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**Guam EHD 4th Quarterly Advisory Meeting
Westin Resort Guam**

March 6, 2018

Minutes

Guam EHD Advisory Members Present:

Glenda Leon Guerrero, GRMC
Joyce Tejerasas, Parent
Leah Malanum, SMBC
Eileen Pascua, SMBC
Margarita Gay, DPHSS
Patricia Mantanona, DOE/GEIS
Glenda Leon Guerrero, GRMC

Valerie Meno, GMHA
Evelyn Topasna, Parent
Tom Babauta, DOE
Julia Flores, Family Member
Susan Dougan, GPPT
Pamela Sablan, GRMC
Ruth Sabangan, GMHA

Members Absent:

Ann Marie Cruz, Parent
Cathy Tydingco, DOE
Joseph Tuquero, Parent

Ma Victoria Guiao, GMHA
Leann Barcinas Santos, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Rachel Cornwell, AuD, CCC-A
Tricia Suzuki, Parent

Guam EHD Staff Members Present:

Heidi San Nicolas, Ph.D.
Terrie Fejarang
Joseph "JJ" Mendiola
Renee Koffend, AuD, CCC-A

Marie Wusstig
Jenika Ballesta
Ruth Leon Guerrero

I. Call to Order, Welcoming, Introduction of Members

- A. Ms. Joyce Tejerasas, Co-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Ms. Tejerasas asked members to review the meeting minutes. Ms. Pat Mantanona made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Margarita Gay seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.



III. EHDI (CDC) Strategies

- A. Ms. Fejarang summarized the EHDI (CDC) strategies: *a general framework in which the data information operates under*. (See PowerPoint Presentation and HRSA Project Fitme Work Plan for information).
- B. Mr. Mendiola presented on the Initial Screening for each birthing site (GMHA, Sagua Mañagu, and GRMC) (See PowerPoint Presentation).
- C. Ms. Mantanona discussed statistics on infants pending for Outpatient Rescreen and for DAE. She also shared statistics on infants with hearing loss receiving an IFSP prior to six (6) months of age (See PowerPoint Presentation).
- D. Ms. Fejarang discussed past and recent challenges as well as current improvements with the referral process.
- E. Ms. Mantanona discussed payment of services and how the system of payment has improved so far.
- F. Mr. Mendiola discussed the percent of infants with hearing loss: only one infant was diagnosed with hearing loss & was enrolled into Early Intervention by 6 months of age. He also discussed the statistics of High Risk Rescreens and Lost to Follow up, which includes 1 rescreen due to high risk and 2 LTFU in the past quarter of October (See PowerPoint Presentation). No LTFU accounted since November through December. LTFU rescreen process is improving.
- G. Ms. Mantanona suggests adding the number of High Risk infants were referred to DAE. Mr. Mendiola responded that it will be done.
- H. Dr. Koffend asked how long ago was the baby diagnosed with a hearing loss prior to this day. Mr. Mendiola responded that the baby was born in August and diagnosed in September with a mild hearing loss.

IV. System Sustainability

- A. Ms. Fejarang discussed the status of efforts on system sustainability as well as the orientation that took place at the Northern clinic where Dr. Koffend spearheaded the presentation as part of an EHDI outreach activity.
- B. Dr. Koffend discussed the content of the orientation.
- C. Ms. Fejarang introduced the topic on the CDC - Evaluation System.
- D. Mr. Mendiola discussed the different components between CDC (focus on the diagnostic audiologic evaluations) and HRSA (looks at the measures of

success for whole process for each of the AIMS & Sub-AIMS and see what needs to be improved).

- Two Upcoming Evaluation Meetings to discuss/review process of reporting of the data system, etc.:
 - March 29 and June 1
- E. Mr. Mendiola provided Dr. Koffend the report on the child with hearing loss. A discussion followed prior to the subject (in reference to title III under section H).

V. Fitme (HRSA)

- A. Ms. Fejarang discussed the ‘Overall Program Goal’ which involves: *“identifying kids and providing the support they need along with their families”* (See PowerPoint Presentation). Ms. Fejarang summarized the HRSA goals: AIMS
 - a. AIM #1: Increase Health Professionals Engagement;
 - AIM #2: Improve Access to Early Intervention Services;
 - AIM #3: Increase Family Engagement, Partnership and Leadership within the EHD Programs and Systems.

VI. NCE - No Cost Extension

- A. Ms. Fejarang discussed one of the activities under the NCE:
 - 1. Providing timely DAEs & Tele-audiology.
- B. Dr. Koffend discussed more on the subject in terms of performing DAEs and the scope of her work that involves tele-audiology studies.

VII. Updates

- A. Ms. Fejarang discussed the following updates:
 - 1. High Risk Clinic
 - 2. QI DAE/EI: Quality Improvement Diagnostic Audiological Evaluation - Early Intervention.
 - 3. Tele-audiology
 - 4. Parent Organization Partnership
 - 5. CNMI Parent & DD/HH Adult mentor Training & Family Leadership Conference
 - 6. Learning Community
 - See PowerPoint Presentation.

VIII. Training & Activities



1. Outreach Activities
2. Hearing Screening
3. Other Activities (See PowerPoint Presentation).

IX. Learning Community

- A. Ms. Fejarang discussed Learning Community Topic:
 1. Developing Parent Supports (See PowerPoint).
- B. Ms. Dugan asked about the ‘Hands & Voices’ seminar in Saipan. Ms. Fejarang responded saying that it lasted for about 3 days.
- C. Ms. Dugan (Co-Ordinator, Development of Parent Support) shared her story about her daughter Aleah.
 - A video clip: of Aleah Dugan by KUAM.
- D. Ms. Fejarang discussed more about the opportunities of Parent Support.
- E. Ms. Dugan talked about the Hands & Voices crew & their experience (See PowerPoint Presentation).
- F. Dr. Koffend discussed the degrees of hearing loss.
- G. Dr. San Nicolas made some additional remarks:
 - 25% of the RFP HRSA grant was set aside for family support, etc.
- H. Parent Support Meetings have already been scheduled with Ms. Dugan - Empowering parents:
 1. March 14
 2. March 28
 - A discussion followed on these topics.

X. Adjournment.

- A. The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Fejarang at 1:45 p.m.