



**Guam EHD Advisory Meeting  
Via Zoom  
March 26, 2021**

**Minutes**

**Guam EHD Advisory Members Present:**

Avelina Bing Opena  
Ann Marie Cruz, GPPT Board President  
Renee Koffend, Auld, CCC-A  
Ma Victoria Guiao, GMHA

Dr. Yolanda Carrera, Pediatrician  
Evelyn Topasna, Parent  
Lani Lobatan, SMBC

**Members Absent:**

Leann Barcinas Santos, Ph.D., CCC-SLP  
Julia Flores, Sibling  
Valerie Meno, GMHA  
Joyce Tejerasas, Co-Chairperson  
Trisha Suzuki, Parent  
Cathy Tydingco, GDOE-GEIS

Robert J. Leon Guerrero, Pediatrician  
Margarita Gay, DPHSS  
Neil Rochelle, GDOE-AT  
Myra Aguon  
Normie Ilustre  
Regina Hawkins

**Guam EHD Staff Members Present:**

Michelle Aguigui  
Marie Wusstig

Joseph "JJ" Mendiola  
Tanya Simer

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**I. Call to Order, Welcoming, Introduction of Members**

A. Ms. Wusstig, EHD coordinator called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

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

**III. EHD (CDC) Strategies**

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



- B. Ms. Simer presented the percentage of Initial Screening data for each birthing site (GMHA and Sagua Mañagu): GMHA – **February 2020** 97% were screened, 11% referral rate; **March** 98% were screened, 12% referral rate; **April** 98% were screened, 10% referral rate; **May** 99% were screened, 9% referral rate; **June** 94% were screened, 0% referral rate; **July** 95% were screened, 2% referral rate; **August** 99% were screened, 5% referral rate; **September** 100% were screened, 8% referral rate; **October** 100% were screened, 6% referral rate; **November** 99% were screened, 8% referral rate; **December** 99% were screened, 9% referral rate; **January 2021** 98% were screened, 5% referral rate, **February** 70% were screened, 6% referral rate. SMBC – **February 2020** 100% were screened, 6% referral rate; **March** 95% were screened, 0% referral rate; **April** 96% were screened, 4% referral rate; **May** 85% were screened, 14% referral rate; **June** 100% were screened, 3% referral rate; **July** 94% were screened, 6% referral rate; **August** 100% were screened, 0% referral rate; **September** 100% were screened, 14% referral rate; **October** 94% were screened, 17% referral rate; **November** 100% were screened, 3% referral rate; **December** 90% were screened, 0% referral rate; **January 2021** 100% were screened, 18% referral rate, **February** 90% were screened, 6% referral rate.
- C. Outpatient Rescreen: GMHA – **February 2020**: 20 needed, 13 rescreened, 4 pending, and 3 refuse; **March**: 23 needed, 17 rescreened, 4 pending, and 2 refuse; **April**: 17 needed, 11 rescreened, 4 pending, and 1 relocated; **May**: 18 needed, 10 rescreened, 7 pending, 1 refuse; **June**: 0 needed; **July**: 3 needed, 2 rescreened, and 1 refuse; **August**: 8 needed, 5 rescreened, and 2 pending; **September**: 17 needed, 13 rescreened, 3 pending, and 1 refuse, **October**: 13 needed, 7 screened, 5 pending, and 1 LTFU; **November**: 15 needed, 9 rescreened, and 6 pending; **December**: 14 needed, 12 rescreened, and 2 pending; **January 2021**: 8 needed and 8 rescreened; **February**: 6 needed, 4 rescreened, 1 pending, and 1 refused. SMBC – **February 2020**: 1 needed, 1 rescreened; **March**: 0 needed; **April**: 1 needed, 1 rescreened; **May**: 4 needed, 3 rescreened, and 1 pending; **June**: 1 needed, 1 rescreened; **July**: 1 needed, 1 rescreened; **August**: 0 needed; **September**: 4 needed, 2 rescreened, and 2 pending; **October**: 5 needed, 1 rescreened, and 4 pending; **November**: 1 needed, 1



pending; **December**: 0 needed; **January 2021**: 4 needed, 2 rescreened, and 2 pending; **February**: 1 needed, 1 rescreened.

