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October 22, 2007

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige
Chair Senate Committee on Health
415 So. Beretania St. Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813 -Hearing Date 10/29/07
GM 59

Dear Senator David Ige;

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as a board member of the Hawaii Health System Corporation West Hawaii Region Board of Directors. I am Chairman of the Emergency Department at Kona Community Hospital. I have many years of experience in Kona and West Hawaii health care industry. I know its weaknesses and strengths and have served on many committees and boards to help improve our rural health care system. I tackle problems and am proactive in achieving final outcome, an improved system for West Hawaii.

I have worked in the Emergency Department in Kona for many years, chairing it for the past six. I have dealt with making things work in our small rural hospital. I have worked on dealing with an overloaded emergency room, and assuring that patient safety and care comes first and foremost.

I know the challenges and issues facing West Hawaii, and believe, as a member of this newly forming board, I can evoke change and improvement. I bring a wealth of medical knowledge and how to the table and greatly look forward to putting into action the necessary changes needed for West Hawaii's health care system.

I would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your committee members to further discuss my interest to serve as a member of this important board. I appreciate your consideration of my appointment.

Sincerely,



Richard M. Mc Dowell
Chairman Department of Emergency Medicine
Kona Community Hospital

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Birthdate:

September 7, 1949

Current Position:

Chairman, Dept. of Emergency Medicine
Kona Community Hospital
Kealahou, Hawaii
7/01 - present

Medical Director, West Hawaii Fire
Department Paramedics
11/06 - present

Other Appointments
and Professional
Societies:

Fellow, American College of Emergency
Physicians, 1984 - present

Hawaii Chapter, American College of
Emergency Physicians:
President 5/06 - present
President-Elect 5/04 - 5/06
Board of Directors 2002-present
National councillor 2005 - present

Senior Examiner for American Board of
Emergency Medicine 1/05-Present

Examiner for American Board of Emergency
Medicine 1992-Present

American Medical Association

Hawaii Medical Association

West Hawaii Medical Association

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)
committees:

Credentials 3/05 - present
Quality Improvement and Assurance
3/05 - present

Prior Appointments:

Board of Directors, Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation (HHSC)
3/05 - 6/06

Chairman, Quality Improvement and
Assurance Committee of HHSC

Chairman, Credentials Committee of HHSC
Chairman, Legislative Committee of HHSC

Vice-Chief of Medical Staff
Kona Community Hospital
1/03 - 12/05

Kona Community Hospital Committees:

Executive Committee 2001 - present
Chair, Disaster Committee 2001 - 2003
ICU Committee 2001 - 2002
Chair, Credentials Committee 1/03 - 3/05
Chair, Quality Assurance Committee 2003

Hawaii State Dept. of Health, Selection
Committee for State EMS Program Manager
3/06

Prior Position:

Chairman, Dept. of Emergency Medicine
Crozer-Chester Medical Center
Upland, Pennsylvania
1992 - 7/01

Clinical Associate Professor of
Emergency Medicine, Temple University
Medical School
1999 - 7/01

Medical Director
Crozer EMS Paramedic Program
1992 - 7/01

Medical Director
Crozer EMS Paramedic Training Institute
1992 - 1996

Medical Director
Event Medical ALS Service
1995 - 7/01

AED Medical Director, 8 Fire Companies:
Aston, Collingdale, Essington, Norwood,
Parkside, Marcus Hook, Boothwyn,
TOSCO Oil Refinery
1999 - 7/01

Undergraduate Degree: Stanford University, 1971
BA Biology, with Distinction
Palo Alto, California

Medical Degree: University of California at Los Angeles,
1975
Alpha Omega Alpha

Internship: One year general surgery at UCLA--Harbor
General Hospital, 1975-6
Torrance, California

Specialty Boards: Board Certification by the American
Board of Emergency Medicine, 1983

Recertification, ABEM, 1993

Recertification, ABEM, 2003

Prior Experience: Chairman, Dept. of Emergency Medicine
Conemaugh Valley Memorial Hospital
Johnstown, Pennsylvania
1985 - 1992

Medical Director, DART Paramedic Program
Conemaugh Valley Memorial Hospital
1985 - 1992

Chairman of Government Affairs Committee
1996-2001

Re-elected to Board 2001 - resigned due
to relocation

Board Member Delaware County Medical
Society 1995-2001

American Board of Emergency Medicine
Task Force on EMS as a Subspecialty,
ACEP Representative, 1995-1997

Member of External Review Committee for
the Center for Injury Control at
University of Pittsburgh, 1996 - 1998

American College of
Emergency Physicians
(National) positions:

Candidate for National ACEP Board of
Directors 1994 & 1995

National ACEP Councilor from
Pennsylvania 1987-1995

National Public Health Committee 1996-
2000

National Government Affairs Committee
1984-1987

National ACEP EMS Committee 1989-1993

National Key Contact 1990-2000

President-Elect, ACEP Section on EMS
1992-1993

Prior Professional
Society Memberships:

Pennsylvania Medical Society

Delaware County Medical Society

American Academy of Medical Directors

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

National Association of EMS Physicians

Emergency Medicine Foundation Research Association

Publications:

McDowell R, Goldberg J: 'Injury and Toxicology', Appleton & Lange's Outline Review for the usmle Step 2: Third Ed., 267-300, 1999.

