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Senate Committee on Health

GM 530, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council

Testimony of Darryl Shutter Acting SHPDA Administrator

Friday, February 18, 2022
1:00 p.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the
2 nomination and confirmation of Edeluisa Baguio-Larena to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health
3 Planning Council.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
6 Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Edeluisa Baguio-Larena.

7 Ms. Baguio-Larena is an active Tri-Isle County Subarea Health Planning Council
8 member serving as an interim member since July 2021.

9 Ms. Baguio-Larena has over 20 years experience in early childhood development and
10 education. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Maui Family Support Services,
11 Inc., a community-based organization whose mission is to promote healthy family functioning
12 by providing support services which build on family strengths. Ms. Baguio-Larena is affiliated
13 with several boards including the State of Hawaii Early Learning Board and the Early
14 Childhood Comprehensive System Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network Maui
15 Impact Community Team. She is a core member of the Ho'oikaika Partnership and a steering

1 committee member of the Child Welfare Services Maui County Advisory Council Islands of
2 Hope.

3 Ms. Baguio-Larena has a Master of International and Intercultural Management from the
4 School for International Training-World Learning, Brattleboro, Vermont, and a Bachelor of
5 Science in Social Work from the University of the Philippines.

6 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Edeluisa Baguio-Larena, enabling her to
7 continue to serve on the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.



Maui Family Support Services, Inc.

Strengthening Children and Families in Maui County since 1980!

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Edeluisa Baguio-Larena

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I am respectfully asking for your consideration to allow me to to serve on the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council. By serving on this council, I hope to share my experiences in comprehensive early childhood (including physical and mental health) and human/social services fields to ensure that the needs of vulnerable families in our community are considered by TISAC.

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I am currently the Chief Executive Officer of Maui Family Support Services, Inc. (MFSS), a non-profit agency that has been serving Maui County for over 40 years. I have been with MFSS since October 2001 serving families on the islands of Maui, Lana`i, and Moloka`i. The mission of MFSS is to promote healthy family functioning by providing supportive services which build on family strengths. MFSS's programs involve identifying families at risk for child maltreatment, poor maternal and child health outcomes, and providing effective prevention and early intervention services.

I would be more than happy to share more information about my background and work experiences, if needed. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 242-0900 ext. 229 or via email at edeluisa@mfss.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Edeluisa Baguio-Larena, MA
Chief Executive Officer

