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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 600, GM 601, GM 602
NOMINEES TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: May 12, 2020, 9:30am Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Air travel and transportation costs to attend meetings.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the following appointments to the
3 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

4 Mr. Michael Jones (GM 600) is a fire captain with the Honolulu Fire Department. He is
5 a fire fighter with paramedic background and certification. His background and contributions are
6 an asset to EMSAC. He is an interim appointment by the 2019 Legislature and has attended
7 previous EMSAC meetings.

8 Ms. Dian Gruber (GM 601) is a currently retired registered nurse who worked for Maui
9 Memorial Medical Center. Her participation, contributions and input are beneficial to EMSAC.
10 She has been serving on this board for a few years .

11 Mr. Chris Honda (GM 602) is a battalion chief with the Hawaii Fire Department. He has
12 paramedic knowledge, skill, experience and certification. He is vital to the strong working
13 relationship with American Medical Response, the county of Hawaii's private ambulance
14 provider. His background, knowledge, expertise, and contributions are a valuable asset to
15 EMSAC. He attends EMSAC meetings and is an interim appointment by the 2019 Legislature.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM 601

Dian Gruber, State EMS advisory Committee (EMSAC)

3/19/2020 9:00 am CPH

In SUPPORT

Dear Chair Baker and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to write a letter of support for the nomination of Dian Gruber to serve a second term on the state of Hawaii EMS Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

I have enjoyed working with Ms Gruber on EMSAC during our first terms and can attest to the reliable energy and thoughtful perspective she brings to the committee. As a nurse on Maui, she helps to highlight issues pertinent to both hospital needs and issues and she brings a perspective on how the various EMS issues affect or are affected by Maui and other neighbor islands. She is a wonderful collaborator and fills the role of one of four "allied health" members well. I am grateful to her for her willingness to volunteer for another term on the EMSAC.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Char MD
Chair, Hawaii State EMS Advisory Committee

GM601

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

Dian Gruber

Documentation for seeking a second term as an Allied Health Member of EMSAC

Why Serve?

1. Help to provide the County of Maui's perspective and needs of the statewide EMS system
2. I have the energy, passion and time to commit to this committee
3. Desire to serve a second term

Membership Roles / Responsibilities

1. Be present and actively engaged at meetings
2. When appropriate participate in data collection and research in order to provide useful information for the decision making process
3. Provide an opportunity to express a wide range of ideas, views, opinions, experiences, and expectations for the delivery of responsible and effective EMS Services
4. Through informed fact- base discussions, provide advice, recommendations and protocols for EMS Services

Why Me?

1. Have been an RN since 1971. Majority of my clinical work was in the Emergency Depts. During the early 70's, was the only RN to ride in ambulances in Southern Texas (this was before EMTs & Paramedics). I did this as a volunteer
2. Manager of various hospital depts including Medical Specialities and Ambulatory Surgery & GI Labs
3. Was both member and chairperson of numerous hospital committees.
4. Recently retired from Maui Memorial Medical Center
5. I have proven to be a consciousness and productive member of EMSAC (You can verify this with our chairperson Dr Libby Char. lchar@prodigy.net)

Goals for this Term

1. Expand upon the Orientation process for new members
2. Through example, help to further engage current members to become more active participants at meeting
3. Best way to provide going public education on EMS concerns (i.e. Ocean Safety-drownings, rescue tubes and other "hot topics")

What I Can Bring to the Committee

1. A knowledge of EMS services and how they interact with receiving facilities
2. Management skills – Budgetary, Human Resources, Resource Management, Educational needs for employees and Public
3. A willing desire to be of help

GM601

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

Dian Gruber

Previous Experience that have benefited EMSAC and EMS Services

1. Surveyed mainland EMS First Responders as to their use of Latex free gloves. This was one factor leading the EMSAC's final recommendation to adopt the exclusive use of Latex gloves for the prevention of allergic reactions
2. Was part of a small group to establish an orientation program for new EMSAC committee members

Conflicts of Interests

1. There are no business, personnel or financial issues
2. Only the missing of a meeting.
Obtain copy of meeting minutes and review. Contact committee chair as to anything that needs to be done prior to the next meeting