

GM825

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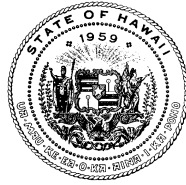
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Testimony SUPPORTING GM825
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse,
Oahu Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, CYNTHIA DANG,
for terms to expire 6-30-2020.

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: April 15, 2016, 9:30 a.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the nomination and
3 confirmation of Cynthia Dang, Psy.D. to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service
4 Area Board (OSAB). Ms. Dang fills the service area provider segment of the board, pursuant to
5 Chapter 334-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and the OSAB representative pursuant to
6 Chapter 334-10 of the HRS.

7 Dr. Dang is a mid-level manager for a business consulting firm. She holds a Doctorate in
8 psychology and has experience working in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, domestic
9 violence, and homelessness. Her area of expertise is in assessing and treating trauma. Dr. Dang
10 has been on the OSAB since 2013 and is currently the chair and the OSAB representative on the
11 State Council on Mental Health. Dr. Dang notes the importance of collaboration in eliminating
12 the stigma of seeking mental health services and improving the acceptability of programs.

13 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of
14 Dr. Cynthia Dang to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Dr. Dang's behalf.

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee Members,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. It is a privilege to be nominated by Governor Ige to be a member of the O`ahu Area Service Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The O`ahu Area Service Board on Mental and Substance Abuse provides a great opportunity to integrate community experience into program planning and problem resolution.

As a diverse group of people, this program has the advantage to resolve longstanding community issues related to increasing accessibility to programs, removing the stigma of seeking services and improving acceptability of treatment. I understand the significance of serving as a member and working collaboratively on goals to improve outcomes. Mahalo for considering my application.

Dr. Cynthia Dang

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
 - Give back to the community by volunteering
 - Gain insight on public and private sector programs
 - Improve acceptability and accessibility

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?
 - Provide meaningful and responsible participation
 - Evaluate information from various public and private programs to identify strengths and opportunities
 - Utilize diverse experiences

- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?
 - Partner with specialists for mental health care to develop strategic plans
 - Gain a better understanding on best practice programs at the national and local levels.
 - Provide realistic goals to administrators to improve delivery of services

- (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.
 - Diverse strategic planning experience to improve efficiency
 - Process improvement specialist
 - Community volunteer

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
 - Standardize delivery of services at consumer facilities

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

- Empathic
- Humorous

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

- Planning Committee member for an International Training Summit

(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?

- None
- Consult with the Administrator and Boards and Commissions staff