- D. Referred for DAE **February 2020 – February 2021** - 14 referred, 11 received DAE, 4 DAE 3mo. of age, 3 diagnosed with HL, 2 refused services, and 1 who didn't receive still pending.
- E. High-Risk rescreen by 6 mo. of age: Risk factor – **February 2020**: 9 needed, 2 rescreened, 1 refused, 4 pending, and 2 LTFU. **March**: 14 needed, 2 rescreened, 1 relocated, 2 refused, 6 pending, and 3 LTFU. **April**: 2 needed, 1 rescreened, and 1 pending. **May**: 2 needed, 1 pending, and 1 LTFU. **June**: 0 needed. **July**: 7 needed, 1 rescreened, 1 relocated, 1 refused, 2 pending, and 2 LTFU. **August**: 2 needed, 1 rescreened, and 1 relocated. **September**: 3 needed, 1 rescreened, and 2 refused. **October**: 2 needed, 1 rescreened, and 1 pending. **November**: 1 needed and 1 rescreened. **December**: 2 needed, 1 rescreened, and 1 pending. **January 2021**: 0 needed. **February**: 1 needed and 1 rescreened.
- F. Ms. Aguigui and Mr. Mendiola gave updates on CDC EHDH grant ending on June 30, 2021. DPHSS is not ready to assume the responsibility with the data system. A contract with DPHSS for Guam CEDDERS to continue maintaining the database for another year until June 2022 is in the process of getting signed.
- G. Ms. Wusstig gave updates on the agreement with Naval Hospital. Agreement updates were submitted for review.

#### 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 EHDH 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 EHDH system;
  - AIM #3: Strengthen family engagement, partnership, and leadership for children and adults who are DHH, within EHDH programs and systems.

#### V. Updates



A. Ms. Wusstig discussed the following updates:

1. Reallocation of HRSA Funding
  - a) Outpatient Hearing Screening was contracted with Guam Hearing Doctors (GHD). A total of 130 infants were screened.
2. Outreach:
  - a) Print Ads, PSA with GHD, banners (See PowerPoint Presentation)
3. Learning Community Meeting
  - a) Oct 27, 2020, topic on Medicaid
4. Sustainability Meeting
  - a) Feb 12, 2021
5. EHDI Video Workshops
  - a) Posted on EHDI website and YouTube.
6. Annual EHDI Conference
  - a) Five attended the virtual conference on March 2 – 6, 2021.
  - b) Ms. Cruz was nominated for the 2021 EHDI Family Leadership Award.

**VI. GPPT**

- A. Ms. Cruz gave updates on the family support group.
1. A couple of new families are enrolled and attended the virtual parent workshops/meeting.
  2. Connection with DHH adults.
  3. Outreach by print ads, ASL videos, and banners.

**VII. AMCHP**

- A. Ms. Aguigui gave updates on the Guam Cares Telehealth GCT Project.
1. AMCHP reallocated funds for the AT trailer on wheels. This allows outreach at village mayors center and hearing screenings will be offered.
  2. Partnered with Guam Early Intervention System, Guam Hearing Doctors, Guam Positive Parents Together, Speech and Language Pathologist – May Camacho.
  3. Outpatient clinic with GHD, total screened: 130, passed: 112, referred: 17, other findings: 1.



4. DAE clinic with GHD, total screened: 12, normal hearing: 6,  
hearing loss: 5, undetermined: 1, pending: 3, refuse: 2.

### **VIII. Training & Activities**

1. Outreach Activities (See PowerPoint Presentation)
2. Hearing Screening:
  - a. GHD Outpatient Hearing Screening Clinics:
    - i. 12/7/20, 12/11, 12/14, 12/15, 12/18, 12/21, 12/28, 12/29,  
1/21/21, 1/27, 3/4, 3/15
  - b. Upcoming GHD Outpatient Hearing Screening Clinic:
    - i. 4/12/21, 4/26
  - c. GHD Diagnostic Audiological Evaluation:
    - i. 12/21/20, 12/28, 1/11/21, 1/13, 1/18, 1/22, 1/25, 2/8, 2/24,  
2/26, 3/4, 3/23/21
  - d. Upcoming GHD DAEs:
    - i. 4/2/21, 4/9, 4/23
  - e. DPHSS High Risk Hearing Rescreen Clinic:
    - i. Screening completed by GHD.
  - f. Special Screening Appointments @ Hs. 21 & Home Visits:
    - i. On hold.
3. Other Activities (See PowerPoint Presentation).

### **IX. Announcements**

- A. EHDI Advisory Council next meeting: September 24, 2021, venue TBA

### **X. Adjournment.**

- A. Meeting adjourned.