



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

October 23, 2013

Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Acting Speaker
I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report – The Executive Appointment of Mrs. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns as a Member of the Guam Board of Social Work.

Dear Speaker Cruz:

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the Confirmation Report on the **The Executive Appointment of Mrs. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns as a Member of the Guam Board of Social Work**, as was referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens. Confirmation hearing was conducted on October 17, 2013.

Committee votes are as follows:

- 9 TO CONFIRM
- 0 NOT TO CONFIRM
- 0 ABSTAIN
- 0 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- 0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Senseramente,

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Chairman

Attachments



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON

The Executive Appointment of Mrs. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns as a Member of the Guam Board of Social Work.




SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

October 23, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: ALL MEMBERS
Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens.

From: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on The Executive Appointment of Mrs. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns as a Member of the Guam Board of Social Work.

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the **Committee Report on The Executive Appointment of Mrs. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns as a Member of the Guam Board of Social Work.**

This report includes the following:

- Committee Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Narrative/Digest
- Copy of Appointment packet
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral
- Notices of Public Hearing (1st and 2nd)
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Articles (Public hearing publication of public notice)

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

Attachments



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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

On The Executive Appointment of Mrs. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns as a Member on the Guam Board of Social Work.

	SIGNATURE	TO CONFIRM	NOT TO CONFIRM	ABSTAIN	REPORT OUT ONLY	PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr. Chairman		✓ 10/23				
V. ANTHONY ADA Vice Chairman		✓ 10/23				
BENJAMIN J. F. CRUZ Vice-Speaker						
TINA ROSE MUNA-BARNES Legislative Secretary		✓				
FRANK B. AGUON, Jr. 12/23/12		✓				
VICENTE C. PANGELINAN						
RORY J. RESPICIO		✓ 10/23/13				
ALINE A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.		✓ 10/23				
THOMAS MORRISON						
MICHAEL LIMTIACO		✓ 10/23				
BRANT T. MCCREADIE		✓				
CHRISTOPHER M. DUENAS		✓ 10/23				



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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Health and Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens convened a public hearing on **Thursday, October 17 at 9am** in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room.

Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of **The Executive Appointment of Mrs. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns as a Member of the Guam Board of Social Work**, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by Governor Edward J.B. Calvo on September 27, 2013.
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on September 27, 2013;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on October 3, 2013.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via electronic-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **Thursday, October 10, 2013** (5-Day Notice), and again on **Tuesday, October 15, 2013** (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Chairperson
Senator V. Anthony Ada	Vice-Chairperson
Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.	Member
Senator Brant McCreadie	Member
Senator Christopher M. Duenas	Member
Senator Mike Limtiaco	Member

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 9:04AM.

Chairman Rodriguez: We'll start out with the executive appointment of Ms. Guadencia Burns. We have here, who have signed up to provide oral testimony is Mr. Craig W. Burns, Ms. Carmelita M.B. Calvo, Ms. Cathy Illarmo, Ms. Hope Pangelinan and Lisa. So we'll start off with them.



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Carmelita Calvo: Good morning Senators. My name is Carmelita Calvo, I am a retired United States Army Master Sergeant and a former employee of WestCare Pacific Islands under the Early Intervention and Transition Program for the veterans.

I am here today to testify in favor of the appointment of Guadencia Palomo-Burns. I've only known her for several months but I know she cares, she's compassionate and she's committed. On the village outreach that we had conducted, she's there during her off time hours to support her program in the Veterans Affairs Office. So, I think she will be a great asset to this program. Thank you.

Cathy Illarmo: Please read written testimony, attached.

Lisa Jensen: Please read written testimony, attached.

