GM 322

Nancy A. Frazier

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, NANCY A. FRAZIER, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

Testimony Nancy Frazier

Although I was raised in Michigan, I have received my education and spent my adult life working and raising my children in Hawaii.

I have been a nurse for the past 27 years. I have worked in the community as a Registered Nurse for the past 14 years. The past 10 years have been at the St. Francis Healthcare System as a Parish/Community Outreach Nurse focusing on health education and prevention. This is an area which lacks funding, and is therefore a mission of the Sisters of St. Francis. Our program has collaborated with agencies such as the Blood Bank of Hawaii, promoting blood donations within the parishes and general community saving many lives. We have collaborated with HMSA, promoting breast health education to increase early detection of breast cancer, which not only impacts the individual but also the community. We are currently teaching children how to make good food choices, and other ways to prevent diabetes which relate to the obesity epidemic running rampant locally and nationwide.

Prior to St. Francis I served four years at Pacificare; an HIV/AIDS service organization. As the Patient Services Coordinator I did client assessments, provided home care and nursing skill training to volunteers to meet client needs, I also educated clients and volunteers on HIV/AIDS concerns. As the only nurse at Pacificare I represented the agency in the medical and nursing communities.

Since 2002 I have volunteered my services at the Aloha Medical Mission which serves the uninsured and disadvantaged. I have done volunteer work with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and The American Cancer Society.

As you can see, personally and professionally, I recognize the important work needed to meet the health needs of the people of Hawaii. I advocate support for community based programs and recognize a continuing need for collaboration among various groups to meet the health needs of our citizens and to minimize duplication of services. Emphasis on wellness and prevention through health education is critical, especially within disadvantaged populations.

Of special concern are children and the elderly, especially those living in rural areas and the disenfranchised. Difficulties accessing medical care and lack of health education have a profound negative impact on these populations. This disparity is especially evident by the increase of obesity and diabetes in these populations.

Prevention through education is vitally important.

My experiences as a nurse in the general community and collaborating with different agencies give me unique people skills and a perspective on the needs of the disadvantaged. As a resident of West Oahu for 30 years, and with family and friends living on the West side, I see a growing need to meet the health needs of the community.

I would be honored to serve on the Health Planning Council for West Oahu.

Respectfully,

Nancy Frazier

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

In reply, please refer to:

P.O. Box 3378 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801-3378

Senate Committee on Health

GM 322, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Nancy A. Frazier

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D. Director of Health

March 11, 2009

- 1 Department's Position: The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of
- 2 Ms. Nancy A. Frazier to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for consideration and confirmation to the West Oahu
- 5 Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Nancy A. Frazier. Ms. Frazier is a Parish
- 6 Nurse with the St. Francis Healthcare System and conducts outreach in the community. Prior to this
- 7 position, Ms. Frazier was employed by Pacificare and Kaiser Permanente. She is a graduate of the
- 8 Kapiolani Community College's nursing program and has been a registered nurse for over 30 years. Ms.
- 9 Frazier worked as a volunteer with the Aloha Medical Mission for eight years with special concerns for
- the needs of children living in rural areas and the economically disadvantaged.
- We ask for your support on the confirmation of Nancy Frazier to serve on the West Oahu
- 12 Subarea Health Planning Council.



February 26, 2009

Senator David Y. Ige Chair, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige:

Reference: GM# 322, West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council

This letter is in support of **Nancy Frazier** to serve on the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.

I have known Nancy for about four years in her capacity as a St. Francis Healthcare System Parish/Community Outreach Nurse and have found her to be a truly dedicated professional. Nancy has been a volunteer at the Aloha Medical Center since 2002. She has many years of experience in health care and other work in the community and is a valuable resource – she listens and participates in problem solving.

Nancy recognizes the vital work necessary to address health care and will be an asset to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.

Thank you for your support of Nancy Frazier.

Sincerely

Pamela Witty Dakland Chief Administrator

c: Nancy Frazier 94-567 Kuaie Street Mililani, HI 96789



February 23, 2009

Sen. David Y. Ige, Chair Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM#322

Dear Senator Ige:

Nancy Frazier is a Registered Nurse who has been asked to serve on the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council. She has worked as a Parish/Community Outreach Nurse for the past 10 years under my supervision. Her work involves addressing the community health needs focusing on prevention. Currently she is involved in educating elementary school children on nutrition and diabetes. Her goal is to include the West Oahu schools and is networking with community leaders.

Nancy is also involved with Breast Health education especially in the areas where there is little compliance with mammograms.

Nancy is astute and creative in forming suggestions and recommendations regarding community health issues. She also lives the St. Francis mission of 'creating healthy communities'. I highly recommend her for this volunteer position.

Sincerely, Lei Amla Sizall

Lei Honda-Sigall, R.N.

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March 9, 2009

Sen. David Y. Ige, Chair Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sen. Ige,

I am very pleased to write this letter in support of Nancy Frazier's consideration to serve on the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.

As the Parish/Community Outreach Nurse for St. Francis Healthcare for the past 10 years, one of Nancy's many outreach responsibilities has taken the form of lead coordinator for parish blood drives. Under her leadership and guidance, many parishes have come on board over the past 10 years and have continued to host lifesaving blood drives to this day.

It has been a privilege working with Nancy on these lifesaving projects. She is that rare person who not only understands the community's health needs, but has the ability to affect "positive" change in these areas too. In my opinion, she demonstrates leadership potential and would be an asset on your planning council.

Again thank you for giving Nancy due consideration for this position. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 848-4713 or email at aknapp@bbh.org.

Sincerely,

Aaron Knapp

Director of Donor Services



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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair State Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Appointment to West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council

Dear Senator Ige:

I am Colleen Minami, Vice President, Administration of the Aloha Medical Mission Board and the clinic administrator for the Aloha Medical Mission Clinic in Honolulu. I am recommending that Nancy Frazier be appointed to this Council.

The Aloha Medical Mission is a nonprofit corporation with a mission to provide free, interim medical and dental services to people overseas and in Hawaii, who are uninsured or do not have the means to pay for health care. AMM established a free, interim clinic in 1995 at the Institute for Human Services and then relocated to Palama Settlement in 2002. The population we serve includes immigrants from the Philippines, Korea, Vietnam, China, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, as well as residents of Hawaii who have part time jobs with no insurance and those who have lost their jobs due to our poor economy. Our funding for this free clinic comes from grants, charities, contracts, and donations, which have helped to sustain its operations.

Nancy Frazier has volunteered at the Aloha Medical Mission Clinic in Honolulu since 2002, providing compassionate nursing care to the patients who have accessed our services. She has helped to organize the clinic as well as identified health concerns among the patients seen. She has also helped to cover in the absence of our clinic nurse or our clinic manager, which facilitated continuous operations without interruption. Our patients come from various parts of Oahu. Because she is aware of the many health and social needs of our patients I strongly believe that she will be able to bring her experience, expertise, and skills to the Subarea Planning Council in identifying and planning for the health needs and goals of the community.

I urge the Senate Health Committee appoint her to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council where she will be a valuable asset.

Yours truly.

Colleen Minami,

Vice President, Administration

Aloha Medical Mission

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