

GM560

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOANNE KEALOHA, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.
Report Title:	Statewide Health Coordinating Council
Current Referral:	CPH

Hawaii Statewide Health Coordination Council

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

It is important to me to be a member of Hawaii's Statewide Health Coordinating Council because of the vital role the Board has in the promulgation of optimal health for the people of Hawaii. I wish to learn more about the process of how the Statewide Health Coordinating Council makes decisions about major policies affecting our people.

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

The members' responsibilities will include doing a great deal of research to understand the public health issues of our communities prior to rendering a position.

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

I am a nurse. I approach situations in life from a nurse's perspective. The nursing profession is inherently founded on the principles of caring and advocating for the patient. Subsequently, my role and professional responsibility is to care, protect, and advocate for the citizens of Hawaii.

(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.

My qualifications include practicing as a Clinical Nurse Specialist for most of my career working in Hawaii; serving military veterans with both medical and mental disorders. I held several public health nurse positions within the State of Hawaii. I cared for diverse populations; from high risk pregnant women to our elderly population. My 34+ years working as a professional nurse in Hawaii has given me first-hand experience about the healthcare needs of our local residents. Currently, I teach nursing studies at the college level and am the Chair of Nursing at Argosy University. I believe that I am a good fit to serve as a member on the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

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

Nurses have much to offer in changing the culture of caring in our State. I would promote more nurses working in areas such as mental health and correctional facilities to make them healthier and safer. Seasoned nurses have excellent assessment skills and know how to connect with patients and disadvantaged individuals. Nurses are not utilized enough in Hawaii for their knowledge and

the art of their practice. I would strive to promote more nurses in positions where they can serve as change-agents to solve the problems of our vulnerable and underserved.

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

- a) Respectful, this quality helps me to get along well with others.
- b) Open-minded to other's opinions and beliefs, always looking to see the bigger picture. A trait needed to fully understand Hawaii's populace.
- c) Grateful for the opportunities I have been given. This quality keeps me humble.

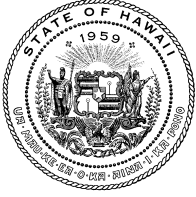
(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

This experience that I will explain epitomizes the desire I have to improve the health status of Hawaii people who need someone to speak for them, for they are often not able to help themselves. I live in downtown/Chinatown and see the homeless, mentally ill, and elderly struggling every day. It bothers me that I, as an individual alone, cannot remedy their situation.

The most recent experience I had was on a sidewalk in Chinatown when an elderly gentleman, ambulating with a walker, suddenly fell backwards while attempting to board a city bus. He hit the ground. I quickly moved his walker out of the way so that it did not fall on top of him, preventing further injury. Another pedestrian assisted me to pick up the fallen man. I assessed the elderly man for his injuries, giving him reassurance. However, all the while, I was assessing his needs. I had many questions about his lack of personal hygiene, poor nutritional status, perhaps lack of medication management, what is his support system; and so many more concerns? Is this how we care for our kupuna? Where is the dignity for our elderly in the place we call paradise? My frustration is that as just one person, I feel hopeless in battling the problems I see everyday. Perhaps belonging to a collaborative effort, such as being a member on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, I could contribute my commitment to make a profound difference in the health of Hawaii's people.

(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?

The leadership at my university has assured me that there is no conflict of interest on their part if I am fortunate enough to be appointed to the Board. If a conflict should arise in the future, I would deal with it swiftly and with the utmost transparency.



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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

GM 560, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
10:00 a.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the
2 nomination and confirmation of Dr. Joanne Kealoha to the Statewide Health Coordinating
3 Council (SHCC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of SHCC
6 Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Joanne Kealoha.

7 Dr. Kealoha is currently Chair of Nursing and a full-time instructor at Argosy University
8 in Hawaii. She also was an Academic Advisor at Argosy University until 2015. Dr. Kealoha
9 has practiced as a professional nurse in Hawaii since 1983. Prior to serving as faculty at
10 Argosy University, she worked in a variety of settings as an advanced practice nurse that
11 included the Hawaii Baptist Academy, Hilo Medical Center, Department of Veteran's Affairs,
12 and the Hawaii Department of Health. She also was a Labor Relations Specialist for the
13 Hawaii Nurses' Association.

