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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 462

WRITTEN ONLY

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ronald Boyer, and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 462, regarding the appointment of Jaeda R. Elvenia, APRN to the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The Department supports Ms. Elvenia's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to her appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Ms. Elvenia and her candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with her about the Board and her interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Ms. Elvenia, I believe that she possesses the qualifications,

background, and experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

A lifelong resident of Kauai, Ms. Elvenia is currently employed at Wilcox Memorial Hospital where she is the Manager of the Hospital's Tower 4, which handles women and infant health issues. Ms. Elvenia has extensive experience in the nursing field, being first licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) in 1984 and recently being licensed as an Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) in 2008. Ms. Elvenia's 25 years of experience in the nursing field—as a homecare nurse, as a hospital staff nurse, and now as a nurse manager—will serve her well on the Board.

A graduate of Kauai High School, Kauai Community College, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Ms. Elvenia enjoys her work with patients and physicians and other healthcare professionals. Ms. Elvenia has also been an instructor in the Home Health Nurse Aide Program at Kauai Community College, where she taught basic nursing assistant skills. Ms. Elvenia has a passion for nursing and would like the opportunity to expand her service to the community as a member of the Board of Nursing.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Ms. Elvenia will prove to be an asset to the State through her service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Ms. Elvenia's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Ms. Elvenia's behalf.

From: Clark, Kathy [Kathy.Clark@wilcoxhealth.org]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 6:21 AM
To: baker1 - Karen
Subject: Jaeda Elvenia

Senator Baker.....I would like to recommend Jaeda Elvenia to the State Board of Nursing Commission. Jaeda is one of those rare individuals who is always a leader, positive and upbeat. Jaeda always looks for the good in others and helps them focus on those strengths while working to overcome their weaknesses and she does it with grace and dignity. Jaeda received her Masters Degree in Nursing several years ago. Jaeda worked as the Quality Director for Wilcox Memorial Hospital for several years before she accepted a Nurse Manager position. She is a GREAT cheerleader. Nursing, patient care, is at the heart of all Jaeda does. With Jaeda's caring and compassion for patients and staff I fully expect Jaeda to eventually be in the Chief Nurse role at Wilcox. Please consider Jaeda for this critical role in the future of nursing in Hawaii. I believe Jaeda will be instrumental in leading Hawaii nursing in the right direction. Thank you for your consideration.

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March 26, 2009

Dear Senator Baker:

It is an honor to be considered by the State Senate for appointment to the state Board of Nursing. My interest in this position is driven by my commitment to the people of Hawaii. My knowledge of, and varied experiences in, nursing will contribute towards my ability to fulfill the duties outlined in the Hawaii Revised Statutes – Chapter 457.

I completed the requirements for licensure as a registered nurse at Kauai Community College and obtained license in 1984. I continued my education at the University of Hawaii where I obtained a Bachelor in Nursing and a Masters in Nursing with a specialty in clinical systems management.

My clinical experience over the past 25 years included bedside nursing and management in acute and community care. I am the current clinical nurse manager of a medical-surgical unit and labor and delivery department. I have maintained my clinical competency by continuing to provide direct patient care in the units I manage. As manager, I am frequently called upon to participate in public relations to represent my employers and company and am able to communicate effectively with community sources (groups). In order to stimulate interest in the projects I am involved with, I have found it essential to form alliances through networking with acquaintances from other companies. As an administrator, I have learned to appreciate the need for regulatory compliance and cooperate with the various agencies that provide oversight to health care industries such as the State department of Health, The Joint Commission and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

My perception of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Nursing is to provide oversight of professional nursing practice in Hawaii. Currently, I provide oversight of licensed nurses and assist in the mentoring of student nurses completing their clinical rotations in the units I manage. The strengths I bring to this position include my ability to accurately assess situations and to identify appropriate and practical solutions and my ability to assist the nurses I manage improve their practice.

If you need any additional information to evaluate my candidacy for this position, I will be happy to provide it.