Craig Burns: Good morning Mr. Chairman, Co-Chairman, Senators. Thank you for the opportunity this morning to testify in favor of appointing Gaudencia as a Member of the new Social Work Licensing Board. In the interest of full disclosure, our last name is the same, so I have the pleasure of calling her my wife for the last 13 years. So, I've known her for a very long time. But I'm here to testify as a colleague today, and I've known her and have worked with her and aside her I am also a social worker, a licensed social worker at the Department of Veterans Affairs, I am a veteran myself. I have worked with her in different capacities as well as when we were in Hawaii. And in everything that she has done and everything that I have seen her do, in her position as a social worker, she operates with the highest ethical standards and always has the best interest of her clients, patients, consumers at the heart of everything she does and is one of the strongest advocates for her patients, her consumers and for the underserved populations.

In Hawaii she worked in the Waianae area in the Community Health Center as a social worker, and when we saw the opportunity to come to Guam, we both took that and she has immersed herself in the community in the year we have been here and has worked with different non profits and just to become, to get involved in the community here. Also, her experience in the licensing process in Hawaii, I think will make her strong advocate for the profession of social work here on Guam and a very effective member of the board. Thank you.

Amy Sue Santos: Please read written testimony, attached.

Alex Silverio: Good morning. The last time I sat here before you I was here as a candidate to be confirmed, and since then I have been confirmed. I can for the interest of identification, my name is Al Silverio, I work with the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services for the Guam office of Minority Health. And the things we do there is we remove and reduce health disparities which is one of the complex Social Worker targets here on Guam. I have attended every of the last 4 meeting of the Guam Licensure Social Work Board and a I have found it to be a fascinating process. I am proud, am glad to be on this board.

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I am also here to testify in favor of Gaudencia Palomo-Burns. I have found her to be exceedingly conscientious. She's with the Guam Non Communicable Disease Consortium and she's very active in her pursuits in social justice in social work here on Guam.

I want to also echo Amy Sue's sentiments that we need to support and your help to ensure that these folks are on board. It is a dynamic process, one that is very necessary and you will soon see the benefits of having a formalized social work licensure board here in the very near future. But we're working very, very hard, very quickly, we need your support. And I'm sure that Gaudencia will be an excellent addition to this board.

Chairman Rodriguez: We will now turn over to the appointee Ms. Gaudencia. First of all, I want to congratulate you on your appointment. We are able to work closely together, you are the person in charge of the Medical Foster Care Program at the Veterans Office, and so we know, it was last year when you came and did your presentation here in the legislature, and since then we have been working closely with you, my office has been working closely with you and we feel that you are very qualified to be in this position, so you have my full support.

Gaudencia Palomo-Burns: Thank you. Good morning, thank you for accepting my paperwork. I have to say I'm very nervous and I'm very glad to be here, also just hearing the support from my co-workers and my husband which I have never heard him talk about me like that, so, that was, that really touched my heart, so, I totally appreciate his support. You never know what they're thinking behind, but...

When I was approached by the Office of the Governor to become part of this board, I was... One of the things you need to know about me is, I was like sure, why not, let me see what I can do. And that's what I did, and I'm glad that they approached me and that they asked to be here because I want to help out, and that is who I am. I want to help and support the profession of social work. I also want to keep ties with all the social workers here on Guam, so I'm very glad to be here. Thank you.

Chairman Rodriguez: Thank you very much. Mr. Vice Chair?

Senator Tony Ada: Thank you Mr. Chair. Good morning and I just want to thank you for taking this position on the board. I think its important that we get this board filled and start moving along so that we would be able to achieve the goals that they seek out to do. I would like to thank you for accepting the Govenor's call to serve on the board and your husband for coming up to testify in favor of your being on this board and that's always important to have the support of your family, your kids. Once you have the support of him, everything else is downhill from there and welcome aboard and you have my vote for your confirmation.

Gaudencia Palomo-Burns: Thank you Senator Ada.

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Senator McCreadie: Thank you Mr. Chairman and thank you for being here. I know you're nervous and I can tell you something, everybody up here, when they speak, they get nervous. And that's a good thing. But your nervousness is a good thing in the fact that you are actually here and you're doing this and you're not afraid to step up and lead, so I thank you for accepting the nomination from or the appointment from the Governor and I'm sure from the testimony today and from the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, I think you will get full support from this body and you have my full support. Thank you very much.

