

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I have been serving the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea for the last 3 – 4 years. I hope to continue serving my community as a health care provider (Physical Therapist), in hopes to improve the community's understanding of what their options are and to improve the understanding of other members of the community as to progress our community into the future. As a Native Hawaiian, I strongly believe that in order to see change, I have to be willing to help lead in areas of my expertise.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

It is my understanding that as a physical therapist, I must provide the necessary insight as to how my perspectives can contribute to providing alternative solutions for our community's health care concerns. It is also important for me to help contribute leading and building our healthcare community to help serve what is best for the community as a whole on an island and statewide level.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

Since 2017, I have been a private practice owner of Ke Ola Kino Physical Therapy, LLC. It is pivotal to provide the patient with the best quality of care treating them as a person. A large part of my job is educating the patient on their rights as a consumer and director for their own health care experiences. I have learned a number of appalling realities and have taken it upon myself to help the patient beyond my office to direct them towards accessing the necessary healthcare within a timely manner.

I'd like to see things change to help decrease the stress that our current medical system is creating upon our community.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

It is important that I give back to the Native Hawaiian community that has been so generous to help me understand the importances of community, Ohana, and leadership for the greater good. My skill sets as a physical therapist, single mother, and high school water polo coach allows me to interact with all ages and financial backgrounds in the community. I bring with me the insight from the rural Native Hawaiian communities,

modern medical field perspectives, and can adapt to the audience necessary working efficiently towards improving the concerns of our community.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I am tired of watching governing bodies make decisions without taking the necessary considerations and foresight as to the real impact of their decisions. I strongly believe that the lack of exposure and experience are a strong contributing factor. My experiences and knowledge help me to question what is really important for our island. My outspoken leadership is not afraid to say “No” if the situation calls for it. I hope to help improve the foundational aspects of my community and its healthcare opportunities.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

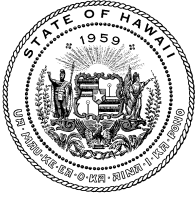
Three (3) qualities that best describe me, Malia Tallett, that would benefit the board are: Efficient, Foresight, Dedication. I am the sole proprietor of Ke Ola Kino Physical Therapy, LLC. I operate my clinic completely solo. Efficiency and foresight planning is key to be successful in a very high demanding field. I do my best to service the community. The only way to provide my community is to do so with skillful planning and making sure to optimize my resources to produce a quality product productively and efficiently.

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I am currently an existing member on the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea board that helped with the determination for numerous Certificates of Need over the last 3 years.

(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I run my own physical therapy clinic completely solo. Due to work constraints there are times that I cannot be in the monthly meetings physically. However, I have been utilizing the opportunity to call-in from my office. I am also a single mother of two girls. Their needs always come before the county council. But, I have always been able to manage all schedules without significant conflict. In certain circumstances, there have been situations where potential conflicts of interest may be present. I have always been able to find a solution. I have a great support system that allows me to make the necessary arrangements.



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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

GM 835, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Testimony of Serafin Colmenares, Jr. SHPDA Administrator

Wednesday, July 1, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Agency's Position: The State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) supports the nomination and confirmation of Dr. Malia P.L. Tallett to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

Fiscal Implications: None

Purpose and Justification: The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the SHCC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Malia P.L. Tallett.

Dr. Tallett is currently the Owner and Physical Therapist for Ke Ola Kino Physical Therapy, LLC. Dr. Tallett has worked as a Physical Therapist for over 10 years and has work experience in a variety of health care settings requiring physical therapy services that include acute care, outpatient, skilled nursing, home health, pediatrics, orthopedics, and behavioral health.

Dr. Tallett is very active in the local community as well as nationally. She is currently the Hilo High School's Girls Varsity Water Polo Coach. She also serves as a Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF) Water Polo Official as well as a First Aid Responder for local community sporting events. On the national front, she is a member, referee and coach with U.S.A. Water Polo.

1 Dr. Tallett received both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sports Sciences and a Doctor of
2 Physical Therapy from the University of the Pacific at Stockton. She is also a graduate of the
3 Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama Campus.

4 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. Malia P.L. Tallett to the Statewide
5 Health Coordinating Council.



June 26, 2020

RE: Recommendation for Malia P. L. Tallett, P.T., D.P.T.
to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Aloha Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

Please accept this letter to support the nomination of Malia P.L. Tallett, P.T., D.P.T. to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. Dr. Tallett is will be an outstanding member of this council for many reasons.

Malia Tallet is qualified to sit on this council with her strong academic background. As an alumna of the Kamehameha Schools, Class of 2001, and a certified Doctor of Physical Therapy, Malia is well educated and strives to care for the health of members of her community. Malia is also one of the youngest physical therapists on the Hawai'i Island and has a long career ahead of her.

Dr. Tallett is also an entrepreneur. She currently owns and operates Ke Ola Kino Physical Therapy in Hilo. Her business values convenience, accessibility and individualized restorative care. As a Native Hawaiian woman owned business, Dr. Tallett has a large client load and is helping improve the health and well-being of the East Hawai'i community.

Malia gives back to the community in many ways. She volunteers her time to assist with sports injuries for Keaukaha's pop warner football games. To assist with this, she volunteers her time and provides all necessary supplies to help the keiki be safe and enjoy playing football. Malia currently serves as the Head Coach of the varsity women's water polo team at Hilo High School. Over the past seven years, she has provided her players with the skills necessary to play as a competitive team, but even more importantly, the life skills and mentoring the ladies on her team need to have the confidence to do well in school and think of future life plans. As coach, her mentorship has provided the encouragement for many of her players to gain acceptance into colleges across the country. Her time in the community each day gives Malia some insight into the health needs of the local community.

In her leadership capacity, she has served for four years on the state's Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea. This has allowed her to give voice to healthcare issues in our community and advocate for positive changes. Malia Tallett is also a member of the Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce.

Malia embodies a hardworking and dedicated mother. She also desires that our communities, especially Native Hawaiians, have the necessary knowledge, skills and resources to properly take care of their health. Our community needs an advocate like Malia, so this position, on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, is the right next step in her aspirations to make a positive impact to healthcare for our state and I wholeheartedly support her nomination and kindly request that you do the same.

Mahalo nui loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirstin Kahaloe". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kirstin" and last name "Kahaloe" clearly legible.

Kirstin Kahaloe, President
Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce

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Testimony for CPH on 7/1/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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