



**Guam EHDH Advisory Meeting
Pacific Star Resort
February 26, 2019**

Minutes

Guam EHDH Advisory Members Present:

Glenda Leon Guerrero, GRMC
Eileen Pascua, SMBC
Avelina Bing Opena
Valerie Meno, GMHA
Leah Basbas, SMBC

Joseph Tuquero
Tricia Taitague, Special Education
Ma Victoria Guiao, GMHA
Anna Perez, UOG Student

Members Absent:

Margarita Gay, DPHSS
Tanya Simer, CEDDERS
Tom Babauta, DOE
Cathy Tydingco, DOE
Dr. Yolanda Carrera, Pediatrician
Julia Flores, Sibling
Robert J. Leon Guerrero, Pediatrician

Lt. Kyle Shepard, Naval Hospital
Joyce Tejerasas, Co-Chair
Heidi San Nicolas, Ph.D.
Evelyn Topasna, Parent
Leann Barcinas Santos, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Rachel Cornwell, AuD, CCC-A
Tricia Suzuki, Parent

Guam EHDH Staff Members Present:

Terrie Fejarang
Joseph "JJ" Mendiola
Renee Koffend, Auld, CCC-A

Marie Wusstig
Jenika Ballesta
Ruth Leon Guerrero

I. Call to Order, Welcoming, Introduction of Members

A. Mr. Joseph Tuquero, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Ms. Ma Victoria asked members to review the meeting minutes. Dr. Renee Koffend seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. EHDH (CDC) Strategies

A. Mr. Mendiola summarized the five EHDH (CDC) strategies: Surveillance, Training & Support, Partnerships, Strategic Communication and Dissemination & Monitoring, Analyzing and Evaluating EHDH Information System... (See PowerPoint Presentation).



- B. Mr. Mendiola presented on the percentage of Initial Screening for each birthing site (GMHA, GRMC, and Sagua Mañagu): GMH - 99% were screened and 6-8% referral rate. GRMC - 100% screened, 5-2% respectively referral rate (Sept – Oct only since they stopped birthing services in November) SMBC 1 LTFU due to baby being transferred to GMH. 97% screened, 12-11% referral rate (referrals only reflects 3 babies for the 2 months). Total: 96% screened, 4% referral rate.
- C. Outpatient Rescreen - **September** 14 needed - 9 came back, 6 pending (will follow up with Early Intervention on their status); **October** 12 needed- 9 came back, 2 pending and 1 LTFU; - **November** 13 needed, 10 came back, 3 pending
- D. Referred for DAE Jan-November 2018 -- suggestion from the last advisory meeting out of the 8 referred, 7 DAE 3mo. of age, 2 diagnosed with HL, 1 who didn't receive still pending (will verify with Early Intervention).
- E. High-Risk rescreen by 6 mo. of age: Risk factor – September: 7 needed, 2 came back, 4 LTFU and 1 relocated. October: 12 needed, 1 came back, 7 pending and 4 LTFU. November: 8 needed, 5 came back, 1 refused services, 2 LTFU.
- F. Mr. Mendiola discussed the EHD Evaluation Update. 2 upcoming evaluation meetings were mentioned for April & June. Mr. Mendiola provided a summary of the evaluation questions (see PowerPoint presentation).
- G. Dr. Koffend asked a question regarding the emphasis on '*what does it mean complete – right ear, sensory, mild, moderate decree, left ear conductive?*' Mr. Mendiola clarified – “the stage when receiving the audiological reports, may say that infant has permanent hearing loss and zero types of verity”. He also added that they could add more fields to expand the data system to capture the needed information that needs to be documented for EI enrollment.

IV. Fitme (HRSA)

- A. Ms. Wusstig discussed the HRSA providing a summary of the overall program goal and the 3 Aims (see PowerPoint presentation).
 - 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.

V. Updates

A. Ms. Wusstig discussed the following updates:

1. Learning Community

- a) 3 meetings: 2 held in June and 1 in August

2. High Risk Clinic:

- a) EHD will continue to conduct high-risk clinic at the Public Health center.
- b) Dr. Koffend asked clarification on the process of calling up a client to make appointment and providing directions for their appointment locations. Ms. Wusstig answered providing that a staff will have a listing of families to contact and schedule an appointment for them. This is done once a month at Public Health. In the case where the client can't physically come to the appointment, EHD will offer to go to their homes.
- c) Ms. Wusstig provides some of the challenges: involves having inaccurate information after the 6 mo. period. Also verifying contact information of the families and their physical location through the assistance of the Mayor's office. Some situations involve - phones are no longer in service, and inability to locate families who have moved off-island. Those types of situations may be a result to LTFU cases.

3. Timely DAEs; EI Services: Diagnostic Audiological Evaluation - Early Intervention.

- a) If a child took the hearing screening at the Public Health high-risk clinic and the results are subject to DAE for referral, only then will a referral be issued to Early Intervention.

4. Parent Organization Partnership:

- a) North Carolina produce an offer to legislation to require Audiologists to provide referrals to the Parent Organization that informs families - creating awareness on the different



types of hearing loss and communication choices that are available to their child.

- b) Families have the options to sign a release/consent form to share their information to the Parent Organization.
 - c) Ms. Dugan completed training on hearing loss with Dr. Koffend in January and conducted outreach events with individual community partners.
 - d) Next family event will be in March
5. Sustainability:
- a) Two Meetings: On October 12 and on November 1st
 - b) First meeting with Early Intervention and Public Health reviewed the hearing screening process with the different sites – GMH, GRMC, SMBC.

VI. Training & Activities

- 1. Outreach Activities
- 2. Hearing Screening:
 - a. GEIS Outpatient Hearing Screening Clinics:
 - i. 9/13,10/23,11/16,12/12,1/8,2/4,3/7
 - b. DPHSS High Risk Hearing Rescreen Clinics
 - i. 10/19,11/27,12/21,1/15,2/26,3/19
- 3. EHDI Meeting in November: on “Childlink”
- 4. Other Activities (See PowerPoint Presentation).

VII. Closing Activities

- A. Open Discussion
 - 1. Presentation on certificates.
 - 2. Ms. Terrie mentioned the following activities:
 - a) Assistive Technology Conference at the Westin
 - b) Assistive Technology Conference at Agana Shopping Center
 - c) Ms. Terrie also shared a video clip that was put together by the National Deaf Center

VIII. Announcements

- A. EHDI Advisory Council next meeting: August 20th, 2019 (tentative)

IX. Adjournment.

- A. The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Wusstig; second by Ms. Mantanona.