

GM 527

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health And Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, CAPRENA ROWE, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Report Title: Mental Health And Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board

Description:

Companion:

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Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s):



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Testimony SUPPORTING GM527
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Mental
Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, CAPRENA ROWE,
for a term to expire 6-30-19.

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 Caprena Rowe to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui
4 Service Area Board (MSAB) for her first term. Ms. Rowe is a service area resident and
5 will fill a service area board position as a consumer of mental health services, pursuant
6 to Chapter 334-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

7 Ms. Rowe is a Hawaii State Certified Peer Specialist and a Wellness Recovery
8 Action Plan Facilitator. She is currently a crisis worker at Aloha House Treatment
9 Center on Maui. She is a strong voice on behalf of the consumers on Maui.

10 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the
11 appointment of Ms. Rowe who brings the consumer perspective to board deliberations.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Ms. Rowe's behalf.

13 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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Caprena Rowe

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

I want to be a board member because it's a rewarding way to make a contribution to my community and share my knowledge and expertise also gaining valuable skills as well as life experiences.

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

Attend scheduled meeting. Be prepared for meetings knowledgeable about the organization (i.e. vision, mission, goals) Be prepared to ask difficult questions, complete assigned tasks.

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

Consumer rights and consumer protection law provides a way for individuals to understand what is happening in our present government and how we help. It is our duty to share this with the community.

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.

As a member of the Board and a community Leader HCPS I have taken the necessary steps to do peer to peer services with the community in shared interest and stories.

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

In my term I hope to help consumers learn to have self-help groups in communities they live and work. Groups that address the needs and steps to self-help on shared common interest.

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

- Peer to Peer Training, I have learned that worldview is the best community skill by having empathy in share responsibility in making our neighbors better places to live.
- Tool Boxes Training, I have learned that applying a skill set that calms one down is the best medicine. i.e. music, dance, writing, golfing, sports...etc.
- HOPE, I have a great quality in instilling hope because of the tragedies in my life.

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

There is a veteran living homeless in Kihei and his parents have done all they can to reach out to the baby boy who will soon be 40 years old. He went away to the service after college and soon

learned he had schizophrenia. This family could not reach their son. So, I suggest they only give him enough money to eat and have cigarette per day. Now they see their son every day, and when off island someone is there to keep that meeting. There is always a way sometimes it takes a few heads together and some meetings to conclusion.

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?

To take a job that conflicts with the order of the board. Vote if I may continue my term or resign my sight.