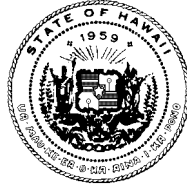


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May 9, 2020

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

FROM: Judy Mohr Peterson, Med-QUEST Administrator

SUBJECT: **GM 629 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, JON FUJII, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.**

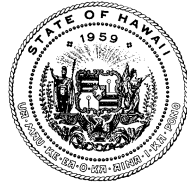
Hearing: Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

As the Administrator of the Med-QUEST Division, Department of Human Services, I am writing in strong support for Governor's Message 629 – nomination of Jon Fujii to the State Council on Mental Health. 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 mental health. 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 State Council on Mental Health.

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 State Council on Mental Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0629
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
State Council on Mental Health,
Gubernatorial Nominee, JON FUJII,
for a term to expire 6-30-23.**

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

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1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of Jon Fujii to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH). Mr. Fujii fills the mandated SCMH
3 membership position of the principal state agency with respect to Medicaid. He is also in the dual
4 role of representing the SCMH on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled
5 Substances (HACDACS), pursuant to Chapter 334-10 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Federal
6 Law, Public Law 102-321, Section 1914(c).

7 Mr. Fujii is currently the Acting Health Care Services Branch Administrator for the
8 Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division. He has worked in the Med-QUEST
9 Division for the past fourteen years. His skills, knowledge, and experience in data systems,
10 contracts, and finances will be an asset to the Council where he will be able to provide an
11 extensive perspective both from a provider's and a state agency's point of view. Mr. Fujii also
12 possesses excellent leadership skills and is a very effective communicator.

13 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of
14 Mr. Fujii to the State Council on Mental Health.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on his behalf.



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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 629, Relating to the Consideration and Confirmation to the State
Council on Mental Health; **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 629 for the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Jon Fujii to serve on the State Council on Mental Health.

The Hawaii State Council on Mental Health's mission is to advocate for a Hawaii where all persons affected by mental illness can access treatment and support necessary to live a full life in the community of their choice.

As a Medicaid health plan with experience in serving individuals with severe mental illness (SMI) and severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI), 'Ohana Health Plan works very closely with Mr. Fujii and the Hawaii Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division. Mr. Fujii leads the team that oversees the current Community Care Services (CCS) program within Medicaid that serves the SMI and SPMI populations.

The CCS program in particular has additional benefits and resources to help those in our community dealing with behavioral health and substance use disorders, including a specialized intensive case management program for our most severely mentally ill. We believe he will be of great service to the council, as he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience dedicated to 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 State Council on Mental Health.

GM-629

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 2:08:39 AM

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

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

Comments:

GM 629: Hawaii State Council on Mental Health for Jon Fujii

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

To better understand how to meet the mental health 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 Mental Health disease.

(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 mental health disease 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 Council on Mental Health.

(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 mental health disease. We have worked specifically to target policies that can service the continuum of care for mental health disease, understanding that what might work for the most acute members may not properly address the needs of less acute members.

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

Improve the lives of Hawaii residents who suffer from Mental Health disease.

(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 Board, 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 Board 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 for the past 3+ years has exposed me to the many facets of Mental Health disease in the Medicaid population in Hawaii. From the difficulty of getting Applied Behavioral Analysis services to those who suffer from Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnoses; to the importance of taking a person-centered approach when designing a suite of services for our Intellectually/Developmentally Disabled population; to the extremely difficult conditions that case management agencies face when delivering services to the adults who suffer from Serious Mental Illness/Serious and Persistent Mental Illness; my past 3+ years in the HCSBA position has shown me the many challenges and opportunities that are present in our current Mental Health delivery system.

- (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 Board decisions.