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**COMMENTS ON GUAM LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION
PROPOSED FY 2019 PROGRAM PRIORITIES**

The five factors considered in determining whether the case will be selected are practical and useful to the agency rendering the service.

It will be helpful to give examples of each factor during the public hearing on the grant funded by the DD Act.

Comments on the Objectives

Priority 1: Protection from Abuse and Neglect

1. It would be helpful to make regular, unannounced visits to evaluate the physical facility such as group homes, institutions, and educational or healthcare facilities.

Can you cite the check list of what you are looking for?

2. Could you give examples of appropriate practices and policies for the care of the residents? Would you consider using the checklist of appropriate practices in health care from an accreditation on health care facilities?

3. Do you make unannounced visits to the facility?

4. Do you give orientation and/or training to proposed guardians and wards of their roles and responsibilities?

Priority 2: Education

Objective 1, 2, 3, 4: Excellent

Priority 3: Appropriate Care and Treatment in the Least Restrictive Environment

1. Consider citing the statement that DD individuals who have aged out in group home residences may be placed in a senior care facility such as St. Dominic or placed in homes with another higher functioning individual with developmental disabilities or

a husband/wife couple who can provide care in exchange for the opportunity to reside in a home environment.

Priority 4: Individual Rights

- 1. Provide training on "How To Advocate For Yourself."**
- 2. Guam Legal Services should access the federal grant on "Independent Living" that is under the purview of DISID/DVR.**
- 3. Provide comments on the State Plan For Independent Living.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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