



Guam EHDH 2nd Quarterly Advisory Meeting
 Phase IV, Year II
 March 17, 2014
 Marriott Resort and Spa

Members Present

Mrs. Bridgette Flores-Lobo
 Dr. Robert Leon Guerrero
 Mrs. Joyce Flores
 Ms. Ruth Sabangan
 Mrs. Pat Mantanona
 Mrs. Trisha Suzuki
 Ms. Valerie Meno
 Ms. Lina Leon Guerrero
 Mrs. Ma. Victoria Guiao
 Mrs. Avelina Opena
 Ms. Margarita Gay
 Ms. Sherry Cruz
 Ms. Cora Raz
 Mr. John Eustaquio
 Dr. LeeAnn Barcinas
 Mr. Edmund Cruz

Members Absent

Mrs. Ann Marie Cruz
 Lt. Seth Garcia
 Mr. David Zieber
 Mrs. Cathy Tydingco

Guam EHDH Staff Members Present

Mrs. Elaine Eclavea
 Dr. Margaret Blaz
 Ms. Ruth Leon Guerrero
 Mr. Joseph J. Mendiola (JJ)
 Mrs. Vicky Ritter
 Mr. Sean Lizama

Guests

Mr. Norlan Ocampo, Student Nurse

Meeting Notes

Meeting was called to order by Ms. Margarita Gay at 11:55 a.m.

1. Introductions were made, meeting outcomes were reviewed, and approval of the minutes for December 3, 2012 and December 5, 2013 were approved.
2. Mrs. Eclavea reviewed the Project Rikohi goals.
3. **Goal 1:** To reduce loss to follow-up (LFU) at 1, 3, and 6 months of age by 50% or better of the current rates.
 - *Objective at Initial Screening: To maintain initial hearing screening at 99% benchmark or better prior to discharge or 1 month of age as mandated in local Guam law P.L. 27-150 and maintain LFU for initial screening prior to discharge, at less than 1%.*

- Mrs. Avelina Opena and Ms. Lina Leon Guerrero reported on Guam Memorial Hospital Authority's (GMHA) and Sagua Managu Birthing Center's (SMBC), initial hearing screening data from October to December 2013. The combined total screening rate for GMHA and SMBC is 96%, and a Failed Initial Screening (FIS) rate of 6%.
- *Objective at Outpatient Rescreen: At outpatient rescreen, reduce LFU rates from an average of 13% to 6.5% or less.*
 - Mrs. Pat Mantanona reported on outpatient rescreen data for the same time period. The average LFU rate for the quarter was 9%, an improvement of 1% from last quarter.
 - Mr. JJ Mendiola reported SMBC again had no infants Lost to Follow-up (LFU) for Rescreen for this reporting period.
- *Objective at Diagnostic Audiological Evaluation (DAE): To reduce the LFU for DAE by 3 months of age, from 6% to less than 1%.*
 - Mrs. Mantanona reported that no infants were LFU for DAE. Of the two babies noted as "pending completion of DAE", one did not show up for their DAE appointment, and the other infant has an appointment for DAE this month.
- *Objective at Early Intervention: To continue to monitor enrollment of infants with hearing loss to ensure early intervention services by 6 months of age and to continue to maintain LFU for early intervention at less than 1%.*
 - Mrs. Mantanona reported that for this reporting period, 3 children had an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) in place by 6 months of age and 2 families refused services and had no IFSP completed.
 - Mrs. Eclavea asked if those families that had refused Early Intervention services were referred back to the child's MD for continued follow-up. Mrs. Mantanona responded that she will check on this. ***This could be a new strategy for all families that refuse GEIS (Guam Early Intervention System) services.***
 - ***Recommendation to GEIS:*** Ms. Cora Raz recommended that GEIS ask parents who refuse GEIS services to visit the Deaf and Hard of Hearing classroom.
- *Objective at High Risk: To reduce the LFU for infants with high-risk factors from an average of 32% to 16% or less.*
 - Mrs. Mantanona reported that the average high risk LFU rate for this reporting period is 5%, which is markedly below the goal set for Guam's high risk population! Additionally, Mrs. Mantanona added that there are no more Check Me Out Fairs being held.
 - ***New strategy:*** Flag physicians when a child has risk factors.

1. **Goal 2:** Using the National Initiative on Child Health Quality (NICHQ) Learning Collaboratives, identify within the Guam EHDI system where infants and families are getting "loss" and to implement any culturally appropriate programmatic changes, small or large, that will prevent LFU from happening.

- Mrs. Eclavea discussed the Model for Improvement (MFI) Area of Focus that is planned in collaboration from Southern Region Community Health Center, as well as the potential to reconvene the old Area of Focus with GEIS. Ms. Mantanona added that with the recent move of GEIS to another building in Tiyan, their phone system is still in flux, internet access is minimal, and contact by email is the main method of contact right now.

2. Goal 4: To develop, implement and track those planned or systematic measures necessary to provide confidence that Guam EHDI services satisfy requirements for high quality assurances.
 - Mrs. Eclavea shared the proposed action steps and needs derived from the results of the physician's survey conducted to assess training needs of physicians as well as determine what strengths/weaknesses have developed regarding universal newborn hearing screening.
 - Comments regarding the proposed inpatient survey of mothers whose infants received a hearing screening:
 - Because we are doing well in the initial hearing screening rates, maybe we should survey those areas where we aren't doing so well first, rather than conducting a survey in an area where we consistently meet the goals set by the grant.
 - Continue with the inpatient survey for mothers, but switch the focus of the parent survey by asking parents such questions as:
 - What topics were discussed during their prenatal visits?
 - How many moms know about GEIS?
 - Did the moms know that hearing screening is available for all newborns?
 - Include a question about what made the parent come for their child's hearing screening appointment.
 - The next survey to be conducted will be an outpatient rescreen survey of moms whose infants have completed outpatient hearing screening.
 - **Two new strategies:** Ms. Mantanona recommended conducting a survey of families that are LFU for high risk screening to find out why they missed their appointment, and also survey families that come for their child's high risk screening appointment and ask them what made them keep their child's high risk hearing screening appointment.
3. Mrs. Vicky Ritter reported on training, hearing screening and outreach events for this reporting period.
4. Mr. Sean Lizama reported on media development. Posters were updated, the At-A Glance brochure had 43 hits on the Guam EHDI website and will be disseminated in the Fall.
5. Open discussion:
 - The new Parent Training Information Center is now open, located at the old PIRC office in Hagatna.
 - Immunization outreach will be held at the Micronesia Mall on April 26, 2014 from 10 am to 2 pm.
 - Autism Fair will be held April 5, 2014 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Agana Shopping Center.
 - The Early Learning Council is sponsoring trainings for parents in celebration of the Week of the Young Child. Trainings will be held at the Agat, Sinajana and Dededo Mayor's offices, with morning and evening sessions covering various topics regarding social-emotional development of young children.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.