

GM810

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission On Drug Abuse, gubernatorial nominee, JODY JOHNSON, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

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Testimony SUPPORTING GM810
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, Gubernatorial Nominee, JODY JOHNSON, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: April, 13, 2016, 9:30 a.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
3 of Jody Johnson, MFT, CCS, CSAC to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and
4 Controlled Substances (HACDACS) for a term to expire 6/30/2018.

5 HACDACS appointees represent a cross-section of the community, including, but not
6 limited to pharmacological, medical, community and business affairs, youth action, educational,
7 legal defense, enforcement and corrections segments of the community, pursuant to Chapter 329-
8 2 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

9 Ms. Johnson earned a Bachelors in Psychology and Masters of Science in Counseling
10 Psychology from Chaminade University and is a Licensed Marriage and Family Counselor,
11 Certified Clinical Supervisor, and Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. She is the Acting
12 Director of the Substance Abuse Counseling Center (SACC) on the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base
13 of Hawaii, which provides comprehensive screenings and assessments, referrals, prevention
14 services, early intervention and education, treatment coordination, case management, individual
15 treatment and support, couples/family counseling involving substance use/addiction, transition

1 and aftercare, training and outreach services. Prior to assuming her current position as Acting
2 Director for the SACC, Ms. Johnson served as Lead Counselor, acting Licensed Independent
3 Practitioner and Substance Abuse Counselor for the SACC. Her appointment to represent the
4 community and business affairs segment in Commission deliberations will provide insights into
5 the military population.

6 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration for the nomination
7 of Jody Johnson to serve on HACDACS.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of a volunteer whose
9 appointment adds to the cross-section of community interests represented on the Commission.

10 **Offered Amendments:** None.

From: [jf](#)
To: [baker4 - Haley](#)
Subject: Letter of Recommendation
Date: Monday, April 11, 2016 9:38:53 PM

10 April 2016

Dear Sir or Maam,

I am writing on behalf of Ms. Jody Johnson, who is a candidate for the HACDACS board. It has been my great pleasure to know Ms. Johnson over the past seven years as clinician and as a friend. In my experience, Ms. Johnson is dependable, discrete, likable, loyal, honest, and one of the most ethically sound clinicians I know. She also has a true passion for helping the local population.

I have worked with many counselors over the past several years, and Ms. Johnson stands head and shoulders over most, not only in demonstrated initiative, intelligence and creativity, but also in her ability to function as a productive member of a team. Her intellect is matched by her passion for working in the field of addictions. She is able to communicate clearly and work well with others, regardless of their level of expertise.

Ms. Johnson's excellent communication skills, positive outlook and pleasing personality enhance her natural leadership qualities. Ms. Johnson's willingness to accept challenges and listen to input enable her to contribute thoughtful, well-reasoned approaches to helping others solve difficult problems.

I have observed her involvement in a variety of projects and cases that demonstrate her continuing deep commitment to the addictions field and her ethical soundness.

I believe Ms. Johnson to be an excellent candidate for the HACDACS board and have no doubt she will prove a valuable asset to you and to your organization. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Sincerely,

Julia Fox
CSAC, MFT

From: [Dr. L.Ferreira](#)
To: [baker4 - Haley](#)
Subject: Jody Johnson
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 9:03:22 AM

Aloha,

It is my honor and pleasure to endorse Mrs. Jody Johnson, LMFT, CSAC. To be a member of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

She currently serves as the Director of the Kaneohe Marine Core Base Substance Abuse Counseling Center.

I believe she would be a great asset to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances. Mrs. Johnson would bring her expertise in the field of substance abuse, not only from local communities, but the military community as well.

She is very well connected in the local community and has played a vital role in connecting the local community to the military community. Her knowledge of the population she serves is impeccable. She really has a professional and personal passion regarding alcohol and substance use/abuse as well as the mental health and well-being of others. I can not say enough about how I personally feel she would be an excellent fit to move the State forward.

