



**GOVERNMENT OF GUAHAN**



**GUAM DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL**  
*Konsehelon Guåhan para i Taotao ni' Maninutet desde ki Manhoben*  
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Guam Developmental  
Disabilities Council

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**JOSEPHINE GUERRERO**  
Chairperson

**Guam Developmental Disabilities Council  
General Membership Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 26, 2018 11:00am – 2:00pm  
Holiday Resort Chief Kepuha Room  
Tumon, Guam

**Members Present:**

Arcangel, Theresa MA  
Benavente, Katherine  
Lazaga, Hikie  
Manglona, Thomas  
Mendiola, Joseph John B  
Mendiola, Lourdes  
Parker, Harold  
Perez, Victoria  
Perry, Candice  
Puas, Moses  
Riate, Asuncion  
San Nicolas, Silvestre  
Servino, Benito  
Tejerasas, Joyce  
Vega, Rey (sent representative)

**Members Absent / Excused**

Boswell, Norma Jean (absent)  
Cruz, Elisabeth (absent)  
Eclavea, Rebecca (absent)  
Guerrero, Josephine (excused)  
Limtiaco, Monica (excused)  
Okada, Zenaida (absent)  
Pilipina, Rally (excused)  
Taitano, Katherine (absent)  
Tydingco, Catherine (absent)

**Public Attendance:**

Arca, Gina (Family Member)  
Broassaa, May (Family Member)  
Flores, Julia (Family Member)  
Martinez, Julianne (GBHWC)  
Mesa, Lou (ACT / SRC)  
Mendida, Joelle (Public)  
Munoz, Frances (GBHWC)  
Perez, Jesus (Family Member)  
Tatagmaili, James (Guma' Mami)  
Tejerasas, William (Family Member)  
Wooten, Clifford (IIDD)

**Staff Present:**

Ada, Rosanne S., Executive Director  
Tedaotao-Libria, Marie  
Sayas, Ray S.N., PC-I

**Meeting Chaired By:** Lourdes Mendiola, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson

**Call to Order:** The General Membership Meeting was called to order at 12:04pm by Lourdes Mendiola, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson. Sign-up sheet will be used in lieu of roll call.

**I. Review Minutes of Wednesday, June 13, 2018**

- MOTION:** Motion to approve minutes, with corrections
- MADE:** Harold Parker, no corrections stated
- SECONDED:** Silvestre San Nicolas
- VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously by "ayes"

**II. Change to Agenda:** Lourdes Mendiola asked the Council to amend and approve by Motion the agenda for today's meeting: move DD Awareness Committee as first item of discussion under New Business to last item of discussion under New Business.

- MOTION:** Motion to move Item IV.A: DD Awareness Committee under New Business as first item of discussion to last item of discussion under New Business.
- MADE:** Silvestre San Nicolas
- SECONDED:** Candice Perry
- VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously by "ayes"

**III. Reports**

- A. Executive Director's Report (by Acting Executive Director Marie Libria).** Detailed Report in Folder. Lourdes Mendiola advised that Mrs. Rosanne Ada will be retiring at the end of this year. Lou thanked Mrs. Ada for her hard work and contributions to the Guam DD Council.
- B. Standing Committee Report:** Lourdes Mendiola, Chairperson Adults Issues Committee, provided a summary of her meeting held on Wednesday August 8, 2018 9:00am to 10:30am at Guam DD Council Conference Room. Items of discussion in her meeting included: (1) Programs awarded by Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) to Catholic Social Services (CSS) will be ending September 30, 2018. These programs are the Community Habilitation Program (CHP), the Respite Care Services (RCS), and the Karidat Residential Program. She stated that even though the programs are slated to end on September 30, 2018, the programs can still run based on a month-to-month contract until the RFP process has been completed, a process that can take 90 to 120 days; (2) individuals under the CHP who do not meet the criteria of being trained to be independent such as being able to complete a job application, will be transitioned out back into the community which means going back to their home. This a gap in the system as families depend on CHP as a day activities center. Families will have no other option but to quit their jobs to care for their family members who are moved out of CHP. She stated that Benito Servino, Director of Department of Integrates Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID) is working on reprogramming the grant to be available for Individuals with Disabilities (IWD) to be placed on Limited Term Appointment (LTA) for employment. IWDs are transitioned out of CHP as new members enter into the program which makes this an identified need.

Josephine Guerrero, Chairperson Children & Families, no report.

Rebecca Eclavea, Chairperson Cross-Cutting Committee, no report

- C. Trip Report:** TAI and NACDD Conference held in Washington DC attended by Marie T. Libria, PC-IV and Josephine Guerrero, Council Chairperson. Detailed report in folder.
- D. Council Member Attendance Report:** Marie Libria stated this is a requirement for Board and Commission Councils under the Government of Guam and is part of audit requirements. While we tend to overlook this in

Council Meetings, members are encouraged to review the matrix and report any discrepancies regarding their attendance.

- E. Council Member Replacement:** (1) Pollyanna Amistad, Family Member, (2) Lourdes Bitanga, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), (3) Evelyn Cruz, State Agency Representative (SAR), and (4) Gabriel Lau Individual with Developmental Disabilities (IWDD). These replacements represent current openings. Marie Libria stated that we do have potential candidates to fill in their vacant slots. Lourdes Mendiola stated that we can open up these slots to other Boards and Commissions and other NGOs members who might be interested. Marie Libria stated that because CSS will no longer be renewing programs awarded by GBHWC / DPHSS, they no longer meet requirements as members of the Guam DD Council under NGO status. A new NGO will be to be recruited such as Guma' Mami or Westcare.

