

Nominee - Anne Trygstad **LATE**

March 23rd, 2016

Re: GM 674

**Aloha Senate Chair Baker, Senate Vice-Chair Kidani, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:**

I am submitting the following testimony for consideration and confirmation of my candidacy for the Health Planning Council - Tri-Isle Subarea.

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

I wish to continue my membership on the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council to further enhance healthcare services for Maui County residents and visitors.

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

Tri-Isle Subarea Council members' roles and responsibilities include grass-root assessment of community health care needs and resources, with submission of Maui County healthcare recommendations for the State Health Plan.

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

I am a University of Hawaii Maui College nursing instructor with 30 years of clinical practice and twenty years of community health advocacy. This includes successful lobbying for an emergency transport helicopter, remodeling Maui Memorial Medical Center with expansion of services, and the MMMC-Kaiser Permanente public-private partnership.

**(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 nursing experience in dialysis, intensive care, RN case management, geriatric care, community health promotion, and currently healthcare workforce development, as a UHMC nursing instructor. I have been a Tri-Isle Subarea Council member for several years, and serve as its current Vice-Chair. I am also a former member of the Maui County Health Care Initiative Taskforce and Mayor Germaine Tavares' Health Care Council.

I also received an HHSC Innovation award, Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society award, and a Commendation from Senator Baker for the DHS "Going Home" program. This program facilitated elective transfer of more than one

thousand waitlisted patients to adult foster family homes statewide, with an estimated Medicaid cost-savings of \$70,000,000 per former DHS Director Lillian Koller.

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

Further enhance the quality and efficacy of health care delivery in Maui County.

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

I have extensive health care experience, a collaborative spirit, and passion to provide quality health care for all, regardless of ability to pay.

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

I have provided legislative testimony and organized public campaigns to raise community awareness regarding important health care issues in Maui County.

**(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?**

If, at some time, I resume work for a health care provider versus the University of Hawaii, I may need to recuse myself from certain CON hearings.

Thank you for your consideration.

For additional references, please feel free to contact my UHMC nursing colleagues:

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Many Mahalos,

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