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**Guam EHDH Advisory Committee Meeting
Via Zoom
Friday, September 24, 2021**

Minutes

Guam EHDH Advisory Members Present:

Avelina Bing Opena, GMHA
Ann Marie Cruz, GPPT Board President
Ma Victoria Guiao, GMHA
Dr. Yolanda Carrera, Pediatrician
Ealani Lobatan, SMBC

Enrique Mesngon, GDOE Teacher
Cathy Tydingco, GDOE GEIS
Pauline Camacho, DPHSS FHRC

Members Absent:

Joyce Tejeretas, Parent and Chairperson
Julia Flores, Family Member
Valerie Meno, GMHA
Lina Leon Guerrero, SMBC
Margarita Gay, DPHSS
June De Leon, UOG CEDDERS

Robert Leon Guerrero, DPHSS/FHP
Dr. Renee Koffend, Audiologist
Trisha Suzuki, Parent
Evelyn Topasna, Parent
Neil Rochelle, GDOE

Guam EHDH Staff Members Present:

Michelle Aguigui
Marie Wusstig
Leilani Delgado, SW Intern

Keith Villaluna
Tanya Simer

I. Call to Order, Welcoming, Introduction of Members

A. Ms. Tydingco, GEIS, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Ms. Tydingco asked members to review the meeting minutes. Ms. Tydingco made a motion to approve minutes. 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): GMHA – **January 2021** 97% were screened, 5% referral rate; **February** 99% were screened, 5% referral rate; **March** 98% were screened, 5% referral rate; **April** 97% were screened, 6% referral rate; **May** 98% were screened, 10% referral rate; **June** 98% were screened, 7% referral rate; **July** 86% were screened, 5% referral rate. SMBC – **January 2021** 100% were screened, 18% referral rate; **February** 90% were screened, 0% referral rate; **March** 100% were screened, 4% referral rate; **April** 96% were screened, 4% referral rate; **May** 100% were screened, 12% referral rate; **June** 94% were screened, 6% referral rate; **July** 93% were screened, 0% referral rate.
- C. Outpatient Rescreen: GMHA – **January 2021**: 8 needed and 8 rescreened; **February**: 8 needed, 6 rescreened, 1 pending, and 1 refuse; **March**: 8 needed, 6 rescreened, and 2 pending; **April**: 9 needed, 4 rescreened, 4 pending, and 1 relocated; **May**: 14 needed, 13 rescreened, and 1 relocated; **June**: 13 needed, 10 rescreened, 2 pending, and 1 relocated; **July**: 8 needed, 5 rescreened, and 3 pending. SMBC – **January 2021**: 4 needed, 2 rescreened, and 2 LTFU; **February**: 0 needed; **March**: 1 needed and 1 rescreened; **April**: 1 needed and 1 rescreened; **May**: 3 needed and 3 rescreened; **June**: 1 needed and 1 rescreened; **July**: 0 needed.
- D. Referred for DAE **January 2021 – July 2021** – 6 referred, 1 received DAE, 1 DAE 3mo. of age, and 5 who didn't receive still pending.
- E. High-Risk rescreen by 6 mo. of age: Risk factor – **January 2021**: 2 needed and 2 LTFU. **February**: 7 needed, 2 rescreened and 5 LTFU. **March**: 1 needed and 1 rescreened. **April**: 7 needed, 6 pending, and 1 LTFU. **May**: 3 needed, 1 pending, and 2 LTFU. **June**: 5 needed, 2 rescreened, 2 pending, and 1 LTFU. **July**: 11 needed, 4 rescreened, and 7 pending.
- F. Ms. Aguigui gave updates on CDC EHDI 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.

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 and Ms. Aguigui discussed the following updates:
 - 1. GEIS/GDOE Outpatient Hearing Clinics
 - a) Meeting with GEIS on June 1, 2021.
 - b) Outpatient Hearing Screening on June 18- July 30, 2021.
 - 2. Outreach
 - a) KSTO and KISH Radio interviews
 - b) Poster distribution
 - c) Guam National Guard, UOG Vaccination site, EHDI bag distribution
 - 3. Learning Community Meeting
 - a) June 25, 2021, topic on JCIH Position Statement
 - 4. Compliance Survey
 - a) Proposed Plan

VI. AMCHP

- A. Ms. Wusstig gave updates on the Guam Cares Telehealth GCT Project.
 - 1. Partnered with Guam Early Intervention System, Guam Hearing Doctors, Guam Positive Parents Together, Speech and Language Pathologist – May Camacho.
 - 2. Outpatient clinic with GHD, April 12 total screened: 4; April 26 total screened: 4.
 - 3. DAE clinic with GHD, April 19 and 23: 2 evaluations conducted.



4.Challenges

- a) GDOE Outpatient Hearing Screening services suspended as of August
- b) DAE
- c) High-Risk

VII. Training & Activities

1. Outreach Activities (See PowerPoint Presentation)
2. Hearing Screening:
 - a. GHD Outpatient Hearing Screening Clinics:
 - i. 4/12, 4/26
 - b. GHD Diagnostic Audiological Evaluation:
 - i. 4/19, 4/23
 - c. GEIS/GDOE Audiology AABR Outpatient Hearing Screening Clinics:
 - i. 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30 GDOE conducted AABR screening clinics at Guam CEDDERS Hs. 29
 - d. GEIS/GDOE Audiology OAE Outpatient Hearing Screening Clinics:
 - i. 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29 GDOE conducted OAE screening clinics at Guam CEDDERS Hs. 29
 - e. Special Screening Appointments @ Hs. 30 & Home Visits:
 - i. On hold.
3. Other Activities (See PowerPoint Presentation).

VIII. Announcements

- A. GEIS State Performance Plan
- B. EHDH Conference, Learning Community meeting, and Advisory Committee meeting: February 4, 2022, venue TBA

IX. Adjournment.

- A. Meeting adjourned at 11:18AM.