Senator Aguon: Thank you very much Mr. Chairman and good morning. First and foremost, congratulations on your appointment by the Chief Executive, and more importantly, thank you very much for accepting the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity. I think it's always wonderful when I see individuals when they want to extend themselves above and beyond their work environment, their familial environment, but most importantly their community family, so thank you very much in regards to that.

Perhaps you didn't hear, this is in defense of a fellow veteran, but perhaps you have not heard publicly, your husband says some very good things about you, but I'm sure you have heard it privately on many occasions. And finally, let me close with this Mr. Chairman, I've had the opportunity to be able to discuss some issues with regards to veterans, just in the last year, with Ms Gaudencia Palomo, and I just want to assure the community of Guam that not only does she provide some excellent service to our veterans in need and that her credentials speak for themselves, but just as importantly, thank you for recognizing and servicing our veterans here on Guam, because certainly, with the impending of our Guardsmen, there's been an estimated anywhere from 10 to 13% of our men and women who return from combat zones, that they may need additional assistance, above and beyond, once they return and hopefully you will be able to continue to extend your service in that regard. But thank you very much again, for your support to our community and as a supporter of veterans obviously, enough said in terms of having my support. Thank you, thank you Mr. Chair.

Senator Limtiaco: Thank you Mr. Chair. Mrs. Burns, thank you very much for accepting the request to publicly serve on the board. We can tell by the testimony and especially your resume, that you have more than the requisite experience to make a great contributing member to the board and you have my full support.

Gaudencia Palomo-Burns: Thank you.

Senator Duenas: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I join the chorus of folks on congratulating you on stepping up to the plate and also, while I expect and even though you mentioned it's unexpected for your husband to say wonderful things about you, and he did, you also have a number of members of the community who stepped forward who are also well respected, so having those folks coming forward for you, is really a testament of what your service will bring to this board.

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First of all, what I want to say is that because of your studies at Western Michigan University, you have my vote. My other half of my life was in Grand Rapids, Michigan, so I always root for Michiganders, so. And in looking over your resume, it really is very impressive, and in closing, in terms of your nomination, what really, first of all I was the director of the Department of Youth Affairs for almost 7 years and I don't, in a lot of careers, people say how do you do it, I don't know how social workers do it. They are amazing people. And they deal with so much in the community that I don't even know how they keep the home front. Taking care because its so taxing, so I'm so proud to have someone like you step forward and take this as an additional duty, but also to bring, in looking over your resume, also to bring a different perspective and that's why I congratulate the administration for really looking outside the cadre of people that we have here, because I know you know we have great social workers here, excellent social workers. And to have, reading through your resume, your extensive experience off of Guam, I think, especially for licensure, it's really going to bring an added perspective. So I thank the administration and thank you for accepting, and I know your plate is full but, thanks for accepting I look forward to voting on the affirmative on your nomination. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Gaudencia Palomo-Burns: Thank you.

Chairman Rodriguez: Thank you very much for taking up the call and we look forward to moving your confirmation through the legislative process. Thank you very much for coming. Amy Sue, thank you and to all the social workers and the others for taking time out to be here this morning.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Health and Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens hereby reports on the **Executive Appointment of Mrs. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns as a Member of the Guam Board of Social Work** with the recommendation to CONFIRM.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO
Governor



RAY TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

Office of the Governor of Guam

SEP 27 2013

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Date: 9/27/13
Received by: [Signature]

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Board Appointment

Dear Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the local laws applicable to the following position, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents for:

APPOINTEE: Gaudencia Palomo-Burns, LSW
POSITION: Member, Guam Board of Social Work
TERM LENGTH: Three (3) years
TERM SERVED: December 26, 2012 to December 25, 2015

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The appointment is subject to the consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Senseramente,

[Signature]
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Governor



RAY TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

Office of the Governor of Guam

SEP 27 2013

Ms. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns, LSW
P.O. Box 5484
Hagatna, Guam 96910

RE: Board Appointment

Dear Ms. Palomo-Burns:

Thank you for your commitment to serve the people of Guam. The Calvo Tenorio administration is facing unprecedented challenges, both near and long-term. The task ahead of us will require the collective efforts of the best minds who will have the courage to make tough decisions for the good of all our people. I hereby appoint you to serve in the Calvo Tenorio administration for the remainder of the unexpired term indicated below as:

Member, Guam Board of Social Work
Length of term: Three (3) years
Term served: December 26, 2012 to December 25, 2015

This appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please contact the Office of the Governor at 472-8931 for further processing.

