

Cherie Chu

Feb 28, 2024

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
State Capitol, Room 213
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator San Buenaventura,

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a member of the Health Planning Council for the Windward Oahu Subarea. Since joining the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH DKICP) as practice faculty I have been actively invested in improving healthcare access and outcomes for residents across the State of Hawaii. Being that my current practice site is at Adventist Health Castle Medical, on the windward side of Oahu, I believe that serving on the Windward Oahu Subarea Council would provide me with a meaningful opportunity to contribute to this goal. Additionally, I enjoy the opportunity to collaborate with fellow Council members to address healthcare challenges, develop strategic plans, and advocate for policies that promote equitable access to quality healthcare services. To aid in the confirmation process please see below responses to the remaining questions on the questionnaire that have been requested to support my nomination.

Perception of Role and Responsibilities:

As a member of the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, I perceive my role as being multifaceted and crucial to the health of our community. Responsibilities include assessing community health needs, identifying priorities, developing strategic plans, and advocating for resources to address those needs effectively. Additionally, I believe that fostering collaboration among stakeholders and promoting community engagement are essential aspects of the role.

Qualifications for the Position:

I am confident that I am well-qualified for this position due to my healthcare background. Upon graduating with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2011, I completed 2

years of post-graduate training and have been practicing as a Board Certified Critical Care Pharmacist at Adventis Health Castle Medical (AHCM) since October of 2013. During my tenure at UHH DKICP, I have integrated myself into the healthcare team and system in the Windward Oahu Subarea. My skills, expertise, and knowledge in emergency and acute care, as well as my involvement with the State of Hawaii Department of Health related to initiatives with the opioid epidemic and antimicrobial stewardship, aid in my decision-making ability as a member of the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea. Additionally, my strong analytical skills, ability to communicate effectively, and commitment to equity and inclusivity make me well-suited for this position.

Goals for Term of Service:

During my term of service, I hope to accomplish several objectives, including improving access to healthcare services, reducing health disparities, and promoting preventive care initiatives. I am dedicated to working collaboratively with my fellow Council members and community stakeholders to achieve these goals.

Qualities That Describe Me and Their Benefits:

Three qualities that best describe me are collaborative, empathetic, and resilient. These qualities would benefit the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea by fostering a culture of teamwork and cooperation. As a collaborative individual, I prioritize listening to diverse perspectives and working effectively with others towards shared goals. My empathetic nature allows me to understand the needs and concerns of community members, ensuring that our initiatives are responsive to the unique needs of Windward Oahu residents. In times of adversity, my resilience enables me to remain steadfast and optimistic about the trajectory of healthcare in our communities.

Previous Experience That Makes Me Stand Out:

One previous experience that would make me stand out is my experience as a front line worker during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the height of the delta wave of the pandemic I returned from maternity leave to an ICU almost triple that of what it was prior to the pandemic. This experience made me more conscious of the inequities of the current healthcare system and the gaps in care that need addressing. This experience has provided me with valuable insights into community health needs and the importance of collaboration and advocacy in achieving positive health outcomes.

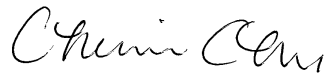
Possible Conflicts of Interests and Mitigation Strategies:

I do not foresee any potential for conflicts of interest arising during my service term. In the event one arises, I would mitigate this through transparency, integrity, and upholding

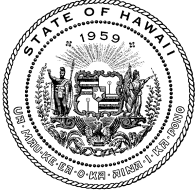
ethical standards. I will promptly disclose any potential conflicts of interest to maintain the integrity of the Council's work.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, and am confident that my skills, experience, and dedication to community health would make me an asset to the Council. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cherie Chu".

Cherie Chu, Pharm.D., BCCCP.
Associate Professor
Department of Pharmacy Practice
The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
University of Hawaii at Hilo



**STATE HEALTH PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - KA 'OIHANA OLAKINO

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII
KE KIA'ĀINA O KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAII

KENNETH S. FINK, MD, MGA, MPH
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
KA LUNA HO'ŌKELE

John C. (Jack) Lewin, M.D.
ADMINISTRATOR

1177 Alakea St., #402, Honolulu, HI 96813 Phone: 587-0788 Fax: 587-0783 www.shpda.org

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair,
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair,
and Committee Members

GM 554, Gubernatorial Nominee to the
Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council

Testimony of John C. (Jack) Lewin, M.D.
SHPDA Administrator

Wednesday, March 6, 2024
1:00 p.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) supports
2 the nomination and confirmation of Cherie Chu to the Windward Oahu Subarea Health
3 Planning Council.

4 **Fiscal Implications: none**

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of
6 Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council Gubernatorial Nominee, Cherie Chu.

7 Ms. Chu is a Clinical Pharmacist in the emergency unit and the clinical decision unit at
8 The Queen's Medical Center and an Associate Professor/ICU Clinical Pharmacist at the
9 University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy practicing at Adventist
10 Health Castle Medical in Kailua.

11 She has also served the college, university, community and the medical profession,
12 including, without limitation: as a Member of the Emergency Medicine Section Faculty
13 Development Subcommittee, Society of Critical Care Medicine, Panel Member, High school

1 medical problem-solving course, Health Career Opportunities Panel @ UH JABSOM,
2 Committee Member, Chair 2021, Pharmacy Practice Departmental/Division Personnel
3 Committee, UHH DKICP, Member, Student Recruitment Workgroup, UHH DKICP.

4 Ms. Chu teaches multiple pharmacy courses, has co-authored peer-reviewed health
5 publications, and conducted numerous continuing education presentations as well as research
6 projects.

7 Ms. Chu currently serves as a valuable member of the Windward Oahu Subarea Health
8 Planning Council and wishes to continue her service on the Council. We ask for your support
9 on the confirmation of Ms. Cherie Chu to the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning
10 Council.

11 Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health & Human Services
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

By

Bonnie Irwin, Chancellor

and

Rae Matsumoto, Dean

Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

University of Hawai'i at Hilo

GM 554 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHERIE CHU, for a term to expire 06-30-2024

Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 554. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) supports GM 554, for the consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Windward O'ahu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHERIE CHU, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Dr. Chu is a board-certified, intensive care unit pharmacist at Adventist Health Castle Medical (AHCM) in Windward O'ahu. She is a distinguished alumna of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's inaugural class. Following post-graduate training in Arizona, Dr. Chu returned to Hawai'i where she serves patients, as well as students in our Doctor of Pharmacy program as an Associate Professor.

The Health Planning Council, Windward O'ahu Subarea reviews certificates of need submitted to the committee, and provides input and concerns from a community perspective regarding health needs in the Windward O'ahu Subarea. As such, Dr. Chu's healthcare knowledge and clinical experiences in Windward O'ahu allows her to provide valuable and needed perspectives regarding patient care needs in this area.

In summary, Dr. Chu's commitment to serving patients and communities in Windward O'ahu, along with the training of future healthcare professionals, make her well suited for serving on the Health Planning Council, Windward O'ahu Subarea.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 554.