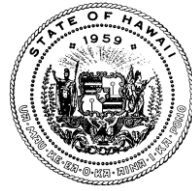


**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
OCTOBER 29, 2013
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**G.M. 10, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawaii Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee,
FRANCES LYONS**

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

Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 8:35 a.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the confirmation of Frances Lyons
2 to serve on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawaii Service Area Board (HSAB) for a term to
3 expire June 30, 2014.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this hearing is for the consideration and confirmation of
6 Gubernatorial Nominee, Frances Lyons for her initial appointment on the HSAB. Pursuant to Chapter
7 334-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes on Service Area Boards, the members of the Service Area Board
8 are service area residents who are consumers or non-providers of mental health services and service area
9 providers with a majority being non-state employees and non-providers of mental health or other health
10 services.

11 **Frances Lyons (G.M. 10)** has a Bachelors Degree in Management and is currently the grant
12 writer for the East Hawaii Cultural Center in Hilo. Ms. Lyons has a solid background in organization
13 and administrative management, where she is familiar with complex reports and spreadsheets related to

1 corporate objectives and client specific requests ensuring confidentiality of sensitive information. Her
2 ten (10) years of proven administrative skills as a project manager has enabled her to manage complex
3 tasks and adhere to detailed timelines. Ms. Lyons' knowledge and experiences in the corporate business
4 environment will assist the HSAB in determining policy and planning for the needs of consumers living
5 with mental illness.

6 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming Ms. Lyons to the HSAB in
7 the community member segment of the board.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Ms. Lyons.

Senator Josh Green
Chairman Health Committee
Senatorial District 3
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green,

I would like to thank you and the Health Committee for considering my position on the East Hawaii Service Area Board for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

I am part of the Senior Training and Employment Program in Hilo, currently assigned to the East Hawaii Cultural Center as a Grant Writer.

Although I am without the educational credentials to sit on this board, I have a strong desire to see the State of Hawaii move toward improving the services for those who suffer from Mental Health issues and Substance abuse. These issues effect all citizens in the state indirectly and directly through family members, friends or those that we walk past in our daily lives.

At present, I sit on the East Hawaii Suicide Prevention Task Force as Secretary and as a Community Resource on the Service Area Board in East Hawaii.

I am also involved with two feeding ministries, one at Mo'oheau Bandstand in downtown Hilo on Sunday afternoons and on Saturday afternoons we serve a hot lunch in Hawaiian Acres to anyone who has need.

Having seen and served those who are homeless and/or suffering from mental illness first hand, I see the need. One of the most difficult things in serving those folks, is the children that come through our line. They need someone to stand up for them and their parents. I would like to be a part of these changes as a Senate confirmed member of the Service Area Board for Mental Health and Substance Abuse in East Hawaii.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Frances Elaine Lyons.
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