Senseramente,



EDDIE BAZA CALVO



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GUAM

Boards & Commissions Nomination Information

The following information is required for submission to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103.5 and Section 13104.1:

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name	Palomo-Burns	First	Gaudencia	M.I.	Date	09/04/13
Address	[REDACTED]			Apartment/Unit #		
City	[REDACTED]	State	[REDACTED]	ZIP	[REDACTED]	
Phone	[REDACTED]	E-mail Address	[REDACTED]			

Position to which Appointment is Made **Social Work Licensing Board**

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? YES NO

EDUCATION

High School	Weslaco High School	City/State	Weslaco, Texas
From	1992 To 1996	Did you graduate?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Degree
College	Western Michigan University	City/State	Kalamazoo, Michigan
From	1996 To 2001	Did you graduate?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Degree BA/BS

EDUCATION

Graduate School	University Of Hawaii at Manoa	City/State	Honolulu, Hawaii		
From	2004	To	2007	Did you graduate?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Degree MSW
Other Degree	N/A			City/State	
From		To		Did you graduate?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Degree

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

(1) Present Employer	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	Position	Medical Foster Home Social Worker		
Address	498 Chalan Palasyo Agana Heights, GU	Dates Held	September 09, 2012-Present		
(2) Previous Employer	APS Healthcare, Inc	Position	Social worker		
Address	44 South Broadway - Suite 1200 White Plains, NY 10601	Dates Held	Jun-Aug 2012		
(3) Previous Employer	Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center	Position	Adult Medicine Service Coordinator		
Address	86-260 Farrington Hwy, Waianae, HI 96792	Dates Held	June 2011-May 2012		
(4) Previous Employer	Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center	Position	Social Worker		
Address	86-260 Farrington Hwy, Waianae, HI 96792	Dates Held	Jan 2009 -June 2011		
(5) Previous Employer	North Shore Mental Health	Position	Case Manager		
Address	302 California Ave Suite 212, Wahiwa, HI 96786	Dates Held	Jan-Dec 2008		

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency	N/A	Phone	N/A		
Address	N/A				
Job Title	N/A	From:	N/A	To:	N/A

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency N/A Phone N/A

Address N/A

Job Title N/A From: N/A To N/A

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

Agency N/A Phone N/A

Address N/A

Job Title N/A From: N/A To N/A

Agency N/A Phone N/A

Address N/A

Job Title N/A From: N/A To N/A

TRAINING

Institute/Seminars/On-the-Job Training:	Date
Core Palliative Care training	2013
Ethics training	2012
Cultural Competence	2012
Motivational Interview, Diabetes Education/training	2011
Emergency Disaster Preparedness, ASSIST, Providers Homeless Summit	2011

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:

Pohai Ke Aloha Award at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center

Star of the Month at Community Catalysts of California.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level, list organization, activities participated in, offices held:

none at time of application

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities, participated in, offices held

FSM Community Care board member January 2013-present

WCCHC Womens Health Fair 2010

Car Seat events 2009/2010/2011

Toys for Tots 2009 &20111

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:

none at time of application

MILITARY SERVICE (PLEASE ATTACH FORM DD-214)

Branch	N/A	From	To
Rank at Discharge	N/A	Type of Discharge	N/A

OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

YES

NO

If so, please specify in detail:

Address of the court: N/A

Date of Conviction: N/A

Specific infraction committed: N/A

(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?

YES

NO

If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

N/A

(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?

YES

NO

(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?