It would be an honor to partner with Mrs. Johnson on the HACDACS committee to build a stronger team and focus on the pressing concerns and challenges in the state of Hawaii regarding alcohol and drugs. I truly believe having Mrs. Johnson on board will bring forth new ideas on how to create a safer and healthier State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration to reading my endorsement.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time via email or by phone (808) 469-2877.

Malama Pono-
Lori Ferreira
HACDACS Member

Dr. Lori Ferreira

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From: [Redmon CIV Quentin R](#)
To: [baker4 - Haley](#)
Subject: Recommendation for Ms. Jody Johnson to Participate on HACDACS Board
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 10:53:23 AM

To whom it may,

my name is Quentin Redmon and I'm the Drug Demand Reduction Coordinator (DDRC) for Marine Corps Base Hawaii. I sending this email in regards to Ms. Jody Johnson to participate on the HACDACS board. I've none Ms. Johnson since October 2005 when she came to our program as an intern from Chaminade University. She has a strong passion to work with individuals afflicted by addiction. She's very committed and dedicated to her job and family. She was instrumental in supporting the families of our most recent tragedy in January with the helicopter crash on the North Shore. I've watched her acquire a greater understanding in the addiction field during the past 11 years resulting in her being hired as a counselor and progressing to the position of director of the Substance Abuse Counseling Center (SACC) aboard MCBH Kaneohe Bay. Jody has fulfilled employment responsibilities with little supervision. Her position requires interaction with the public, as well as the ability to liaise between different departments. Her success has been dependent on her strong communication and interpersonal skills. I highly recommend Ms. Johnson be provided the opportunity to sit on this board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board? I have a desire to serve on the Board to be an active part of change. With the continuously evolving communities, environment, social norms, and economy of Hawai'i, I believe that it is important to connect with others in an interdisciplinary setting to discuss the common/current trends of what's interfering with the overall well-being of our people, and the possible solutions that can make a positive impact on future outcomes.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board? I think that the roles and responsibilities a Board member has are to represent/be the voices of our indigenous communities, current Hawai'i residents, and the people of our state. A Board member should be knowledgeable of the existing social issues/concerns that surround substance use/misuse/abuse, and work together to find possible solutions to reduce the negative impact it has and can have in our state, our communities, our homes, our families, our schools, etc.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer? I feel that I can protect consumers by both providing and taking away shared information, and suggesting, encouraging, and/or implementing changes within the community that I serve. I believe that protection is best displayed through awareness and increased knowledge, which I hope I will be able to offer to others as I learn from my experiences and interactions with those on the Board.
- (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 feel that I am qualified for the position because of my ability to work well with others, to set realistic and achievable goals for change, to be imbedded and have relationships with the population I serve, to be unafraid to speak on behalf of those who have no voice, and my desire to do what's best for the whole.

The experiences that I've had working with a variety of people (that differ in age, religion, ethnicity, economic status, academia) in different settings (school, home, church, residential treatment program, recovery community, military base) has molded my perceptions to be what they are today, which I believe would be an asset to the Board. I have had the honor to assist individuals, couples, and families by providing clinical, spiritual, treatment, early intervention, prevention,

and resource services. I am organized, thought provoking, solution focused, detail oriented, hard-working, hopeful, goal focused, objective, and fair in the way I process information and implement change. I enjoy learning from others and working towards a common goal, while encouraging relationships built on trust, honest communication, and validation. I make every effort to do my best in all situations, despite the possible obstacles, and work hard to maintain a positive outlook/attitude towards achieving goals and accomplishing the mission.

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? Without really knowing exactly what will be expected of me, my hope would be to have a chance to influence the possibilities and find creative, long-term solutions to specific problems and community/state concerns during my term of service.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board. Three qualities that would best describe me would be innovative, detail oriented, and intuitive. I feel that these can help to encourage a creative, efficient, effective, organized, and goal casting environment.

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

- (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, and I find that overcoming any type of conflicts come through the validation of perceptions through open/honest, genuine, objective, respectful, and empathic communication. I also believe that if a conflict of interest were to arise, it would be in the best interest of myself, the Board, and other affiliations for me to seek out wise counsel and/or step down from my position.