



**Guam EHDI Advisory Meeting
Lotte Guam Hotel
February 25, 2020**

Minutes

Guam EHDI Advisory Members Present:

Avelina Bing Opena	Bobbie Leon Guerrero, GEIS Representative
Ann Marie Cruz, GPPT Board President	Ealani Lobaton, (representative for
Julia Flores, Sibling	Eileen Pascua)
Renee Koffend, Auld, CCC-A	Myra Aguon
Robert J. Leon Guerrero, Pediatrician	Brad Ingrao
Valerie Meno, GMHA	Normie Ilustre
Joyce Tejerasas, Co-Chairperson	Jaysleen Lainos
Ma Victoria Guiao, GMHA	Amber Uncangco
Therese Sanchez, GEIS Representative	Regina Hawkins
Tricia Taitague, Special Education	Rose Babauta
Bobbie Afilleje, GPPT Representative	Nina Flores
Margarita Gay, DPHSS	

Members Absent:

Leah Basbas, SMBC	Cathy Tydingco, DOE
Dr. Yolanda Carrera, Pediatrician	Joseph Tuquero, Chairperson
Eileen Pascua, SMBC	Heidi San Nicolas, Ph.D.
Ruth Sabang, GMHA	Evelyn Topasna, Parent
Trisha Suzuki, Parent	Leann Barcinas Santos, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Guam EHDI Staff Members Present:

Michelle Aguigui	Tanya Simer
Joseph “JJ” Mendiola	Jenika Ballesta
Marie Wusstig	
Ruth Leon Guerrero	

I. Call to Order, Welcoming, Introduction of Members

A. Ms. Tejerasas, Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

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



III. EHDH (CDC) Strategies

- A. Ms. Wusstig 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. Ms. Simer presented the percentage of Initial Screening data for each birthing site (GMHA and Sagua Mañagu): GMH – **April** 93% were screened, 7% referral rate; **May** 93% were screened, 8% referral rate; **June** 89% were screened, 6% referral rate; **July** 91% were screened, 9% referral rate; **August** 92% were screened, 7% referral rate. SMBC – **April** 95% were screened, 15% referral rate; **May** 100% were screened, 4% referral rate; **June** 95% were screened, 5% referral rate; **July** 95% were screened, 15% referral rate; **August** 100% were screened, 17% referral rate.
- C. Outpatient Rescreen: GMH - **April** 14 needed, 10 rescreened, 1 pending, 1 relocated, 1 refuse services and 1 LTFU; **May** 15 needed, 12 rescreened, 1 pending, and 2 LTFU; **June** 12 needed, 8 rescreened, and 4 pending; **July** 15 needed, 13 rescreened, 1 pending, and 1 refuse services; **August** 14 needed, 12 screened, and 2 pending. SMBC - **April** 3 needed, 3 rescreened; **May** 1 needed, 1 rescreened; **June** 1 needed, 1 rescreened; **July** 3 needed, 3 rescreened; **August** 5 needed, 4 rescreened, and 1 LTFU.
- D. Referred for DAE April - August 2019 - 12 referred, 6 DAE 3mo. of age, 0 diagnosed with HL, 1 refuse services, 4 who didn't receive still pending, and 1 LTFU.
- E. High-Risk rescreen by 6 mo. of age: Risk factor – April: 7 needed, 4 rescreened, 1 relocated, and 2 LTFU. May: 5 needed, 4 rescreened, and 1 LTFU. June: 4 needed, 4 rescreened, and 0 LTFU. July: 13 needed, 9 rescreened, 1 relocated, 1 medical issue, and 2 LTFU. August: 4 needed, 2 rescreened, 1 relocated, and 1 LTFU.
- F. Ms. Aguigui gave updates on the new CDC EHDH grant application. Guam did not qualify for the new grant due to a minimum requirement of 5,000 births per year per state/territory. Meeting with DPHSS to transfer data and taking the role of collecting and recording data is ongoing. Grant ends on June 30, 2020.



IV. Fitme (HRSA)

- A. Ms. Wusstig discussed HRSA providing a summary of the overall program goal and the three 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 EHDH Programs and Systems.

V. Updates

- A. Ms. Wusstig discussed the following updates:
1. Learning Community
 - a) Surveys distributed are to be completed for project year of April 1, 2019 – February 28, 2020.
 2. High Risk Clinic:
 - a) As of December 2019, high-risk clinic was cancelled until further notice due to fire damage on November 2019 and the facility was shut down.
 - b) Accommodations are provided by conducting screenings at UOG Hse. 21 or home visits.
 - c) Continued support by DPHSS Nurse Practitioner for DAE referrals.
 3. The CARE Project Family Retreat
 - a) Training for families was held on November 8 - 10, 2019.
 - b) Ms. Cruz shared her experience from the family retreat.
 4. SKI-HI Deaf Mentor Training
 - a) Training held on January 16 - 18, 2020.
 - b) 11 DHH adults were trained to build a support group for families.
 5. Parent Organization Partnership:
 - a) Ms. Cruz presented about GPPT. A social gathering is being planned for deaf mentors and GPPT families to meet with one another. She is hopeful that this gathering will enlighten the young parents that their child can have a successful life.
 - b) Families are interested in learning ASL. During the paint event families were able to learn some signing.



6. New HRSA Grant

- a) Waiting on approval of grant.
- b) Upon approval of grant Ms. Aguigui stated that an Annual EHD Conference will be held.

VI. Training & Activities

1. Outreach Activities (See PowerPoint Presentation)
2. Hearing Screening:
 - a. GEIS Outpatient Hearing Screening Clinics:
 - i. 9/11/2019, 10/14, 11/12, 12/12, 1/14/2020, 2/13
 - b. DPHSS High Risk Hearing Rescreen Clinics
 - i. 8/27/2019, 9/17, 10/15 (cancelled), 11/19, 12/17 (cancelled until further notice due to facility shut down)
3. Other Activities (See PowerPoint Presentation).

VII. Announcements

- A. EHD Advisory Council next meeting: TBA

VIII. Adjournment.

- A. Meeting adjourned.