YES

NO

If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

N/A



Statement of Financial Interests

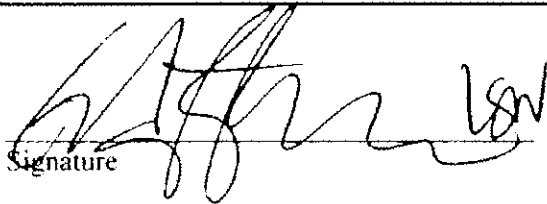
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TO: Governor Eddie Baza Calvo
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM: Gaudencia Palomo-Burns

- I have no financial interest in any business
- I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

Name and address of business interest:	Type and amount of interest
N/A	N/A
	N/A
	N/A
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Signature

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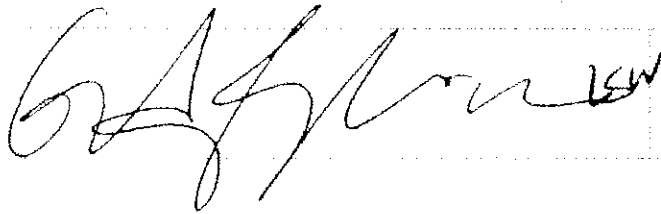
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AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

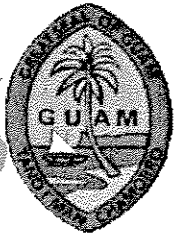
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. A. ...", written over a dotted line.

Date

09/09/13



**Government of Guam
 GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
 RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION
 P.O. Box 23909
 Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921**



September 9, 2013

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Gaudencia PALOMO-BURNS		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT #:	None
[REDACTED]	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in GPD files that are subject to Guam law and rules and regulations of the Department.		

*****NOTHING FOLLOWS*****

THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THIS CLEARANCE DOES NOT REFLECT ARREST(S) PENDING ADJUDICATION.

By Direction: katm

**FRED E. BORDALLO, JR.
 CHIEF OF POLICE**

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RICHARD B. MARTINEZ
Clerk of Courts

Name: GAUDENCIA PALOMO-BURNS

SS#: ID# GDL [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

Criminal Cases:

Civil Cases:

A. No Case Found.

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B. 1. Criminal Case No.

B. 1. Civil Case No.

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Dated: 09/09/2013

RICHARD B. MARTINEZ
Clerk of Courts

BY: 
FRANCES A.P. FERNANDEZ
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: fapf



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Gaudencia Palomo-Burns, MSW, LSW



Summary of Qualifications:

- Current Social Work License (LSW-1871) in state of Hawaii
- Six years post-graduate experience working with high-risk, homeless, and severely mentally ill individuals of all ages in community and health center environments and conducting outreach activities, individually and as part of a team.
- Ability to work independently, demonstrate sound judgment under stress and adapt to changing environments.

Education

2004-2007 University of Hawaii, Master's of Social Work
1996-2002 Western Michigan University; BS, Family Studies; BA, Spanish

Work History

Medical Foster Home Social Worker, VA Pacific Islands Health Care System

September 2012 to present

- Medical Foster Home Social Worker responsible for program development, recruitment and development of community medical foster homes. This includes recruiting foster home sponsors, assessing their capacity for care, coordinating fire and safety inspections, training and orienting new foster home sponsors on the impact of chronic illness and the resources available to them and the veterans through the Home Based Primary Care Program.
- Responsible for continuous performance improvement of the MFH Program and marketing the model of care to community groups and agencies to promote the program. Responsible for completing initial and ongoing psychosocial assessments of chronically ill, highly disabled veterans and their families/caregivers in their place of residence, direct treatment of these veterans and caregivers, end of life issues, and problems related to continuing care in a residential vs. institutional setting.
- Responsible for independent clinical decision-making, counseling, and prompt response to caregiving, financial, and end of life crises. Assesses at-risk factors and develops an initial treatment plan in collaboration with the interdisciplinary team.

Adult Medicine Service Coordinator, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center

June 2011-June 2012

- Provide case management services and services coordination to Health Center adult patients. Services include mental health, substance abuse, and domestic violence screenings, crisis intervention, psychosocial assessments, and supportive counseling. Additional responsibilities include referral/linkage to services, arranging appointments, follow-up services, advocacy, and collaboration with health insurance and human service agencies.
- Work as part of a multi-disciplinary Adult Medicine Care Team to identify resolutions to problems affecting patient care.

