

March 30,2023

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Maui county community. Below is my statement addressing the questionnaire I received from your office.

A written statement(s) that addresses the following questions:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea? *As a member of the Health Planning Council, I can contribute to my community. I believe my experience working as a nurse, primarily with the Medicaid/Medicare population and providers, has given me insight that can be useful in this role*

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea? *The role and responsibilities of a Health Planning Council member include learning about community needs, providing feedback and discussing needs/proposals, and acting in the interest of the community with recommendation for higher committees.*

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills,

expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea. *I have been a full time resident of Maui for 28 years. I am a registered nurse currently employed with AlohaCare as a health coordinator, my current responsibilities include assessing my members' home health needs, assisting with scheduling procedures and appointments, referrals, finding providers , and addressing their socioeconomic needs. I have interactions with medical providers in the tri-isle community on a daily basis. I also run my own business -a vacation BnB , so I have insight into the visitor population as well.I believe my experiences will aid in my ability to make decisions to benefit my community.*

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? *I hope to learn more about the needs of the community, the plans to address these needs, and to provide valuable input as a committee member. I also hope to make connections and find more ways to be involved for positive outcomes.*

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea?

I am a critical thinker and can communicate my ideas clearly. I am reliable and act with integrity.I love to learn, and am open to the input of others.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea? *I have an awareness of our local resource due to my work in the community; connecting the public with medical and behavioral providers, referring to diagnostic equipment and service agencies for home health, and assisting elderly /disabled individuals with facility placement for long term or rehabilitation needs.*

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea? How would you

overcome any possible conflicts of interest? *At this time, I see no conflicts of interest that might arise during my service, if one were to arise I would immediately disclose it to the council to determine how to proceed.*

Sincerely,
Francine Johansen



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Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

**GM 556, Gubernatorial Nominee to the
Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council**

**Testimony of Darryl Shutter
Acting SHPDA Administrator**

**Friday, March 31, 2023
1:05 p.m.**

Agency's Position: The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the nomination and confirmation of Francine Johansen to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.

Fiscal Implications: None

Purpose and Justification: The purpose is for consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Candidate, Francine Johansen to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.

Ms. Johansen has served as an interim member of the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council since 2022.

Ms. Johansen is currently the Health Care Coordinator at AlohaCare, a community-led, non-profit health plan founded by Hawaii's community health centers solely dedicated to serving those eligible for Hawaii's Medicaid QUEST and Medicare programs. As the Health Care Coordinator, Ms. Johansen performs care planning for members with special needs, including patients who are high risk or requiring long-term

care. In addition, she conducts nursing assessments, medication management and patient education in home and other environments. Prior to AlohaCare, Ms. Johansen served as the RN Case Manager at Maui Mental Health Kokua and operated as an independent licensed massage therapist for over 20 years.

Ms. Johansen is committed to Hawaii's communities. She has and continues to dedicate countless hours as a volunteer member of the ARISE program focusing on mental health awareness.

Ms. Johansen has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Hawaii at Manoa; an Associate of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Hawaii, Maui College; is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and is certified in Safe Talk Suicide Prevention.

We ask for your support on the confirmation of Francine Johansen, enabling her to continue to serve on the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.