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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

GM 732, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawai'i County Subarea Health Planning Council

Testimony of Serafin Colmenares, Jr. Acting SHPDA Administrator

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
9:30 a.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the
2 nomination and confirmation of Ms. Evelyn Kaneshiro to the Hawaii County Subarea Health
3 Planning Council (HCSAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
6 HCSAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Evelyn Kaneshiro.

7 Ms. Kaneshiro is an Accountant at Kohala Hospital. She has worked at Kohala Hospital
8 for over 20 years undertaking various responsibilities. Currently, she oversees and manages
9 the daily financial operations of the hospital which includes budget planning, preparation of
10 financial analyses and statements, financial reporting, accounts payables and receivables,
11 maintenance of general and control ledgers, billing and collections. She advises the
12 Administrator as well as other hospital department managers on operating income and
13 expense trends.

14 Ms. Kaneshiro is a lifelong resident of Hawaii County and is well acquainted with the
15 challenges to health care services in her community. She is already a very active member of
16 HCSAC. Finally, she is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Community College.

- 1 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Evelyn Kaneshiro to the Hawaii
- 2 County Subarea Health Planning Council.

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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Evelyn Kaneshiro.

To whom it may concern,

This a letter of recommendation is for Evelyn Kaneshiro.

I have worked with Evelyn for 13 years, and to watch how she works, coordinate, supervise, delegate, and do her own work, while in audit, and not to mention her headset on while listening to a meeting on her phone just amazes me.

She is accurate, in what she does and can multitask with accuracy with the best of them, and yet she still provides great customer service with a smile.

With many different situation that I bring to her she always provides quality advise, pros and cons, and offer solutions to the table. She may have an agenda but she always has an open mind. She listens and contributes to the table with positive interests to its successful outcome.

Evelyn is a great asset to our facility, and especially to me and my departments. Our success is due to what she contributes to helping me with all we do.

Sincerely Yours,

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Eugene Amar Jr.
Hospital Administrator

May 8, 2020

To whom it may concern:

Re: Letter of Support for Ms. Evelyn Kaneshiro

Evelyn has informed me that she intends to continue to participate with SHPDA/HSAC in 2020 and asked that I provide a letter of support.

As background, I've supervised and known Evelyn for 27 years here at Kohala Hospital. During that time, I was able to closely follow and observe Evelyn's growth and development. Starting from Secretary, she currently serves as the Business Office Manager today.

Evelyn works tirelessly and will be present and engaged with serving SHPDA/HSAC no matter the weather, how she is feeling, or if the task will take time. Evelyn will bring up concerns as well as solutions and is Kohala Hospital's best project manager. She assumes major tasks and is successful in implementing hospital wide initiatives. Additionally, she involves herself with community activities such as annually helping out the Kohala Hospital Charitable Foundation (KHCF) and the Kohala Okinawan Club (Kenjin Kai). The best thing about Evelyn is that she continues growing and learning personally.

I recommend Evelyn Kaneshiro to continue serving the SHPDA/HSAC program. Let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gino Amar'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'G' and 'A'.

Gino Amar, MHA, NHA
Hospital Administrator

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Nominee for Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea

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

Being a member of the Board, I believe I can contribute to its work addressing the healthcare services and needs on Hawaii Island. With my healthcare experience I feel I can be a team player with the other members of the board.

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

As member of the board, I perceive my role and responsibility would be to bring my knowledge and experience in healthcare to the table for the better and benefit for the communities of Hawaii Island.

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

I feel that I can help protect the consumer by both having an open mind as a consumer and a council member. Looking at an issue, request or application on both aspects of the consumer and a council member, keeping the best interest for both.

- (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 believe I am qualified for the position as a member. I have 27+ years in healthcare finance and accounting experience. The health care industry is always changing, and I have a good understanding of the challenges health care organizations face when providing services for

patients but still have to meet operational and financial goals. In my current position, I am kept inform by HAH, AHA, State of HI Dept. of Rural Health and other health care agencies of various changes and updates to healthcare both nationally and locally.

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

I hope to accomplish more knowledge and experience in healthcare and what our island provides currently and be a part of what is coming for the future. I would like to be a voice or opinion in Hawaii's healthcare future.

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

Three qualities that best describe me and how they will benefit the Board.

- 1) Healthcare experience – 27+ years of healthcare experience in Finance and accounting, I can review some of the financial impacts of various applications/requests.
- 2) Born and raised in Hawaii – born and raised here in Hawaii and on Hawaii Island- I would do my best to have that value at heart.
- 3) Energetic and willing to learn – I am energetic and willing to learn and work as a team member to reach the projected goals with a positive outcome.

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

A previous experience that I have had that will be beneficial as a board member; would be the latest decision we had to make as a current member of HSAC. It had been a great experience on what the council and its members do along with reading the applications, preparations and participating in the hearings. As I have not had much experience, I have gain great knowledge and respect for the council.

- (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?

Currently I do not foresee any conflicts of interest with serving on the Board. I would not make decisions that would be for any personal gain. Being an employee of the State-HHSC, I would check with the State Ethics Committee board should there be an application or hearing for an HHSC facility as to what part I can participate in on the hearing.