Social Worker/Case Manager, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center

January 2009- June 2011

- Provide outreach services from the Homeless Mobile Van to the Waianae Coast homeless population, including screening, intake, referrals and provision of basic needs, advocacy, referrals to appropriate services, family and lifestyle counseling, crisis intervention, and supportive counseling to patients while maintaining an awareness of and respect for the individual's cultural context.
- Provide specialized case management services to Health Center patients of all ages and to homeless individuals and families. Services include mental health, substance abuse, and domestic

violence screenings, crisis intervention, psychosocial assessments, and supportive counseling. Additional responsibilities include screening to determine eligibility, facilitating access to housing, food, clothing, and other basic needs, as well as referral/linkage to services, arranging appointments and referrals, follow-up services, advocacy, and participating in resolution of problems affecting patient care.

Case Manager, North Shore Mental Health, Wahiawa, HI. February 2008-December 2008

- Provide Community-Based Case Management services to individuals with a diagnosis of severe mental illness.
- Linked consumers to appropriate community resources, developed/implemented treatment plans, conducted assessments, discharge planning, provided crisis intervention and support while understanding and respecting the multiple factors in the individual's environment that can impact provision of services.
- Worked and provided input as part of a multi-disciplinary treatment team to provide comprehensive services that addressed the various aspects of the individual in treatment.

Behavioral Instructional Support Services/Instructional Consultant:

The Institute for Family Enrichment, Honolulu, HI January 2008-September 2008

- Developed and implemented programs for children 0-12 years old with a diagnosis of Autism.
- Followed Department of Health and Department of Education guidelines.
- Provided support and training to parents and skills trainers.

Skills Trainer, The Institute for Family Enrichment, Honolulu, HI November 2005- January 2008

- Provided one-on-one in-home service to children from 0-3 years old with a diagnosis of Autism.
- Followed Department of Health guidelines and treatment implementation. Home- and community-based services provided to develop communication, safety, social interaction and fine motor skills.

Counselor, Po'ailani, Inc, Kailua, HI July 2007- January 2008

- Provided support, supervision, crisis intervention and substance abuse psychological rehabilitation services to dually diagnosed consumers.
- Responsible for planning, organizing and implementing a variety of groups and individual counseling sessions, identification and development of client goals and objectives, development of Master Treatment Plans and discharge planning.
- Identification/development of client goals and objectives, facilitation of psycho-educational and relapse prevention groups and documentation of services/interventions provided.
- Completion of authorizations to designated funding sources and progress notes to client treatment team (probation officer, case managers, etc.)
- Evaluation of client progress in order to transition to lower levels of care.

Family Assessment Specialist, Child and Family Services, Ewa Beach, HI

March 2004 – September 2005

- Early Identification ----Completed screening and assessments of parents of newborns to identify risk factors for child abuse, neglect and other needs of the family and newborn child.
- Linked parents to community resources, which required an intimate knowledge and understanding of available resources and programs, including developing relationships with key individuals within the organizations providing services.

Case Manager, Institute for Human Service, Inc., Honolulu, HI October 2003 – February 2004

- Developed and implemented treatment plans for referred homeless males residing at the shelter.
- Provided crisis intervention, coping skills, counseling, advocacy and discharge planning for guests.
- Linked guests to relevant services in the community and provided follow-up to determine effectiveness of services.

Case Worker QMHP, El Camino Real MHMR, Jourdanon, TX November 2002 – August 2003

- Provided skills training to children ages 6 to 18 years old diagnosed with a mental health issue.
- Skills training consisted of teaching effective ways of coping with their symptoms.
- Responded to crises and communicated effectively with parents and schools as a support to the diagnosed child.

