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Guam EHDI 4th Quarterly Advisory Meeting September 11, 2017 | Westin Resort Guam

Minutes

Guam EHDI Advisory Members Present:

Ann Marie Cruz, Parent
Avelina “Bing” Opena, GMHA
Cathy Tydingco, DOE
Glenda Leon Guerrero, GRMC
Pamela Sablan, GRMC
Joseph Tuquero, Parent
Joyce Tejerasas, Parent
Brittney Cruz, PEP

Lina Malanum, SMBC
Eileen Pascua, SMBC
Ma Victoria Guiao, GMHA
Margarita Gay, DPHSS
Patricia Mantanona, DOE/GEIS
Valerie Meno, GMHA
Ruth Sabangan, GMHA

Members Absent:

Bridgette Flores-Lobo, USNH
Evelyn Topasna
Lt. Kyle Shepard
Rachel Cornwell, AuD, CCC-A

Tom Babauta, DOE
Tricia Suzuki, Parent
Sherry Guerrero, CEDDERS

Guam EHDI Staff Members Present:

Heidi San Nicolas, Ph.D.
Terrie Fejarang
Joseph “JJ” Mendiola
Renee Koffend, AuD, CCC-A
Marie Wusstig

Christina Jung
Ruth Leon Guerrero
Tanya Simer, UOG Practicum Student
Joseph Taijeron, UOG Practicum Student

I. Call to Order, Welcoming, Introduction of Members

1. Ms. Margarita Gay, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. Ms. Gay asked members to review the meeting minutes. Ms. Joyce Tejerasas made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Pat Mantanona seconded motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Ms. Gay then recognizes Ms. Terrie Fejarang to discuss the agenda and other documents included in the folders provided for the meeting

III. Draft By-Laws

1. Copies of the By-Laws PowerPoint Presentation were in packets handed out to committee members.



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2. The outcome of the meeting is for Advisory members to provide input and recommendations on the progress of the EDHI Project, activities, and provide feedback and recommendations.
 3. Presented By-Laws and mentioned last meeting was in March 2017.
 - a. Received notification of award for two grants:
 - i. “Project Fitme” under Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA)
 - ii. CDC Data Tracking and Surveillance Funding Support
 4. On February 9, 2017, a draft of EHDI By-Laws was developed and presented during the EHDI Advisory Meeting on March 14, 2017. Members were invited to provide input. If no input is received by the deadline, the By-Laws will be official as of March 21, 2017.
 - a. Page 1 of By-Laws, included the membership listing and terms. Letters of appointment for members will be distributed before leaving today to ensure titles and address are correct.
 - b. New funding has provided support for two meetings a year (discussed on Page 2 of By-Laws). This meeting being the first and the next meeting being in March 2018.
- I. Election for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson positions will be conducted.
 - a. Ms. Fejarang called upon Ms. Gay for nomination for positions for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
 - b. Ms. Gay opened nominations for Chair and Vice Chair positions. Ms. Fejarang pointed out the parents present in the meeting (Ann Marie, Joyce, and Joe).
 - c. Ms. Tejerasas nominated Mr. Joseph Tuquero for the position of Chairperson and herself for the position of Vice-Chairperson if he accepts, Ms. Ann Marie Cruz second the motion, and Ms. Renee Koffend third the motion. Ms. Gay inquired committee all in favor for nominations. Mr. Tuquero accepted the position of Chairperson, while Ms. Tejerasas accepted the position of Vice-Chairperson. Motion carries for the new positions.

IV. Progress Updates to the Aims and Sub-Aims

1. Ms. Fejarang summarized the Progress Updates and Aims and Sub-Aims for Guam EHDI (See PowerPoint Presentation and HRSA Project Fitme Work Plan for information).
 - a. Work Plan for “Project Fitme” has three (3) specific aims:
 - i. Aim #1: Health Professional Engagement
 - ii. Aim #2: Access to Early Prevention Services and Language Acquisition
 - iii. Aim #3: Improve Family Engagement, Partnership and Leadership within the EDHI Programs and Systems
 - b. Three Organizations:
 - I. **Parents Empowering Parents (PEP)** – serve as an incubator for a formal Parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) group. First activity is in the process of learning about the Individual Education Plan (IEP).



