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**Guam EHD 4th Quarterly Advisory Meeting  
March 14, 2017 | Outrigger Guam Resort**

**Minutes**

**Guam EHD Advisory Members Present:**

Joyce L. Tejereras – Vice Chairperson  
Tom Babauta  
Rachel Cornwell, AuD, CCC-A  
Bridgette Flores-Lobo  
LeeAnn QB Santos, Ph.D., CCC-SLP  
Ma. Victoria Guiao, RN  
Robert Leon Guerrero, M.D.  
Glenda Leon Guerrero, RN  
Leah Malanum  
Eileen Pascua

Patricia Mantanona  
Valerie Meno, RNC  
Avelina “Bing” Opena, RN  
Ruth Sabangan, PN Pamela Sablan  
Brittney Babauta  
Clare Alponsa  
Eufemia P. Local  
Michael I. Fejeran  
Vicky Ritter

**Members Absent:**

Margarita Gay, RN -- Chairperson  
Edmund Cruz  
Alan V. Funtanilla, M.D.  
Joseph “Joe” Mendiola  
Ben Numpang, MD  
Tricia Suzuki

David Zieber, AuD  
Jenika Ballesta  
Margaret Blaz, PhD, CCC-SLP  
Coleen Dela Cruz  
Elaine Eclavea

**Guam EHD Staff Members Present**

Heidi San Nicolas, Ph.D.  
Terrie Fejarang  
Renee Koffend, AuD, CCC-A  
Sherry Guerrero

Marie Wusstig  
Christina Jung  
Ruth Leon Guerrero

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

1. Ms. Joyce Terjeras, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

**II. Approval of September 07, 2016 Minutes**

1. Vice-Chairperson asked members to review the meeting minutes.
2. Ms. Brittney Babauta made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Pat Mantanona seconded motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Vice-Chairperson then recognized Ms. Terrie Fejarang to facilitate reports.

**III. Draft By-Laws**

1. The By-Laws Committee met on February 9 to develop the Guam EHD Advisory Committee By-Laws. The Draft By-Laws were sent to the membership for their review prior to this

meeting. Ms. Fejarang asked that the Committee review these Draft By-Laws and provide their input by next week. If there are no comments received, we will take that as approving the By-Laws.

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

1. Mr. Fejarang summarized the Progress Updates and Sub-Aims for Guam EHDI and presented on the Initial Screening for each birthing site (GMHA, Sagua Mañagu, and GRMC) (See PowerPoint Presentation).
2. Ms. Christina Jung discussed the Lost to Follow – Up High Risk Rescreens, which formed a list of 17 children, ages 1 to 3. Ms. Jung mentioned that of the 17 children, she was able to contact 8 families and rescreen 7 babies while 1 refused services.
3. Ms. Fejarang summarized the efforts and challenges in trying to communicate and locate the families with children who are pending for a Follow – Up Rescreen.

#### **V. Training and Activities**

1. Ms. Fejarang discussed the January to March trainings and activities that took place in which Guam EHDI was involved including:
  - i. Prenatal Classes at GMHA & Sagua Mañagu
  - ii. Outreach activities: 01/07: Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, 03/04: GSAT Fair
  - iii. Hearing Screening Clinics

#### **VI. System Sustainability**

1. Ms. Fejarang discussed that now that the current Guam EHDI Grant is coming to an end and we are trying to fade out in terms of orientation. We used to conduct pre-natal presentations at GMH and Public Health but we have just recently faded out of GMH. Renee Veksler, Health Education at GMH, has already incorporated our material into the pre-natal handbooks given to expecting mothers. Ms. Fejarang also shares that the pre-natal presentations conducted by Guam EHDI will be fading out of Public Health at the end of March 2017.
2. Ms. Fejarang discussed in regards to the screenings at the birthing sites, our role is to facilitate the training in the staff and the maintenance of equipment at the birthing sites. However, the birthing sites have been assuming their own responsibility in their system to ensure the continuation of the Universal Newborn Hearing Screen and Intervention. For our overall EHDI system, we have moved closer in firming up as a community towards system sustainability.

#### **VII. New Grant Application**

1. Ms. Fejarang pointed out that the current Guam EHDI Grant is coming to an end on March 31, 2017. She explained how the focus of the new grant application submitted on October 14, 2016 is different from the current grant. She then presented the Overall Program Goals and Objectives for the new grant application.
2. Ms. Fejarang shares that we have done several following actions to secure additional funding support for the next years:
  - In October 2016, we submitted a new grant application to continue the work of system development and enhancement of the EHDI program and to work with our

professionals. Our biggest focus in the next cycle of funding will be on parent and family engagement.

- We also submitted a request for a No-Cost Extension which means that we have some funding from the current grant to get the permission from the Federal Government to allow us more time to finish out some of the activities using the current grant funding.
- We have recently submitted a new grant application for CDC in supporting our database on March 07, 2017. This grant was submitted for additional funding support for 3 years to further enhance our system.

**VIII. Open Discussion**

- Ms. Fejarang acknowledged the work of Elaine, Vicky, Margaret, and others that were instrumental in the developing the foundation for the Guam EHDI that we currently have in place.

**IX. Adjournment**

1. The motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairperson and was seconded.
2. The meeting adjourned at 01:45 p.m.