Case Manager, Community Catalysts of California, Monterey, CA May 2001 – October 2002

- Supervised up to six employees providing services to developmentally-delayed adults.
- Worked as a team leader to provide direct consumer services to developmentally-delayed adults.
- Prescribed, implemented and supervised individual training and support programs and participated in hiring, training and evaluating para-professional staff.
- Communicated with consumers' families to provide support to the developmentally-delayed adult.
- Oversaw Independent and Supported Living Programs, coordinated all services needed to meet the consumer's needs, including working with appropriate government agencies and social service organizations.

Practicum

Social Work Intern, National Center for PTSD, Veterans Affairs, Honolulu, HI

September 2006- May 2007

- Provided individual therapy to US veterans with a diagnosis of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Substance Abuse.
- Facilitated group sessions with consumers who were dually diagnosed. Additionally, facilitated group sessions on symptom management with consumers diagnosed with PTSD.
- Attended interdisciplinary training didactics and individual and group supervision.
- Conducted biopsychosocial assessments, developed treatment plans, and maintained required documentation.

Social Work Intern, Pulama I Ke Ola Project, Hawaii State Hospital, in collaboration with Queen's Day Treatment Services, Kaneohe, HI

September 2005- May 2006

- Facilitated group sessions for dually-diagnosed consumers in substance abuse and mental health education.
- Provided individual education related to consumer's mental health diagnosis (for example, depression) and relapse prevention.
- Participated in weekly seminars related to community services and mental health information.

Volunteer activities:

Family Readiness Group Leader, A Co, 229MI Bn, DLI/Presidio of Monterey, CA

May 2001-July 2002

- Organized fundraisers, special events and meetings to improve morale and provide support for military members and families.

Special Olympics.

- Volunteered to work with developmentally-delayed adolescents participating in the 2000 Special Olympics program.

Case Worker and Disaster Action Team Member, American Red Cross, Kalamazoo, MI

March 1999 – December 1999

Advisor, Alternative Spring Break. Community-based programs for college students. March 1997, 1998
DJ, WMUK, Alma Latina radio program. Selected music and hosted an hour-long weekly program in Spanish. 1996-1998



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<i>None follows</i>								

Catherine Nelson Illarmo, LCSW
153 Dama de Noche Lane
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Hafa Adai,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Ms. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns' appointment to the newly created Guam Social Work Board. Since her arrival on Guam a year ago she has been active in establishing the Medical Foster Home for our Veterans with advanced medical conditions as well as assisting in the VA's Community Nursing Health program. Her commitment to the Social Work profession and our Veterans is underscored by her involvement in various community events. Her professionalism, Social Work training and her experience with the licensure process will hold her in good stead as a contributing Board member.

In closing, I wish to thank this body for your continued support of the profession of Social Work and the various social services programs that advocate for a safe and healthy community.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase.


Cathy

Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.
176 Serenu Avenue Suite 107
Tamuning, Guam 96931

RE: The executive appointment of Ms. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns, LSW as member of the Guam Board of Social Work.

Dear Chairman Rodriguez,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Ms. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns, LSW, to the Guam Board of Social Work. Ms. Palomo-Burns serves on the board of directors of the FSM Church Leaders Association, and is an active member of the Guam social work community. She has volunteered to take the lead this year as FSM Church Leaders raises money to benefit the Angel Tree Network. Children of incarcerated parents receive Christmas gifts as a result of Angel Tree efforts.

Her work with the Veterans Administration places aging vets in medical foster homes. She is a woman of very high personal, moral, and ethical standards. Ms. Palomo-Burns is a shining example of social work principles in action, and she will be an asset to the Board of Social Work. I recommend her without reservation. With my best regards,



Lisa Contreras Jensen, MEd.



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October 16, 2013

Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.
Chairman
176 Serenu Avenue Suite 107 Tamuning, Guam 96931

Dear Senator Rodriguez:

My name is Amy Sue B. Santos and I am the current President of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Guam Chapter. My testimony today is in support of the confirmation for Ms. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns, LSW for the Guam Social Work Board.

Ms. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns is a licensed social worker in Hawaii and is dedicated to enhance the social work profession on Guam. She currently works with Veterans Affairs on Guam and she has supported the Guam Chapter since her arrival and continues to support the mission of social work.

