



**Guam EHDH 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Advisory Meeting  
Phase V, Year 5  
September 07, 2016 | Hilton Resort Guam**

**Minutes**

**Guam EHDH Advisory Members Present:**

Joyce L. Tejeretas – Vice Chairperson  
Bridgette Flores-Lobo  
Ma. Victoria Guiao, RN  
Robert Leon Guerrero, M.D.  
Glenda Leon Guerrero, RN

Patricia Mantanona  
David Zieber, CCC-A  
Pamela Sablan, RN  
Brittney Babauta, RN  
Sheena Dela Cruz, RN

**Members Absent:**

Francine Camacho  
Edmund Cruz  
Sherry Cruz  
Alan V. Funtanilla, M.D.  
Margarita Gay, RN  
Lina Leon Guerrero

Joseph “Joe” Mendiola  
Valerie Meno, RNC  
Ben Numpang, M.D.  
Avelina “Bing” Opena, RN  
Tricia Suzuki  
Paula R. Ulloa, MA, MED

**Guam EHDH Staff Members Present:**

Jenika Ballesta  
Margaret Blaz, Ph.D., CCC-SLP  
Coleen Dela Cruz  
Terrie Fejarang  
Sherry Guerrero

Renee Koffend, AuD, CCC-A  
Ruth Leon Guerrero  
Joseph “JJ” Mendiola  
Marie Wusstig

\*Note: Attendance is based on audio recording and sign in sheets.

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**I. Call to Order, Welcoming, Introduction of Members**

1. Ms. Joyce L. Tejeretas, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:12pm.

**II. Approval of June 8, 2016 Minutes**

1. Ms. Tejeretas asked member to review the meeting minutes.
2. Ms. Brittany Babauta made a motion to approve the minutes, and motion was seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Ms. Tejeretas then recognized Ms. Terrie Fejarang to facilitate reports.



### **III. Progress Update to the Aims and Sub-Aims**

1. Ms. Fejarang thanked the members for attending and welcomed them to provide input and recommendations. She then turned over the meeting to Mr. JJ Mendiola.
  
2. Progress Updates
  1. Mr. Mendiola summarized the Progress Updates for Guam EHDH and presented on the Initial Screening for each birthing site (GMH, Sagua, and GRMC)
    - a. *Discussion*
      - i. Dr. Leon Guerrero suggested that “Total Number of Births” be changed to “Total Number of Life Births”.
  
  2. Mr. Mendiola continued with updates on Sub Aims (see Powerpoint).
    - a. *Discussion*
      - i. Dr. Koffend stated that when monitoring the number of refers she looks at the individual screeners, who screened the most, reviewed who has the highest referral rate, and determines whether there is a need for additional support with new equipment.
      - ii. Ms. Pat Mantanona stated that April data is accurate but for May there were six pending and for the month of June there was no pending.
      - iii. Dr. Koffend asked why parents refuse services. Ms. Mantanona explained that there has not been many refusals lately but some parents do say their baby hears fine and they will work with their doctor and come back if they have any concerns. Ms. Mantanona added that families are informed that the services are free.
      - iv. Ms. Fejarang explained the reasons behind CEDDERS adding an additional rescreen clinic. Mr. Mendiola added the task Dr. Blaz does in contacting families to get them into Guam CEDDERS clinics. Dr. Koffend explained about the change in protocol and the effect it will have on the data.
      - v. Ms. Fejarang explained notes from a mini CQI team meeting where the referral process was reviewed. Ms. Fejarang shared about the high numbers of referrals and how Guam CEDDERS opened a screening clinic to help with the high numbers.

### **IV. Letter to DPHSS and DOE**

1. Ms. Fejarang explained that the CQI team, DAE and Early Intervention Teams had a motion to write a letter to the Superintendent of Education and Director of Public



health to express the urgency to address timely DAEs. Ms. Fejarang requested input on the draft letter, which was provided.

2. Ms. Fejarang shared that Ms. Lobo gave our information to the new audiologist Rachel Cornwell) at Naval Hospital. A meeting is to be scheduled.

- a. *Discussion*

- i. Ms. Mantanona stated she thought the purpose of the letter was to discuss the possibility of joint cost sharing for an audiologist and for it to be a community effort not just for DOE. She also explained that in order to have an audiologist on island a purchase order or respond to the RFP would have to be done. Both Ms. Mantanona and Dr. Koffend agreed that a purchase order would be easier. Families still have to go through the insurance first and what the family pays out of pocket will be taken out of the purchase order.
- ii. Dr. Koffend stated that for children that have Medicaid or MIP, the quickest route to get a hearing test or hearing aid fitting is for a pediatrician to refer to and ENT and the ENT will refer the child to her office. Ms. Mantanona stated that even the ENT is filled/busy.
- iii. Ms. Mantanona asked if the letter could be brought up to the Early Learning Council. Dr. Koffend mentioned if the letter came from both councils it would be powerful.
- iv. Ms. Fejarang stated that the letter would be sent to all EHD Advisory Council members and if there were anymore edits to send them back before we submit to DPHSS and DOE. The deadline to submit the letter would be the end of September.

## **V. Other Discussion**

1. Ms. Fejarang mentioned the Guam EHD website placed in the top 5 nationwide with regards to its functionality and visual design. Ms. Sherry Guerrero explained the site map which was provided to each member was based off the Guam CEDDERS website. There are plans to consolidate the pages for parents and professionals into one menu.

## **VI. Adjournment**

1. The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Babauta and seconded by Ms. Flores-Lobo. The meeting adjourned at 1:37pm.



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