14 Dr. Kealoha has a Doctor of Education from Argosy University at Hawaii College of
15 Business/Organizational Leadership Program. She also has a Master of Science in Nursing
16 from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Carlow

1 University. She received the National Association of School Nurses' Educational
2 Advancement Award in 2010.

3 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. Joanne Kealoha to the Statewide
4 Health Coordinating Council.



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March 6, 2018

Senator Rosalyn Baker
415 South Beretania Street #231
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Dear Senator Baker,

It is with much enthusiasm that I recommend Dr. Joanne Kealoha to serve as a member on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I know Dr. Kealoha through the Hawaii Association of Nurse Executives and the Academic Progression in Nursing organizations. I approached Dr. Kealoha to assist Adventist Health in offering Argosy University's RN to BSN program to our nurses. We successfully worked together on this endeavor and I am pleased to announce that the first cohort started last Fall.

In the time I have known her, Dr. Kealoha displays a strong commitment to the profession of nursing and the health needs of Hawaii. She has a broad vision of what is needed to better care for our aging and vulnerable populations and will be a great fit for your Statewide Health Coordinating Council. If you need any additional information, please contact me.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Westphal".

Laura Westphal
Vice President, Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer

March 6, 2018

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Dear Senator Baker,

With great enthusiasm I would like to recommend Dr. Joanne Kealoha to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. Dr. Kealoha has been an inspiration to myself and many other nurses in her community by her advocacy skills and her knowledge and love of the nursing profession.

Dr. Kealoha has shown great compassion for other nurses in the community by being involved in numerous committees in our state for the advocacy of nurses. Dr. Kealoha takes the time to listen to the nurses in our communities and ensures that their voices are heard by others.

Dr. Kealoha has been a great inspiration to me by mentoring me to educate other nurses in the classroom. Dr. Kealoha her great knowledge in the field of nursing and is always willing to share her knowledge with others.

Dr. Kealoha kindness must be mentioned as she is always willing to go out of her way to help others in any way that she can. This is the type of individual that is needed on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Again, please consider my recommendation for Dr. Joanne Kealoha for the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me at (808) 216-3154.

Sincerely,

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March 6, 2018

Veronique Jenkins
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Miss Jenkins:

I am writing this letter in support of Dr. Joanne Kealoha as a member on the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I am a professor with Argosy University teaching in the nursing department. I met Dr. Kealoha last year when I interviewed for the teaching position. Our meeting went beyond exploring my credentials and ability to teach. We discussed many facets of nursing and how the profession contributes to our society beyond the obvious. We are embedded in our communities and we are impacting the health and lives of our community members.

Patient care and patient outcomes improve with nurses who hold higher degrees. Dr. Kealoha's diligence and hard work in bringing an RN-BSN program to Argosy University has given our nurses a strong option in pursuing higher degrees. This is especially significant in Hilo where options are scarce. I believe that this shows her steadfast dedication in improving the health and wellbeing of our community.

As a new faculty member of the Argosy University ohana, she ensures that I have the tools and the support that I need to succeed. She is dedicated to providing quality higher education to our nurses, so they can better serve and support the wellbeing of our communities.

I strongly support Dr. Kealoha as a member on the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council. She will be an asset to the council and to the residents of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruthie Clearwater', with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Ruthie Clearwater, MSNEd, CFRN, CEN, CCRN, TCRN, CTRN

March 6, 2018

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker
415 S Beretania, St # 231
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator:

As Dean of the College of Nursing at Argosy University, I am pleased to endorse the nomination of Dr. Joanne Kealoha, Chair of Nursing, Argosy University of Hawaii, to become a member of the Statewide Health Coordination Council. Dr. Kealoha has a deep wealth of experience in promoting health care for people covering a variety of health conditions and life cycles. Her professional experiences span clinical and educational endeavors that have positively impacted the health of countless people and their families. Her dedication to educating nurses to serve individuals, families, and communities is testimony of her commitment to the health and well-being of Hawaiians. I am certain that her talent, knowledge, and expertise will serve the state well in bringing new ideas and compelling strategies to enhance health coordination.

Although I have been unable to respond earlier to the request to provide a letter of support due to intense professional obligations and travel expectations, my endorsement of her application for this committee membership is unwavering. I believe that Dr. Kealoha's contributions will be instrumental to the work of the committee.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at either 804-920-0020 or wcowling@argosy.edu.

Most sincerely yours,

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