Jaeda R. Elvenia RN MSN



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Objective: Use clinical expertise and managerial experience to gain knowledge

- Experience:**
- 11/2006-Present**
Hawaii Pacific Health **Lihue, HI**
Wilcox Memorial Hospital
Manager—Tower 4/Womens & Infant Health
- Initiates problem resolution and communication with patients and families, physicians, interdisciplinary teams, external providers, and payers. Ensures that team efforts are coordinated and that continuity of service is maintained.
 - Assists in the development and update of department policies and procedures.
 - Assists with the selection of staff, training/orienting, preparing work schedules, and allocating assignments. Provides guidance, monitors and evaluates work performance. Recommends/initiates personnel actions up to, and including discharge, in accordance with Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Programs, and in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements and personnel policies.
 - Ensures staff is current on their annual requirements, i.e., licensure, safety updates, competencies.
- 8/2002 – 11/2006**
Hawaii Pacific Health **Lihue, HI**
Wilcox Memorial Hospital
Director—Patient Safety & Quality Services
- Creation of quality dashboard reports for the hospital
 - Develop and implement a JCAHO readiness model for the hospital
 - Implement Organizational Performance Improvement projects
 - Demonstrate fiscal responsibility for departmental operations
 - Oversight of the activities of the patient relations' coordinator
 - Oversight of the activities of the data specialist
 - Responsible for the hospital-wide quality assurance programs.

2/2001 – 8/2002

Wilcox Memorial Hospital

Lihue, HI

Charge Nurse/Registered Nurse Level III—Women's & Infants' Health

- Participated in the complete re-structuring of the Women's & Infant Health unit.
- Developed the WIH department plan—continually updated to serve as a guide for how we function as a unit.
- Developed the WIH breastfeeding triage and follow-up consultation forms. Data collected from this program is utilized in planning for improvements to services that directly affect patient care.
- Educator—Labor & Delivery, Postpartum, Nursery and Special Care/stabilization of the fragile newborn
- Performance Improvement—Member of the Pain, Patient Safety, and Medication Safety teams.
- Labor management committee—Appointed by the hospital's administrative staff to participate in labor management planning and decision-making.
- Policy and Procedure—Evidenced based practice used to revise strengthen existing policies.

Concurrent while at Wilcox Memorial Hospital

1994-2001

Hale Omao Home Health

Lihue, HI

a.k.a. Hawaii HealthCare Professionals

Administrator/Program Director

- Case management for home health patient services.
- Community integration, skilled care, teaching, and discharge planning
- Supervision of all clinical field staff
- Coordination of all patient referrals
- Coordination of training for JCAHO survey process.
- Participation in JCAHO accreditation survey—1998 final score: 94%

Concurrent while at Hawaii Healthcare Professionals

December 1999 – April 2000

February 2001 - May 2001

Kauai Community College

Lihue, HI

Instructor—Home Health Nurse Aide Program

- Instruction on basic nursing assistant s' skills
- OBRA test preparation
- Job readiness—Preparation of resume, certificates, assisting the new nurse aide applicant with job interview procedures.

1988-1999 **Wilcox Hospital** **Lihue, HI**
Staff Registered Nurse
▪ Performed duties as a staff RN in the medical/surgical and postpartum units
▪ Labor & Delivery
▪ Special care nursery

Education:

2002
University of Hawaii Manoa, HI
 Master of Science—Nursing
 Advanced Practice Nurse—Clinical Systems Management
1994
University of Hawaii Manoa, HI
 Bachelors of Science--Nursing

1984
Kauai Community College Lihue, HI
 Associates Degree--Nursing
1982
Kauai High School Lihue, HI
Koloa Assembly of God—Board of Directors; Treasurer

Memberships:

National Certification Program-- Inpatient Obstetrical Nursing

Certifications:

Neonatal Resuscitation Program—Regional Instructor

S.T.A.B.L.E. Program--Instructor

Skills

Organization—Task oriented, able to prioritize

Interpersonal relations—Able to communicate and work well with my peers and supervisors. Command of the English language

Public relations—Able to represent my employers positively. Able to communicate effectively with community sources. Form alliances through networking with contacts from other facilities and companies to benefit the projects that I am involved with.

Regulatory compliance—Knowledge of laws that govern health care: Department of Health, JCAHO, Medicare and Medicaid.

Problem solving—Able to assess situations and work towards finding solutions that are appropriate and reasonable.

Clinical competencies—Special interests include difficult intravenous access and Peripherally Inserted Central Venous Catheter placement. Care of the Labor & delivery, postpartum,

nursery and special care nursery patient. Stabilization of high-risk obstetric and newborn patients for transport to tertiary care centers. Operating room experience for circulating of cesarean deliveries.

References:

Reverend Harold J. and Christine Kilborn

The Church at Koloa, Kauai

Elizabeth Kua

Friend

Kevin Glick

Hawaii Home Infusions

Personal: My husband of 24 years, Nathan Curtis Elvenia, and I have two sons;

Dominic Rhen 21, and Drake Rowen 17.

I was born and raised on the island of Kauai; we have a large family and are fortunate to have very strong and healthy support systems. I have had the opportunity to travel for work assignments though prefer to limit my time away from home. I enjoy the profession of nursing very much and intend to use the knowledge gained through formal education and work experiences toward the pursuit of greater challenges.