**MOTION:** Motion to open up invitation to other NGOs to be members of the Guam DD Council

**MADE:** Theresa MA Arcangel

**SECONDED:** Silvestre San Nicolas

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously by "ayes"

- F. Agency Presentation – Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) by Frances Munoz and Julienne Martinez.**

#### IV. Change in Agenda

**MOTION:** Motion to move Item IV.H under New Business 2019 Proposed Budget up to Item IV.A under New Business.

**MADE:** Silvestre San Nicolas

**SECONDED:** Asuncion Riate

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously by "ayes"

#### V. New Business

- A. 2019 Proposed Budget (breakdown in folder):** Marie Libria stated that FY-2019 Proposed Budget will start in November 2018. Because we don't receive our budget in one lump sum, we are still operating on FY-2018 funds. Gina Arca asked if our budget is the same as all the other states. Marie Libria stated that budget allotment is based on population size.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve FY-2019 proposed budget of \$253,256

**MADE:** Theresa MA Arcangel

**SECONDED:** Silvestre San Nicolas

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously by "ayes"

#### VI. Old Business

- A. AIDD – Pending Report Submission for 2017 PPR and 2019-2020 Annual Work Plan:** This has been submitted last month. Reference to the PPR, AIDD is still conducting testing on the report and so has not yet been submitted.
- B. Self-Advocacy Seminars:** Marie Libria has been doing the monthly seminars which started in May 2018 – a seminar held at George Washington High School (GWHS). A total of 20 student and faculty participated. No seminars were done in June and July because of the summer break. A seminar was held with Sagan Mami in

August 2018 with 12 participants. The DD Council has reached out to Self-Advocates in Action (SIÑA) to participate in the Self-Advocacy seminars, but their organization has not been active. A seminar is being planned for Southern High School (SHS). The seminars are held the first Wednesday of the month and has been advertised on "On the Fridge." The Guam DD Council's contract with Ginger Porter is almost completed. The training provided by Ginger Porter is an in-depth training, whereas the seminars conducted by Marie Libria are a brief introduction into Self-Advocacy.

- C. **July 2018 – ADA Anniversary Celebration and Activities:** Benito Servino provided a summary of the ADA Anniversary held on July 2018 and a preview of NDEAM Activities coming in October 2018. Lourdes Mendiola asked if IWDs can attend the first NDEAM Conference in October. Mr. Servino stated no, that the conference is targeted only for employers. The second NDEAM Conference will be a Job Fair focusing on IWDs.

## VII. New Business, Continued

- B. **2018 PPR:** The 2017 PPR will be submitted along with the 2018 PPR due December 31, 2018. Council Members can assist in preparing the annual PPR by advising The Guam DD Council. The PPR normally covers activities held throughout the year that GDDC is involved: Self-Advocacy, Transportation, Employment, and Education.
- C. **NGO Replacement for CSS:** covered in Item III.E.
- D. **Conflict of Interest Policy Statement:** Draft copy in folder. Council members as to review the statement for a vote in next GMM to be held in December 2018.
- E. **Self-Advocacy – Notice to SIÑA:** A note will be sent to SIÑA regarding GDDC's plan for Self-Advocacy Training, as they are the recognized Self-Advocacy Organization for Guam. Marie Libria would like to have an ad-hoc committee for Self-Advocacy. As SIÑA has not been active recently, this ad-hoc committee would fill in the gap. This group would spear head the Self-Advocacy Projects and Training and should be conducted by IWDDs and Family Members, not Program Staff. The ad-hoc committee can work collaboratively with SIÑA.

**MOTION:** Motion to create an ad-hoc committee on Self-Advocacy

**MADE:** Silvestre San Nicolas

**SECONDED:** Asuncion Riate

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously by "ayes"

- F. **Executive Director Leadership Summit October 22 – 24, 2018, San Diego California:** Mrs. Ada recommended to the NACDD that Marie Libria attend this summit as Senior Staff.
- G. **By-Laws Amendment:** This will be an action item in December as items were added to the current by-laws. **Changes to the by-laws will be sent to Council Members via e-mail or dropped off for those members without e-mail access.**
- H. **DD Awareness Committee:** To be held in March 2019.

**MOTION:** Motion to create an ad-hoc committee for DD Awareness Month

**MADE:** Asuncion Riate

**SECONDED:** Silvestre San Nicolas

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously by "ayes"

## VIII. Announcements:

- A. Lourdes Mendiola stated that ACT will have a GMM on Saturday October 20, 2018.
- B. Lourdes Mendiola stated that DSAG will be having its picnic on Saturday October 20, 2018 at Ipan Beach 10:00am to 3:00pm. The picnic is a pot-luck lunch.
- C. Lourdes Mendiola stated that GBHWC will be having its Planning Council Meeting on Thursday October 18, 2018.

**IX. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:17pm  
**MADE:** Thomas Manglona  
**SECONDED:** Asuncion Riate  
**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously by "ayes"

  
RAY SN SAYAS  
GDDC STAFF

  
LOURDES MENDIOLA  
1<sup>ST</sup> VICE CHAIRPERSON

  
JOYCE TAJERESAS  
SECRETARY