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Testimony in SUPPORT of G.M. 0625
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on
Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, Gubernatorial Nominee, JON D. FUJII, for a
term to expire 06-30-2023

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: May 12, 2020

Room Number: 229

1 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (Department) strongly supports this measure.

2 **Department Testimony:** The subject matter of this measure falls within the scope of the
3 Department's Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) whose statutory mandate is to assure a
4 comprehensive statewide behavioral health care system by leveraging and coordinating public,
5 private and community resources. Through the BHA, the Department is committed to carrying
6 out this mandate by reducing silos, ensuring behavioral health care is readily accessible, and
7 person-centered. The BHA's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) provides the following
8 testimony on behalf of the Department.

9 The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination and confirmation of
10 Mr. Jon D. Fujii to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances
11 (HACDACS) for a term to expire 6/30/2023.

12 HACDACS appointees represent a cross-section of the community, including, but not
13 limited to pharmacological, medical, community and business affairs, youth action, educational,
14 legal defense, enforcement and corrections segments of the community, pursuant to HRS §329-2.

15 Mr. Fujii is the Health Care Services Branch (HCSB) Administrator responsible for the
16 overall management and execution of Quest Integration (QI) and other medical assistance
17 programs, including the contracting, monitoring and oversight involved with these programs. He

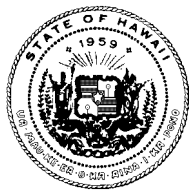
1 represented HCSB at various outreach meetings related to healthcare transformation, including
2 Hawaii Health Information Exchange integration with QI Managed Care Organizations (MCO),
3 finding a solution to Mental Health America providers experiencing a Comprehensive
4 Community Services (CCS) enrollment ‘gap’ period after client transition to QI, planning and
5 conducting annual QI waiver public forum, DOE initiative to pay in-school health
6 aides/LPNs/RNs on a per service basis with Medicaid dollars, Innovation Accelerator Programs
7 (IAPs) related to community integration with Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
8 recipients and physical and mental health integration.

9 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration for the nomination
10 of Mr. Fujii to serve on HACDACS.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of a committed volunteer
12 whose appointment adds to the cross-section of community interests represented on HACDACS.

13 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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May 9, 2020

TO: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health

FROM: Judy Mohr Peterson, Med-QUEST Administrator

SUBJECT: **GM 625 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i
Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances,
Gubernatorial Nominee, JON FUJII, for a term to expire 06-30-2023**

Hearing: Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

As the Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division, Department of Human Services, I am writing in strong support for Governor's Message 625 – nomination of Jon Fujii to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances. Mr. Fujii joined the Med-QUEST Division in 2006 as the Research Officer/Data Analysis & Provider Network Section Administrator and has served as Acting Health Care Services Branch Administrator since 2015. He has led the management and execution of the Med-QUEST Division's medical assistance programs, including the Division's programs that address substance use disorder. He has brought a wealth of knowledge surrounding healthcare administration and finance to the Med-QUEST Division to improve our programs and will bring that valuable experience to the Commission.

Mr. Fujii holds a master's degree in Business Administration with a focus in Finance from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, graduating with honors.

Please consider Jon Fujii to be confirmed to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.



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May 12, 2020
Conference Room 229
9:30 a.m.

To: The Honorable Chair Rosalyn H. Baker
The Honorable Vice Chair Stanley Chang
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

From: 'Ohana Health Plan
Rachel Wilkinson, Government Affairs Sr. Manager

Re: GM 625, Relating to the Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii
Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances; **In**
Support

'Ohana Health Plan provides government-sponsored managed care services to families, children, seniors and individuals with complex medical needs primarily through Medicaid, Medicare Advantage and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (WellCare) across the state. 'Ohana Health Plan is a wholly owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation, a leading multi-national healthcare enterprise committed to helping people live healthier lives.

'Ohana Health Plan offers our **support** of GM 625 for the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Jon Fujii to serve on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

As a Medicaid health plan, we have worked very closely with Mr. Fujii over the last several years at the Hawaii Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division. Mr. Fujii leads the team that oversees not only the Medicaid QUEST Integration program, but also the current Community Care Services (CCS) program within Medicaid that serves the severe mental illness (SMI) and severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) populations.

The CCS program in particular has additional benefits and resources to help those in our community dealing with substance abuse disorders. Because of this specialized program, we believe he will be of great service to the advisory commission, as he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from his many years of serving Hawaii's most underserved population.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure and we ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. Jon Fujii to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

GM-625

Submitted on: 5/8/2020 12:40:45 PM

Testimony for CPH on 5/12/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neal Fujii	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Jon Fujii.

He is an upstanding member of the community with many years of experience in the health care field and will serve on the Commission with professionalism and compassion.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

GM-625

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 2:08:24 AM

Testimony for CPH on 5/12/2020 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Kobayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM 625: Hawaii Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances for Jon Fujii

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

To better understand how to meet the Substance Use Disorder needs of the Medicaid population in Hawaii.

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

To advocate for the needs and disparities of the citizens of Hawaii suffering from Substance Use Disorder.

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

By listening to the issues and concerns of those that suffer from Substance Use Disorder and their advocates, I can be sure that I fully understand where they are coming from. This basic understanding will better equip me to positively contribute to the Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

(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.

I have worked in healthcare in Hawaii all 30 years of my professional career, and have a good understanding of the health care delivery system in Hawaii. Working for Medicaid for the past 14 years has given me an appreciation of the difficulties faced by Medicaid members who are experiencing a Substance Use Disorder diagnosis. We have begun working with the Department of Health/Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) to leverage Medicaid dollars to pay for services that previously were only paid by Federal grant monies or Hawaii state funds. This involves setting up ADAD providers as Medicaid providers, as well as interfacing with the MQD health plans to contract with these ADAD providers. We have also begun exploring how delivering services via telehealth may expand the availability of ADAD services to difficult to reach populations.

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

Improve the lives of Hawaii residents who suffer from Substance Use Disorder.

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

Steady, good listener, collaborator. My steadiness will help moderate the decisions of the Commission, so as to not lurch to assumptions or trends that may not be beneficial in the long term. I will listen to all constituencies and the experiences that they are struggling with, and will consider all voices as decisions are made. Collaborating with other Commission members will facilitate complete communication and informed decision making.

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

Working as the Health Care Services Branch Administrator (HCSBA) for the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) for the past 3+ years has exposed me to a few facets of Substance Use Disorder in the Medicaid population in Hawaii. Working with the ADAD staff has highlighted the potential for increased collaboration between ADAD and MQD. Medicaid funding, provider access, and increased screening opportunities are issues that have presented themselves as opportunities in the past few years.

- (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?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest. If there was a significant conflict of interest, I would either recuse myself from voting on a specific issue, or if necessary step down, to avoid any impression of my conflict of interest tainting Commission decisions.