



**Guam EHD Advisory Meeting
Via Zoom
September 22, 2020**

Minutes

Guam EHD Advisory Members Present:

Avelina Bing Opena	Joyce Tejerasas, Co-Chairperson
Ann Marie Cruz, GPPT Board President	Trisha Suzuki, Parent
Renee Koffend, Auld, CCC-A	Cathy Tydingco, GDOE-GEIS
Valerie Meno, GMHA	Neil Rochelle, GDOE-AT

Members Absent:

Leah Basbas, SMBC	Julia Flores, Sibling
Dr. Yolanda Carrera, Pediatrician	Robert J. Leon Guerrero, Pediatrician
Eileen Pascua, SMBC	Ma Victoria Guiao, GMHA
Ruth Sabang, GMHA	Margarita Gay, DPHSS
Heidi San Nicolas, Ph.D.	Myra Aguon
Evelyn Topasna, Parent	Normie Ilustre
Leann Barcinas Santos, Ph.D., CCC-SLP	Regina Hawkins

Guam EHD Staff Members Present:

Michelle Aguigui	Tanya Simer
Joseph "JJ" Mendiola	Zachary Hecita
Marie Wusstig	
Ruth Leon Guerrero	

I. Call to Order, Welcoming, Introduction of Members

A. Ms. Tejerasas, Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Ms. Tejerasas asked members to review the meeting minutes. Ms. Koffend made a motion to approve minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. EHD (CDC) Strategies



- A. Ms. Simer summarized the five EHDI (CDC) strategies: Surveillance, Training & Support, Partnerships, Strategic Communication and Dissemination & Monitoring, Analyzing and Evaluating EHDI Information System... (See PowerPoint Presentation).
- B. Ms. Simer presented the percentage of Initial Screening data for each birthing site (GMHA and Sagua Mañagu): GMHA – **September 2019** 97% were screened, 6% referral rate; **October** 99% were screened, 5% referral rate; **November** 98% were screened, 5% referral rate; **December** 99% were screened, 6% referral rate; **January 2020** 99% were screened, 8% referral rate. SMBC – **September 2019** 100% were screened, 5% referral rate; **October** 95% were screened, 14% referral rate; **November** 100% were screened, 14% referral rate; **December** 100% were screened, 17% referral rate; **January 2020** 90% were screened, 5% referral rate.
- C. Outpatient Rescreen: GMHA – **September 2019** 13 needed, 11 rescreened, 1 relocated and 1 LTFU; **October** 9 needed, 9 rescreened; **November** 10 needed, 5 rescreened, and 5 pending; **December** 14 needed, 11 rescreened, and 3 pending; **January 2020** 17 needed, 10 screened, and 7 pending. SMBC – **September 2019** 1 needed, 1 rescreened; **October** 2 needed, 2 rescreened; **November** 3 needed, 3 rescreened; **December** 4 needed, 4 rescreened; **January 2020** 1 needed and 1 rescreened.
- D. Referred for DAE September 2019 - January 2020 - 8 referred, 2 DAE 3mo. of age, 1 diagnosed with HL, 5 who didn't receive still pending, and 1 LFU.
- E. High-Risk rescreen by 6 mo. of age: Risk factor – September 2019: 2 needed, 1 rescreened and 1 LTFU. October: 2 needed, 1 rescreened, and 1 relocated, 0 LTFU. November: 5 needed, 2 rescreened, 1 refuse services, and 2 LTFU. December: 3 needed, 1 rescreened, 1 refuse services, and 1 LTFU. January 2020: 7 needed, 3 rescreened, 1 relocated, 1 refuse services, 1 pending, and 1 LTFU.
- F. Ms. Aguigui gave an update on proposal for GEHDI to conduct outpatient hearing screening when island goes to PCOR 3.
- G. Ms. Aguigui gave updates on CDC EHDI grant extension to June 30, 2021 until public health takes over the database.

IV. Fitme (HRSA)



- A. Ms. Wusstig discussed Na'Mas Fitme HRSA providing a summary of the overall program goal and the three Aims (see PowerPoint presentation).
 - a. AIM #1: Lead efforts to engage and coordinate all stakeholders in the state/territory EHDI system to ensure that children who are DHH are identified, diagnosed, and receive appropriate Early Intervention services;
AIM #2: Engage, educate, and train health professionals and service providers in the EHDI system;
AIM #3: Strengthen family engagement, partnership, and leadership for children and adults who are DHH, within EHDI programs and systems.

V. Updates

- A. Ms. Wusstig discussed the following updates:
 - 1. Initial Hearing Screening
 - a) GMHA and SMBC continues to conduct screenings during the pandemic.
 - 2. Diagnostic Audiological Evaluations:
 - a) GHD continues to conduct DAE during the pandemic with babies referred by their pediatrician.
 - 3. Family Engagement Partner
 - a) Contract with GPPT in the process.
 - b) No Cost Extension approved. Event for DHH mentors and family support group was canceled due to the pandemic.
 - 4. QI Parent Engagement Meeting
 - a) Consent form of contact information from GHD to be shared with GPPT.
 - b) Consent form of contact information from GEIS to be shared with GPPT.
 - 5. Outreach:
 - a) Virtual Workshop and evaluation posted on GEHDI website and YouTube. Also, to be shared with GHD and GPPT to be posted on their social media.
 - b) Banners are in the process of printing and will be posted at designated location around the island.
 - 6. Challenges



- a) Outpatient Hearing Screening, DAE, Enrollment in EI, and High-Risk Hearing Screening are on hold due to the pandemic.

7. HRSA 10K Supplemental Funding

- a) Ms. Aguigui gave an update on the project period from Sept. 1, 2020 to Mar. 31, 2020. Needs assessment will be conducted to help improve the services. Second hearing re-screening will be conducted when island is declared to PCOR 3. Resource journals for parents with children who are diagnosed DHH to be developed.

VI. By-Laws

- A. Ms. Tydingco made a motion to amend the by-laws to add “and or individuals.” Ms. Opena seconded the motion. The by-laws amended were unanimously approved.

VII. Election

- A. Ms. Tejerasas accepts to be the Chairperson. Ms. Tydingco accepts to be the Co-Chairperson.

VIII. Training & Activities

- 1. Outreach Activities (See PowerPoint Presentation)
- 2. Hearing Screening:
 - a. GEIS Outpatient Hearing Screening Clinics:
 - i. 3/16/2020, 4/13/2020, 5/18/2020 were canceled due to COVID 19 Govt. State of Emergency Declaration.
 - b. DPHSS High Risk Hearing Rescreen Clinics
 - i. Canceled until further notice due to facility shut down and COVID 19 Govt. State of Emergency Declaration.
- 3. Other Activities (See PowerPoint Presentation).

IX. Announcements

- A. EHDI Advisory Council next meeting: February 23, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

X. Adjournment.

- A. The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Tydingco; second by Ms. Aguigui.