Brathwaite, Rosko, McDowell, et al : 'A Critical Analysis of On-Scene Helicopter Transport on Survival in a Statewide Trauma System' J Trauma 45: 140 - 146, July, 1998.

"Medical Command Facility Responsibilities" in Emergency Department Management. Saluzzo, et al. Mosby, 1997.

"Managed Care: New Challenges and Opportunities for Emergency Medicine" in Case Studies in Emergency Medicine and the Health of the Public. Bernstein, E., Bernstein, J., Jones and Bartlett, 1996.

McDowell R, Krohmer J, Spaite DW, Benson N, Pons P: "Guidelines for Implementation of Early Defibrillation; Automated External Defibrillator Programs", Ann Emerg Med 22: 740-741, April 1993.

Polsky S, Krohmer J, Maningas P, McDowell R, Benson N, Pons P: "Guidelines for Medical Direction of Prehospital EMS", Ann Emerg Med 22: 742-744, April 1993.

"Concepts in EMS Quality Management", in Quality Management in Prehospital Care, a textbook by the National Association of EMS Physicians published by Mosby Lifeline, 1993.

"Continuous Quality Improvement in EMS Medical Direction" in Continuous Quality Improvement in EMS, a textbook on EMS Quality Assurance published by the American College of Emergency Physicians in Dallas in 1992.

Co-author of "Emergency Medical Services Systems", in Principles of EMS Systems: A Comprehensive Text for Physicians. Roush, WR. ed. American College of Emergency Physicians, 1989.

Editor of Interpersonal Violence: Primer for the Emergency Physician, published in series form with the PaACEP News during Presidency from 1993 - 1994.

MacDonald JR, and McDowell RM: "Emergency Department Thoracotomies in a Community Hospital", JACEP 7: 423-428, December, 1978.

McDowell, RM: "New and Old Uses of Anti-Shock Trousers", Emergency 19: 48-53, January 1980. (Incorporated into teaching manual of Los Angeles County Paramedic Training Institute.)

Member of coordinating committee of Prehospital Emergency Pediatric Care: Management Guidelines. Published June 1980 by American Academy of Pediatrics, Los Angeles Pediatric Society and Paramedic Training Institute of LA County.

Contributing author of Prehospital Care: A Syllabus for Emergency Physicians. LA County Paramedic Training Institute 1981.

National and
Statewide Lectures
and Presentations:

Hawaiian Islands Trauma Symposium: "An Insider's Perspective of the Unique Challenges of Rural Trauma": July 2005, Honolulu, a conference by The Queen's Medical Center.

Pennsylvania ACEP Scientific Assembly, Moderator and presenter in a forum on Domestic Violence, April 19, 2001.

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, poster presentation of "An analysis of serum markers of acute myocardial infarction when used in conjunction with an artificial neural network", with Emil Skobeloff, May 5, 1996, Denver, Colorado.

Conference sponsored by Crozer Keystone Health System, 'Violence in the Family: A Medical Approach to Strategies and Methods for Intervention'; March 15, 1996, Philadelphia. Moderator/presenter for 'Intervention for Adult Victims of Family Violence and Elder Abuse'; member of planning committee for conference with Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith the keynote speaker.

National ACEP Scientific Assembly, 1995: Lecture entitled "Emergency Department Certification"

National Association of EMS Physicians, Winter Meeting in Naples, Florida, 1995: "Paramedic Licensure vs. Certification"

National ACEP Scientific Assembly, Boston, October 1991: Moderator of 3 hour panel "EMS Technology: Stemming the Tide" with Drs. Dinerman, Ryan and Mr. Kerns.



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**October 29, 2007,
Hawaii State Capitol
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TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM 5A

Consideration and confirmation to the West Hawaii Regional Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Richard McDowell, MD, for a term to expire 06/30/10.

**Donald Lewis, FACHE
Regional Chief Executive Officer
Kona Community Hospital
Kohala Hospital**

I, Donald Lewis, Regional Chief Executive Officer for West Hawaii Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, strongly support and recommend Richard McDowell, MD consideration and confirmation to the West Hawaii Regional System Corporate Board of Directors of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Richard McDowell, MD has Chaired the Department of Emergency Medicine, and managed our Emergency Department efficiently, in spite of high priority needs to update and renovate our Emergency Department and increase its capacity to treat patients.

In addition to maintain a well run Emergency Department, Richard McDowell, MD holds appointments and affiliations with Professional Societies such as: American College of

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Richard McDowell, MD's lists of prior appointments is equally as long and impressive. He has published many articles dealing with Emergency Medicine and the Public. He has a very keen understanding of the challenges facing West Hawaii healthcare system, and has been very involved in bringing necessary change and improvement to West Hawaii.

I strongly recommend Richard McDowell for appointment to this very important board, West Hawaii Regional Board of Directors of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. His knowledge and insight will help the board take on the many challenges facing West Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of Richard McDowell, MD, a very good and extremely strong and desirable candidate for Hawaii Health Systems Corporation West Hawaii Regional Board.

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First Hawaiian Bank
Vice President & Branch Manager

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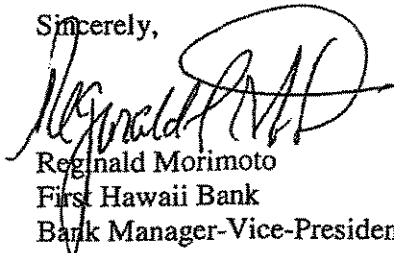
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