

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board? To make a difference in the community, because I care and am passionate about the people in the community.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board? Attend monthly meeting via video conference at Community Clinic. Give some input and ideas to help people with Mental Health issues.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer? I work with client's that are homeless and with mental health issues on a daily basis, I feel I can relate to their needs and concerns. I am passionate in the work that I do and have great determination to make a difference.

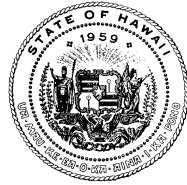
(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board. I had the pleasure to utilize services many years ago (12 years) by going into Aloha House for recovery, since then I have stayed connected to all the services we have in Hawaii. I am extremely proud of my experience and now working as a Provider, I am able to bring my view to the table.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? By listening, observing and sharing my input.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board. 1) Gratitude- I know my gratitude can shift others to be solution based and not problem based. 2) Vision- my vision to seek out alternative ways of looking at problems, also the vision I experienced while being at the lowest point in my life years ago and able to share with others. 3) Determination- I never give up on any problem, I know there are many ways to find solutions. I don't give up on people/ clients with mental health issues. I seek out resources in the community.

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member. I sat on the board of Mental Health America and was able to share input and help the community to see people with mental health issues in a different- dropping the stigma.

(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 don't see any possible conflicts.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0851  
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the  
State Council on Mental Health,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, CHARLEEN CROZIER,  
for a term to expire 6-30-23.**

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

Hearing Date and Time: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Room: 229

1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of Charleen “Naomi” Crozier to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH). Ms. Crozier fills  
3 the mandated SCMH membership position of an adult with serious mental illness who is  
4 receiving, or has received mental health services, pursuant to Chapter 334-10 of the Hawaii  
5 Revised Statutes and Federal Law, Public Law 102-321, Section 1914(c).

6 Ms. Crozier is currently employed as a supported housing case manager for Mental  
7 Health Kokua in Wailuku, Maui. She is a strong peer advocate with lived experience and openly  
8 shares her story of recovery from mental illness with consumers and staff. Ms. Crozier has  
9 served on the SCMH since May 2018 where she has been very involved in committee work.  
10 Her contributions to the SCMH have not gone unnoticed as she consistently advocates for  
11 individuals living with mental illness while striving to ensure that their needs and desires are  
12 considered during Council deliberations.

13 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of  
14 Ms. Crozier and believe she will continue to be a great asset to the SCMH.

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

**GM-851**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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I am writing to show my support for Naomi Crozier to serve on the State Council on Mental Health. Over the past seven years, I have worked closely with Ms. Crozier while being employed with Mental Health Kokua. During this time, she has demonstrated a strong desire to assist people who are homeless and living with mental health challenges. She has a comprehensive understanding of the needs of these individuals and the challenges many of them face.

Ms. Crozier's work at Mental Health Kokua keeps her closely aligned with some of our most vulnerable populations on Maui. She performs street outreach, client mental health assessments, community referrals for various services, housing placement and stability services.

Ms. Crozier is an active participant in the Maui non profit community and continually educates herself and those around her to the needs of those suffering from mental illness. Ms. Crozier is a member of the Maui Homeless Alliance where she offers valuable insight, support and resources to others. I fully support the appointment of Ms. Crozier to Governor Ige's, State Council on Mental Health.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information regarding Ms. Crozier and her outstanding service to our community.

Sincerely,

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