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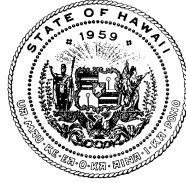
Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DANIELLE BERGAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Report Title: Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board

Current Referral: CPH

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?- With my position at Mental Health America Hawaii Maui I felt it was a good idea to be connected to the Service Area Board so I can learn and know more about what is happening in our community in regards to Mental Health. This way when people call our help line I can better direct them to services as well as stay current on what is happening in our County.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?- I have only attended three meetings and I perceive that a main role is to make things better for those in our community with Mental Health and Substance Abuse issues. We can also collaborate on what is working, what are the problems and how can we help to become part of the solution.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer? - I have always believed that knowledge is a gateway to understanding and taking action. I can better direct our callers to what is available to them in our county, I can offer support with our trainings and Brown Bag lunches for the professional, the consumers and the general public and this Board is a resource for me to get the word out about us and a way to be part of the solution.
- (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.- My strengths include being an excellent listener and communicator, having a good knowledge of working with others, individually and in alliances and that fact that I have a strong work ethic. I am also very familiar with substance abuse having 17 years in recovery myself from alcohol and drugs.
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?- I hope to become more knowledgeable in the Mental Health field as I am an average person willing to learn more about it. I hope I can use my skills to be an asset to the group in helping find solutions to our current problems.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board. I am straight forward- I do not talk in circles but I am direct and clear in my thinking process. I am empathetic- I have compassion and can translate it easily because of my own experiences and challenges in life. I sincerely believe you have to care to help. I am trustworthy. I know to keep my word and be honest with others and if I can't help someone, as difficult as it is, I let them know and work to best direct them to someone who can.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member. As previously mentioned, since we deal with substance abuse as well as mental illness I have experience as one in recovery on what it takes to get your life back together. I was clinically depressed and suicidal for years before I found sobriety. I can help others in this vain who want to be helped.
- (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 do not see any conflicts of interest at this time but I believe that sincere honest dialogue along with compromise is a way to overcome conflicts of interest.



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Testimony SUPPORTING GM0552
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DANIELLE BERGAN, for a term to expire 6-30-19.

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and
3 confirmation of Danielle Bergan to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui
4 Service Area Board (MSAB). She is a service area resident who is a non-state
5 employee, pursuant to Chapter 334-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 Ms. Bergan has been involved in sales, marketing, human resources, and non-
7 profit fundraising. She is familiar with boards having served on many boards in the
8 public and private sectors. Ms. Bergan is very passionate about mental health
9 challenges that many individuals in her community live with every day, especially
10 children's mental illness. She plans to advocate to ensure that children mental health
11 services are strengthened in Maui County and improved for the benefit of its residents.

12 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the
13 appointment of Ms. Bergan to the MSAB.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Ms. Bergan's behalf.

Date: February 27, 2018

To: Senator Roz Baker

From: Adam Coles, MD

Re: Appointment of Danielle Bergan to the State Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board

Aloha Senator Baker,

This letter is in support of the appointment of Danielle Bergan to the State Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board.

I met Danielle when she became Mental Health America's interim and later confirmed Maui Community Coordinator, as she and I sit on the Prevent Suicide Maui County Task Force. In that time I've come to know her as a passionate advocate for mental health and substance abuse treatment programs in Maui County. Danielle has been an enthusiastic and able colleague on the Task Force, contributing regularly and nearly always in attendance. I also know she is active on multiple other boards and community organizations all devoted to enriching services and support for many members of our community seeking to thrive with mental health challenges and substance abuse. She is also active in the LGBTQ+ community and we at Maui Family Guidance Center appreciate and collaborate in those efforts.

I feel Danielle is open to new ideas, challenges the status quo, has good sense of humor and strong sense of social justice and compassion. As a long-time resident of Maui, I believe she has a commitment to the local community.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Coles, MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "C".

Adam Coles, MD

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State of Hawaii Department of Health



Maui Family Support Services, Inc.

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February 26, 2018

State Mental Health & Substance Abuse
Maui Service Area Board
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am very pleased to be able to submit a letter of support for Danielle Bergan who is being nominated to the State Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board.

As the Chief Executive Officer of Maui Family Support Services, Inc. (MFSS) for almost three years now, I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Bergan as a community collaborator and trainer in the area of Mental Health. MFSS is one of the Core Partners of Ho`oikaika Partnership, a coalition of over 60 agencies and individuals in Maui County Who are committed to preventing child abuse and neglect. Ms. Bergan has been an active member of Ho`oikaika Partnership over the years where she brings her expertise on mental health, substance abuse, working with teens, and the LGBTQ population. MFSS has invited Ms. Bergan to be a resource speaker at our Staff Retreat and staff trainings where she has demonstrated her skills and knowledge on mental health with youths and the diverse populations.

As the Maui Community Coordinator of Mental Health America of Hawai` on Maui, Ms. Bergan has demonstrated her ability to work with others, individually and in coalitions. She has personal and professional familiarity with substance abuse, and she has the willingness to share her knowledge and experiences with others.

Thank you for giving this letter of support your most thoughtful consideration. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (808) 242-0900 ext. 229 or via e-mail at edeluisa@mfss.org.

Sincerely,

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