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- Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP). 1st Meeting September 5, 2016. Every Tuesday at the Hagatna Mayors office from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. until October.

II. Oasis

Deaf Camp is sponsored as a week-long camp for kids who are deaf and family members during the summer. They have brought in students (~2 or more) from Gallaudet University, the first university exclusively for student who are deaf, to serve as role models and to facilitate the camp.

- Ms. Fejarang added that the grant determined that it would suit our services better to develop our own process and parent support program based on our unique needs. We continue to develop our partnership with Oasis.

II. Sky High Group (Utah State University)

- Ms. Fejarang shared that this organization have the curriculum to provide training and we continue to develop the specifics of this partnership.

2. Ms. Koffend asked a question on what the population and definition of Deaf and Hard of Hearing included, such as those with mild hearing loss and those at risk for fluctuating hearing loss. Ms. Fejarang explained that based on the recommendations from the audiologist is what we will follow.
 - a. Ms. Fejarang addressed project extension on “Project Rikohi” work on past activities which was approved in June or July of this year.
3. Mr. JJ Mendiola discussed the “No Cost Extension” focusing on:
 - a. AIM #1: Lost to Follow-up rates from the initial hearing screening levels
 - b. AIM #3: DAE for children by three months of age and subsequent enrollment into early intervention if diagnosed with a hearing loss by six month of age.
 - c. Mr. Mendiola presented on the Initial Screening for each birthing site (GMHA, Sagua Mañagu, and GRMC) (See PowerPoint Presentation).
4. Ms. Mantanona discussed statistics on infants referred for Outpatient Rescreen and infants who referred for DAE. She then continued to share statistics on infants with hearing loss receiving an IFSP prior to six (6) months of age (See PowerPoint Presentation).
 - a. Ms. Koffend wanted clarification on the following:
 - b. Referral process from issues of parents calling audiologist or physicians;
 - c. Insurance purposes;
 - d. Developing a form (Care of Last Resort) for payment of services;
 - e. System of payment part of grants requirements.



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5. Ms. Christina Jung discussed the statistics of Lost to Follow-up High Risk Rescreens, which formed a list of 17 children. She was able to connect with 8 families and rescreen 7 babies while 1 refused services. Several attempts include visiting Mayor's Office, telephone used to contact family, and home visits.

V. System Sustainability

1. Ms. Fejarang discussed the status of efforts on system sustainability. Photos of effort were showed to the committee of the High Risk Rescreen Clinic at Public Health, formerly at the Chief Brodie Clinic. Ms. Fejarang shared that two High Risk Rescreen clinics have been completed so far and a training with DPHSS staff was completed beforehand facilitated by Ms. Marie Wusstig and Ms. Jung.
2. Ms. Fejarang discussed the March to September trainings and activities that took place in which Guam EHD was involved including:
 - a. Outreach Activities: 03/04/17: GSAT Fair, 03/10: GSAT Conference, 04/08: 10th Annual Autism Awareness Fair, 04/29: PEP Island Wide Conference on Disabilities, 04/29: PEP Island Wide Conference on Disabilities, 05/13: Better Speech and Hearing Month Outreach, 06/25: 7th Annual Healthy Hearts, Healthy Living Health Fair, 07/29: Child Immunization Outreach, 08/26: 4th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Health Fair.
 - b. Hearing Screening Clinics
 - c. Other Activities: May to June 2017: EHD Evaluation Work Group, 08/24: CDC – Guam EHD Site Visit.
 - Ms. Fejarang and Ms. Heidi San Nicolas shared the CDC Project Officers were very pleased with our database system and that they had good suggestions as well.

VI. Open Discussion

1. Mr. Tuquero inquired on the role of the Advisory Committee. Ms. Fejarang replied that the role is to provide comments and recommendations on activities, especially with the new grant. She also shares continuous monitoring is needed to maintain status of operability. Federal funding might end which will need local entities to maintain the existing system in terms of screening and reporting.
2. Ms. Fejarang announced the next meeting will tentatively be on March 6, 2017. Additionally, EDHI Conference will be held on March 18 – 20, 2017.

VII. Adjournment

1. A motion to adjourn was made by Chairperson, Ms. Gay. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.