

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE**

**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND SERVICE (CEDDERS)
GUAM EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION (Guam EHDI)
PROJECT**

AND THE

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
BUREAU OF FAMILY HEALTH AND NURSING SERVICES
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the Department of Public Health and Social Services Bureau of Family Health and Nursing Services Maternal and Child Health Program (hereinafter referred to as "**DPHSS**") and the University of Guam Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, & Service (hereinafter referred to as "**CEDDERS**") for the promotion and operation of the Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Project (hereinafter referred to as "**Guam EHDI**") to ensure that all infants born on Guam are screened for possible hearing loss prior to discharge at a birthing facility, and if needed, receive a full audiological evaluation before three months of age and receive early intervention services before six months of age.

WHEREAS, DPHSS is committed to facilitating comprehensive health and social services for children and their families, and maintaining a registry for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN); and

WHEREAS, DPHSS, in collaboration with Guam CEDDERS, will support the continuation of the data tracking and surveillance system for Guam EHDI and upon completion of the grant funding provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, EHDI Tracking and Surveillance and Integration Cooperative Agreement, Grant NO. 1NUR3DD000093-01-00, and shall exercise oversight responsibility of each birthing site to monitor the collection and reporting of performance data set; and

WHEREAS, CEDDERS is the recipient of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), EHDI Tracking and Surveillance and Integration Cooperative Agreement, Grant Number: 1NUR3DD000093-01-00, and is responsible for the development, maintenance and sustainability of data tracking and surveillance system for Guam EHDI and upon completion of the grant will transfer all project information, materials, and data to DPHSS; and

WHEREAS, CEDDERS will support the development of a statewide program and system of care that ensures that deaf or hard-of-hearing children are identified through newborn and infant hearing screening and receive evaluation, diagnosis, and appropriate intervention that optimize their language, literacy, and social emotional development; and

WHEREAS, CEDDERS, in collaboration with DPHSS, will develop a sustainability plan for the universal newborn hearing screening program to be implemented upon the completion of the project funding provided by HHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), CDFA 93.251 through monitoring the implementation of the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention Act as specified by Guam Public Law 27-150 section 5104 (1-8); and

WHEREAS, CEDDERS, in collaboration with DPHSS, will develop a sustainability plan to maintain the universal newborn hearing screening, tracking and surveillance systems and the evaluation of an island-wide program for early identification of and intervention for infants with hearing impairments prior to the transferring of responsibility from CEDDERS to DPHSS; and

WHEREAS, CEDDERS is committed to the research-based education of teachers, nurses, social workers, and other professionals working with young children and their families: and

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WHEREAS, DPHSS and CEDDERS have collaboratively provided resources and guidance for the establishment and the continued operations of the Guam EHDI Project since 2002; and

WHEREAS, IT IS IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST of DPHSS and CEDDERS to provide support necessary to fully implement an integrated, sustained, and collaborative effort to fully achieve the goals and objectives of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal Child Health Bureau Integrated Services Branch, Division of Services for Children with Special Needs, Grant Award No. 2H61MC24883-06-00 and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Tracking and Surveillance and Integration Cooperative Agreement, Grant No. 1NUR3DD000093-01-00 beyond the grant periods;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the following and foregoing conditions, DPHSS and UOG CEDDERS agree to promote the continuation of the Guam EHDI project through the following:

THE DPHSS AGREES TO:

1. Refer all newborns, that access public health clinical services and who failed their initial hearing screening at their birthing facility (Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA), Sagua Managu Birthing Center (SMBC) and Guam Reginal Medical City (GRMC)), to the Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS) for a follow-up hearing screening.
2. Disseminate information about the newborn hearing screening procedures to pregnant mothers and fathers-to-be who are seen at Central Public Health on the importance of early hearing detection and intervention services.
4. Accept referrals from Guam EDHI for families who may be eligible for public assistance, social service programs, and MCH services.
2. Provide representation in the Guam EHDI Advisory Committee.
3. Participate in the Learning Communities to increase health professionals' engagement within and knowledge of the Guam EHDI system.
4. Implement best practices relating to newborn hearing screening, data collection and reporting, and family engagement.
5. Work collaboratively with the EHDI Project in developing an EHDI Sustainability Plan.

CEDDERS AGREES TO:

1. Provide brochures to DPHSS staff to disseminate at outreach events and home visits to pregnant women and families of newborns and infants to make them aware of the availability of newborn hearing screening programs.
2. Collaborate with DPHSS and provide ongoing training on the importance of infant hearing screening, current trends, new technology procedures and intervention strategies.
2. Collect data, monitor, and track all infants born on Guam to ensure access to the Guam EHDI project.
3. Ensure that data collected electronically will be encrypted and electronic firewalls are in place to protect data access with the assurance that both the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations for data security are in place.
4. Report quarterly the status of the goals and objectives of the Guam EHDI grant(s) to the Guam EHDI Advisory Committee.
5. Provide an annual report to DPHSS on the status of the Guam EHDI Project.

6. Work collaboratively with DPHSS in developing an EHDI Sustainability Plan.

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED:

1. To cooperate and coordinate with each other on data collection.
2. That the terms of this Agreement may be revised or amended by mutual agreement as conditions or circumstances warrant.
3. That this agreement may be terminated or reviewed within sixty (60) days and with written notice to all participating agencies. This agreement will be reviewed triennially from the date of implementation of this MOA.
4. That this MOA shall be effective immediately upon the completion of the signatures of all parties and shall remain in effect until terminated or modified consistent with the provisions contained herein.
5. That should any party have a dispute relative to enforcement, compliance, or execution of any of the agreements enumerated in this document, the parties shall attempt to amicably mediate a resolution.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated by their respective names.

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