

GM 519

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health And Substance Abuse, Kaua'i Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEVIN MYRICK, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: Mental Health And Substance Abuse, Kaua'i Service Area Board

Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s):



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Testimony SUPPORTING GM0519
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Mental
Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEVIN MYRICK,
for a term to expire 6-30-20.

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: March 10, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and
3 confirmation of Kevin Myrick to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service
4 Area Board (KSAB) for his first term. He will fill the provider role on the board, pursuant
5 to Chapter 334-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 Mr. Myrick has been a registered nurse for 27 years. His specialty areas are
7 emergency, surgery, critical care and catheterization laboratory. Mr. Myrick believes
8 that mental health emergencies do not get equal attention, urgency, or coverage as
9 other illnesses, and therefore he wants to promote awareness of mental illness and to
10 offer the best treatment options to the mental health population.

11 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the
12 appointment of Mr. Myrick.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Mr. Myrick's behalf.

14 **Offered Amendments:** None.

March 10, 2017 at 9:30am
Conference Room 229

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson
Vice President - Government Relations & Community Affairs

Re: Testimony in Support of GM519, Gubernatorial Nominee Kevin Myrick

My name is Michael Robinson, Vice President, Government Relations and Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system with over 70 locations statewide including medical centers, clinics, physicians and other caregivers serving Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with high quality, compassionate care. Its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox – specialize in innovative programs in women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, cancer care, bone and joint services and more. Hawai'i Pacific Health is recognized nationally for its excellence in patient care and the use of electronic health records to improve quality and patient safety.

I am writing in strong support of Kevin Myrick's nomination to serve as a member representing the Kaua'i Service Area of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Board. In Kevin's role as Manager of Perioperative Services at Wilcox Memorial Hospital, his service will be of great benefit to advise the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Board on Kaua'i's health care needs.

I have had the pleasure of working directly with Kevin. His combined experience as a seasoned health care administrator and his desire to serve in a variety of community settings makes him an ideal candidate for this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kevin Myrick G.M. 519
Recommendation Letter

Hawai'i State Legislature
Senator Roz Baker

March 2, 2017

Hearing CPH 03-10-17

Please accept my letter of support in the hearing to approve Kevin Myrick to the Kaua'i Mental Health Service Board.

I have been Kevin's direct supervisor for the past 14 months and know he will be an asset to this board and will assist in the communication and planning to integrate what our consumers are stating into the health care setting, to the amount that is allowed.

Kevin has a passion for our Residents and is an advocate for all patients, treating medical, emotional and psychological needs equally. He is active in our County Suicide Task force and is always looking to improve the quality of care for our patient population.

Sincerely,



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GM519
Kevin Myrick

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

To help facilitate medical care to all member of our society

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

I believe they are to listen and explore opportunities to use their comments to improve access to care and care across the continuum.

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

I don't feel it is about 'protecting' any consumer group, but establishing expectations for equal and consistent access and care to everyone

(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.

YES, I am qualified. I have been a RN since 1990 and served in many roles, in several states in Emergency, Critical Care and Operative nursing staff and leadership roles. I believe I have the experience and I am in a position to facilitate improvements.

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

Reduce/relieve stigma of mental health patients seeking medical care, remove barriers to care and help educate my staff on how we are perceived.

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

Passionate about service line, competent in health care and industrious to develop changes

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

I have worked with our CMO and Adult Mental Health Center Leaderships to improve care. I also meet and support our Mental Health Providers to improve access to care.

(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?

No, I don't foresee any conflicts. If any should arise, we would take them into consideration, break them down and see how to overcome.