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# TESTIMONY

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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH P.O. Box 3378 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801-3378 LORETTA J. FUDDY, A.C.S..W., M.P.H DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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#### Senate Committee on Health

# G.M. 555, G.M. 556, G.M. 558 and G.M. 559, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominees, KATRINA LORENZO, LOUISE CRUM, PATRICK BROWN and SHEILA CALCAGNO

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H. Director of Health

March 6, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the confirmation of Katrina Lorenzo

2 (6/30/2015), Louise Crum (6/30/2016), Patrick Brown (6/30/2016), and Sheila Calcagno (6/30/2016) to

3 serve on the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for terms to expire as parenthetically indicated.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the SCMH,

6 Gubernatorial Nominees, Katrina Lorenzo, Louise Crum, Patrick Brown, Ph.D., and Sheila Calcagno.

7 Pursuant to Chapter 334-10 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Federal Law P.L. 102-321, Section

8 1914(c), the SCMH appointees represent residents of the State, including principal state agencies with

9 respect to mental health, education, vocational rehabilitation, criminal justice, housing and social

10 services, families of adults or families of children with emotional disturbance, and segments of the

11 community.

Katrina Lorenzo (G.M. 555) is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Since July 2012, Ms. Lorenzo was placed on the SCMH on an interim basis. She is passionate about helping other youth in her community in the area of substance abuse and has been

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involved in the Teen for Safer Communities Coalition, the National Student Safety Program and the 1 2 First United Protestant Church Outreach Committee. Ms. Lorenzo is currently developing annual goals 3 for the youth representatives to work on. She fulfills the youth representative segment on the SCMH. Louise Crum (G.M. 556) fills the mandated Federal Law (P. L. 102-321) SCMH membership 4 position of a State agency employee that represents the criminal justice system. Ms. Crum is the Mental 5 6 Health Court Coordinator for the Hawaii State Judiciary and has worked with many consumers in the 7 Adult Mental Health Division since 2005. Prior to her current position, she worked as the Student Services Coordinator through the Department of Education at Waianae High School. She holds a 8 9 Master of Education in Counseling and Guidance from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Ms. Crum's qualifications and experiences assist her to make valued contributions to the SCMH. 10 Patrick Brown, Ph. D. (G.M. 558) retired from the Federal Government after thirty years of 11 12 service, most of it as a civilian employee, with the Department of Navy at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and the Marine Corps Base Hawaii as a Human Resources Manager. He has taught at the high school, 13 14 college, graduate, and adult education level for many years. Additionally, Dr. Brown has over twenty years of experience living and working with foster care youth with substance abuse addiction and mental 15 illness. He was recently elected by his fellow board members as the chair of the Oahu Service Area 16 17 Board (OSAB), where he demonstrates leadership in board meetings by keeping members focused on fulfilling their goals as stated in the OSAB by-laws. Dr. Brown is nominated as the OSAB 18 representative on the SCMH. 19 Sheila Calcagno (G.M. 559) is an active member on the Kauai Service Area Board and was 20 selected by her peers to be the representative on the SCMH. She is a strong advocate for improving the 21 lives of individuals living with the human immunodeficiency virus and drug abuse in her community. 22 Ms. Calcagno's wide range of experiences will enable her to share information on behalf of these 23

24 individuals on the SCMH.

- 1 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming Katrina Lorenzo, Louise
- 2 Crum, Patrick Brown, Ph.D., and Sheila Calcagno to serve on the SCMH.
- 3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for these volunteers.



## The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health** Senator Josh Green, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

> Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 1:30 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 229

> > By Judge Michael D. Wilson Sixth Division First Circuit

**GM 556:** Consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, Louise Crum, for a term to expire 6/30/2016.

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Senate Health Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Ms. Crum to the State Council

on Mental Health.

I have worked with Louise as the presiding Judge for the Mental Health Court. She demonstrates the extraordinary expertise in dealing with the participants of the Mental Health Court Program and their team of support in the community. She has, over the course of years, developed both her own expertise, and also a network of successful connections so as to be able to tap into the expertise of others. She is widely respected and relied upon by the Mental Health Court Team, attorneys, mental health professionals, and service providers.



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I respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment

of Louise Crum to the State Council on Mental Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this appointment.



## The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health** Senator Josh Green, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

> Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 1:30 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 229

By Cheryl R. Marlow Adult Client Services Branch Administrator First Circuit

**GM 556:** Consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, Louise Crum, for a term to expire 6/30/2016.

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Senate Health Committee:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Ms. Crum to the State Council on Mental Health.