It is extremely important that it is understood that Guam is one of the only jurisdictions that have opened up social work licensure to individuals in other disciplines that have been working in the capacity of a social worker according to their duties. Due to the uniqueness of Guam and that we are the last jurisdiction of the United States and all its territories to seek licensure for the profession, it is imperative that we get this board appointed and confirmed as soon as possible to not have a lapse in the 18 month time period. Once this time period has ended, the Guam Social Work Board will be similar to the rest of the nation and will have to become a member of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) who regulates the licensure exams. It is also important to note that individuals after this 18 month period will no longer be able to be "grandfathered" in and license will only be given based on the exams. It is also very significant to note that the only individuals that can take these exams are graduates of CSWE (Council on Social Work Education) social work programs.

NASW-Guam Chapter is dedicated to working with the administration and the legislature to continue this forward momentum and ensuring that the individuals that are appointed and confirmed are eligible to be on this board based on the guidelines in set forth in PL 31-250.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 482-6157 or our NASW Guam Chapter office at 747-7948, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support of the Social Work profession and we look forward to working with you and your staff to protect our consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Santos", written in a cursive style.

Amy Sue B. Santos, MSW
President



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MEMORANDUM

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

From: **Senator Rory J. Respicio**
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: **Referral of Appointment**

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of the following appointment:

Appointee: **Gaudencia Palomo-Burns, LSW**
Position: **Member, Guam Board of Social Work**

For a copy of Ms. Palomo-Burns's appointment packet, please visit the Guam Legislature's website at www.guamlegislature.com. Under the "Reports" menu select the "Messages & Communications" option and refer to:

"Doc. 32GL-13-816: Governor's message transmitting the appointment of Ms. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns, LSW to serve as a Member, Guam Board of Social Work."

Please ensure that the subject appointment is referred, in my name, to **Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on Health & Human Services, Health Insurance Reform, Economic Development, and Senior Citizens**. I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

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Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 4:13 PM

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SENATORS

FROM: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

SUBJECT: AMENDED FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION-
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I look forward to your presence and participation.

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Si Yu'os Ma'ãse',
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**PRESS RELEASE
FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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In accordance with the Open Government Law, Public Law 24-109, relative to notice for Public Meetings. Please be advised that the Committee on Health & Human Services, Insurance Reform, Economic Development and Senior Citizens will be conducting a Public Hearing and Roundtable Discussion on Thursday, October 17, 2013 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room in Hagåtña, on the following:

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Testimony should be addressed to Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr., Chairman, and may be submitted via-hand delivery to our office at 176 Serenu Avenue Suite 107 Tamuning, Guam 96931 or our mailbox at the Main Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910, or via email to senatordrodriguez@gmail.com.

We comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals who require an auxiliary aid or service (i.e. qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, large print, etc.) for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program service, or activity of Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr. should contact our office at 649-8638 (TODU) as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before this scheduled event. We look forward to your attendance and participation.

For further information, please contact the Office of Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr. at 649-8638 (TODU).

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SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-Oct. 17, 2013

Message

Amanda Shelton <amanda@toduguam.com>

Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 10:03 AM

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AGENDA

Thursday, October 17, 2013

9am / 2pm

Public Hearing Room, *I Liheslatura*

I. Call to Order

II. Items public consideration:

9am

- The executive appointment of Ms. Gaudencia Palomo-Burns, LSW, as a member of the Guam Board of Social Work.
- Bill No. 205-32 (COR)- An act to promote economic development by authorizing the issuance of tax credits to entities who assist with the development of Guam's agricultural and "Guam Product Seal" products export initiative through contributions to offset shipping costs, by adding a new Article 6 to Chapter 77, Division 2 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated. Introduced by Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Sen. Brant McCreadie, Sen. Rory J. Respicio.

2pm

- Informational round table discussion with the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center regarding substance abuse treatment services on Guam.

III. Adjournment

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Si Yu'os Ma'ãse' for your participation in today's hearings and discussions!