active in working in communities to help prepare for, and begin moving towards, a health system focused on population health.
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?  
I hope to help with a successful transformation of the healthcare system towards one that focuses on population health and is able to maintain and possibly expand services through the use of technology.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.  
Thoughtful—I listen to issues and research what I can on them before making decisions.  
Patient—sometimes things do not happen as quickly as I would like, but good ideas will eventually be implemented if they are consistently supported.  
Focused—there are a lot of changes happening in healthcare, but the end vision is one that better supports people’s health. Keeping focused on what the end goal is helps to navigate through the current turmoil.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.



When I was a Peace Corps volunteer, I was often confronted with what a community wanted and what they needed and how to best walk the line to meet the needs and address the wants. Frequently the community would want something that was much too big or ambitious for the needs, for example the village I lived in wanted a clinic that was way too big for their needs. Building it would be expensive in the way they wanted it and getting materials for a building the size they wanted could be difficult. I had to convince them that a smaller clinic would be more appropriate, better meet their needs, and allow for additional improvement projects around the village. I still work with communities today trying to walk the line between what is wanted and what is really needed.

- (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 foresee any possible conflicts of interest at this time. If any were to develop, I would recuse myself from decisions that could be seen as conflicting with personal interests.