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Guam EHDH 1st Quarterly Advisory Meeting
Phase V, Year I
June 8, 2015
Lotte Hotel Guam

Guam EHDH Advisory Members Present:

Kim Aeillo	Patricia Mantanona
LeeAnn Barcinas, PhD	Joseph Mendiola
Ann Marie Cruz	Avelina "Bing" Opena
Joyce Flores	Ruth Sabangan
Brigitte Flores-Lobo	Doris Manglona
Alan Funtanilla	Rhoda Orallo
Margarita Gay	Heidi San Nicolas
Ma Victoria Guiao	Trisha Suzuki
Renee Koffend	Rufes Beverly
Glenda Leon Guerrero	Clarence Alfonso
Lina Leon Guerrero	

Members Absent:

Ben Numpang, PhD	Patrielle Johnson
Christine Cubelo	Paula Ulloa
David Zieber	Robert Leon Guerrero, PhD
Edmund Cruz	Rosanna Hartley
Fancine Camacho	Seth Garcia
James Frisby	Sherry Cruz
Katherine Eay	Valerie Meno

Guam EHDH Staff Members Present

Elaine Eclavea	Sherry Guerrero
Jeffrey Pinaula	Terrie Fejarang
Joseph Mendiola	Terry Naputi
Sean Lizama	

Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order, Introduction, & Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Joyce Flores called the meeting to order at 11:45am.
- Present members identified themselves and their affiliation.
- Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Rikohi: AIMS

- Elaine Eclavea: Introduced briefly the pioneers of Guam EHDH and also introduced Terrie Fejarang as the new Guam EHDH Coordinator.



- Elaine Eclavea also talked about the different transitions happening within Guam EHDH and the items in the agenda.
 - New Guam EHDH goals will now be called “Aims” and objectives will be call “Sub-Aims.”
 - Data from the births sites were presented and advisory members will also be given updates on the quality improvement process for this new grant and have an opportunity to provide feedback.
1. **AIM 1:** By March 31, 2017, Project Rikohi with participating birth site screeners will utilize specifically targeted and measurable interventions that are culturally and linguistically competent such as quality improvement methodologies in reducing the number of infants LTF/D who have not passed a newborn hearing screening examination prior to discharge from a birthing site to 1% or less.
 - Guam Memorial Hospital Authority’s (GMHA) and Sagua Managu Birthing Center’s (SMBC) initial hearing screening data were reported on by respective representative for the reporting period from October 2014 to December 2014. Total rate for both sites by month October 2014: 100% births screened, 4% referred for outpatient rescreen; November 2014: 99% screened, 6% referred; December: 97% screened, 4% referred for outpatient rescreen.
 - Objective of AIM reiterated: To reduce the LTF/D of babies returning for an outpatient rescreen.
 - Elaine Eclavea summarized the efforts and challenges in working with Naval Hospital to report their data.
 - Elaine Eclavea summarized the areas this work group will work on and the effort to ensure culturally linguistic competency (CLC).
 2. **AIM 2:** By March 31, 2017, Project Rikohi with participating birth site screeners and early intervention staff will utilize specifically targeted and measurable interventions that are culturally and linguistically competent such as quality improvement methodologies in reducing the number of infants LTF/D currently at 6% who did not pass the outpatient hearing screening by one month of age to 4% or less.
 - Pat Mantanona reported on outpatient rescreen data for the same time period October 2014 - December 2014. During this time period there were three (3) total that were Lost to Follow-Up (LTF). The GEIS referral was terminated due to parents being non-responsive to letters sent out, efforts were made to physical locate them and through phone calls.
 - Elaine Eclavea summarized the areas this work group will focus on and the new category being used by CDC called “unresponsive” and to ensure CLC.
 - Sagua Managu all babies referred for outpatient rescreen were screened for this time period.
 - Elaine Eclavea mentioned that this work group will also take a look at the process for GMHA to facilitate outpatient rescreens at the hospital.
 - Other considerations for the work group is to look at sustainability for the Universal Hearing process and to look at a Hearing Screening Coordinator for the birthing sites.



3. **AIM 3:** By March 31, 2017, Project Rikohi with early intervention staff will continue to utilize specifically targeted and measurable interventions that are culturally and linguistically competent such as quality improvement methodologies in reducing the number of infants LTF/D for diagnostic audiological evaluation (DAE) by 3 months of age from the aggregate 16% from 2011 to 2014 to 8% or less.
 - Pat Mantanona reported on DAE for the same time period. Total referred for DAE six (6), and all six (6) did receive a DAE by three (3) months of age, out of the six (6), two (2) were with a hearing loss.
 - Pat Mantanona also reported that Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS) no longer has an audiologist on staff to perform DAEs but GEIS is working with families closely if a DAE is needed by either using their insurance or using the payor of last resort procedures, to seek a DAE in the private sector.
 - Discussion about how to address the issue to hire a new audiologist for GEIS and strategies to help families get a DAE.
 - Elaine Eclavea

 4. **AIM 4:** By March 31, 2017, Project Rikohi, with the medical home and early intervention staff, will continue to utilize specifically targeted and measurable interventions that are culturally and linguistically competent in reducing the number of infants LTF/D who have high risk factors for late onset and progressive hearing loss who fail to return for rescreen by six months of age from the current level of 20% to 10% or less.
 - Pat Mantanona reported on data for this AIM for the same time period. October 2014: 11 needed high risk rescreen, 8 were screened, 1 is pending, and 2 refused services. November 2014: 10 needed high risk rescreen, 9 were screened, and 1 was no response. December 2014: 12 needed high risk rescreen, 4 were screened, 4 refused services (1 stated that there was no history of hearing loss in the family).
 - Elaine Eclavea discussed the work this work group will look at including cultural/language barriers and how the information is presented to the families and what are some strategies that can be used.

 5. **AIM 5:** By March 31, 2017, Project Rikohi with early intervention staff will continue to identify and utilize specifically targeted interventions such as CLC QI methodologies to ensure Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) are in place by six months of age for 100% of infant's identified with persistent and permanent hearing loss.
 - Elaine Eclavea summarized the previous efforts to train language interpreters about Guam EHDH and other strategies used for this AIM.
 - Pat Mantanona reported data for this AIM for the same time period. Pat Mantanona reported that the 2 that needed hearing loss for this reporting period were terminated due both families moving off-island.
- III. Open Discussion**
- Elaine Eclavea discussed the previous efforts in using the Model For Improvement (MFI) process to address the previous goals and objectives in the previous grant cycle and how



the MFI process will be used to meet the objectives for the new Aims for this current grant cycle.

- Quality Improvement teams will look at the data and figure out what needs to be accomplished and how will we know if change has resulted in improvements.
- A brief orientation on the Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) process was given and how it is driven by data and how CLC is embedded in all the different sections.
- Guam EHD will continue to do trainings, participate in outreaches, presentations to pre-natal classes and produce public awareness information. Members were also asked to give feedback.
- Sean Lizama talked about the Guam Early Childhood Informational DVD that was created by Guam EHD and will be distributed to clinics to be played in their lobby/waiting area.
- Terrie Fejarang shared information about a new opportunity with San Jose State University to fund graduate students in their Speech Language Pathology program. Twenty (20) slots will be funded throughout the region. Discussion on the requirements and process to be eligible for this program.
- Terrie Fejarang and Joe Mendiola shared information and their experience about Guam's participation in the National Transition Summit sponsored by PEPNET in May 2015.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.