As the administrator of the Adult Client Services Branch of the First Judicial Circuit, I have direct supervision over Louise Crum in her capacity as the Mental Health Court Coordinator. Ms. Crum has twelve years of professional experience working with the mental health population and I have been acquainted with Ms. Crum for ten of those years.

In her capacity as the Mental Health Coordinator, she oversees all daily operations of the Mental Health Court which includes the responsibility for the program admissions; for the administrative, financial and contractual aspects of the program; and for public relations and collaboration with other criminal justice and community agencies. Ms. Crum has been in this position since the court took its first participant in 2005 and has been instrumental in its success in reducing recidivism and incarceration rates for the mentally ill.

Ms. Crum has her Bachelors of Arts in Social Sciences with a Specialization in Psychology and a Certificate in Substance Abuse and Addiction Studies from the University of



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Hawaii at West Oahu. She also has a Master of Education in Counseling and Guidance from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Work outside the Judiciary includes five years at Kahi Mohala's Psychiatric Hospital providing direct supervision, counseling and educational services to seriously mentally ill patients. She also assisted civilly committed and court ordered patients with discharge planning and satisfying legal mandates.

Because of Ms. Crum's range of experience as well as her personal commitment to this field, it is my pleasure to recommend her for appointment to the State Council on Mental Health. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 539-4567 if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony and for your consideration of my recommendation.

## <u>GM556</u>

Submitted on: 3/1/2013 Testimony for HTH on Mar 6, 2013 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kukui Aina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish to send testimony in support of Louise Crum to be considered for nomination and confirmation to the Council on Mental Health. Louise is an extremely caring professional who works with individuals with mental health on a daily basis. She is an asset to this Council.

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## <u>GM556</u>

Submitted on: 3/4/2013 Testimony for HTH on Mar 6, 2013 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Madonna L. Stark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support GM 556 Louise Crum for consideration and confirmation for the State Council on Mental Health. Ms. Crum has dedication and a genuine personal concern for all those facing challenges that cross all classes and economic lines for those facing issues with mental health, and restoring them to well-being.

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To whom it may concern:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LOUISE CRUM, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Simply put Louise Crum is and upright honest individual that as tax payer I would be proud to have her serve the citizens of the State of Hawaii in this capacity. In my dealings with her she has been intelligent, reasonable and forthright in her thoughts and opinions. Most importantly she communicates all this in a clear and civilized manner. Please consider her as a Councilperson on the Mental Health Board.

Thank you for your time. Matthew B. Locey

## TESTIMONY OF LOUISE K CRUM TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON March 6, 2013

#### GM 556

Re: Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, Louise K. Crum, for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

Chair Green and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to express my willingness to serve, and to respond to any questions you may have in your consideration of my confirmation. I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me and I truly consider this an honor and a privilege to be considered as the Judiciary's representative on the State Council of Mental Health.

I have twelve years professional experience working with the mental health population and very much enjoy my work. I would like to offer my knowledge and experience with the mentally ill and the criminal justice system to further the goals of the State Council on Mental Health.

At the present time, I am the Coordinator for the First Circuit Mental Health Court. This position enables me to oversee all daily operations of the Mental Health Court which include responsibility for program admissions; for the administrative, financial, and contractual aspects of the program; and for public relations and collaboration with other criminal justice and community agencies. I have been in this position since it took its first participant in 2005 and I am honored to be a part of this successful court program that reduces recidivism and incarceration rates for the mentally ill. I've also worked in the private sector providing direct supervision, counseling and skill building to seriously mentally ill patients at Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health Hospital and also assisted the civilly committed and court ordered patients with discharge planning and satisfying legal mandates.

In the spring of 2000 I completed my Bachelors of Arts in Social Sciences with a Specialization in Psychology and a Certificate in Substance Abuse and Addiction Studies from the University of Hawaii at West Oahu. I went on to pursue graduate school at University of Hawaii at Manoa and in 2004 I received my Master of Education in Counseling and Guidance.

It is my goal to combine my range of experience with my ability to be a team player in making a positive contribution to the State Council on Mental Health. I offer my experience and knowledge of the issues and challenges faced by those with mental illness in the criminal justice system. The population of consumers who suffer from mental illness and encounter the judicial system is significant. The cooperation between agencies that work with these individuals is extremely important to both assure that they receive appropriate services and to address the needs of public safety.

In closing, I would like to thank this Committee for giving me the opportunity to be here today. I want to also extend a warm mahalo to everyone that submitted letters of support on my behalf and to everyone here in attendance to support me. Thank you for considering my nomination.

Louise Crum Mental Health Court Coordinator Adult Client Services Branch, First Circuit Court louise.k.crum@courts.hawaii.gov