



General Membership Meeting
Wednesday June 12, 2024 11:00am to 02:00pm
Minutes of Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Google Meet

Public Notice Agenda Advertised on Wednesday June 5, 2024 and Monday June 10, The Guam Daily Post.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call: The General Membership Meeting was called to order at 11:12am chaired by Elizabeth Napoli, Member. Roll call in this virtual meeting serves as confirmation of attendance in lieu of a physical sign-in sheet. Present at the meeting were:

Council Member Attendance:

- O'Mallan, Robert (Chairperson & IWDD)
- Pangelinan, Jonathan (1ST Vice Chairperson & IWDD)
- Palop, Rosemarie (2nd Vice Chairperson & IWDD)
- Agoun, Scotty P.C. (IWDD)
- Augusta, Francis, (Secretary & Family Member)
- Aguigui, Michelle (CEDDERS)
- Arca Esther, (IWDD)
- Arcangel, Theresa (DPHSS Medicaid) *Resigned 20220920*
- Arriola, Theresa (GBHWC)
- Babauta, Thomas (DOE SPED)
- Benavente, Eloy (IWDD)
- Boswell, Norma (Parent)
- Buccat, Amanada (Family Member)
- Cameron, Joseph (DISID)

- Chase, Vincent Ray Blas (IWDD)
- Cruz, Elisabeth (Parent)
- Gay, Margarita (DPHSS MCH)
- Ignacio, John (IWDD)
- Johnson, Michael (GRTA)
- Juaneza, Jo Ann (IWDD)
- Lintiaco, Monica (NGO)
- Michael, Clara (Parent)
- Napoli, Elizabeth (GHURA)
- Ogo, Lisa (IWDD)
- Perez, Roberta (Parent)
- San Nicolas, Charlene (DPHSS DSC)
- San Nicolas, Silvestre (IWDD)
- Somerfleck, Daniel (GLSC-DLC)
- Other: Maria Barque, Guma' Mami

GDDC Staff:

- Alerta, Jermaine (Executive Director)
- Libria, Marie (PC-IV)
- Rotarla, Ray (PC-I)



Quorum Met! Thank-You to All Council Members and GDDC Staff Who Attended.



- II. Review of Minutes:** Wednesday March 27, 2024 with corrections
- A. **CORRECTION:** Charlene San Nicolas stated that she was in attendance of the March 27, 2024 meeting. While she was off-site for a training that public health was having, she attended via her mobile phone.
 - B. Motion to approve minutes of March 27, 2024 with corrections made by Charlene San Nicolas.
 - C. Motion seconded by Scotdy P.C. Agoun.
 - D. Motion unanimously approved by 'ayes.'

III. Reports

- A. **Executive Director's Report:** Jermaine Alerta presented the following items:
 - 1. Attended the Governor's Cabinet meeting held on April 15, 2024.
 - 2. Attended a meeting with the Governor and the Department of Integrated Services for individuals with Disabilities held on May 28, 2024.
 - 3. Informed the Governor of GDDC's attendance of the NACDD 2024 Conference in Washington, DC in which he and Ray Rotarla will be attending.
 - 4. Updated the Governor on the DD Council's search for new office space.
 - 5. Discussed a funding opportunity made available by the US Department of Education reference to the disability innovation fund. The project is to create a 21st century workforce of youth and adults with disabilities through the transformation of education, career, and competitive integrated employment modeled demonstration project. The purpose of this grant is aimed at increasing competitive, integrated employment for youth and other individuals with disabilities. This funding opportunity is currently being discussed with the tri-agency partners (GLSC-DLC and UOG CEDDERS).
 - 6. Reported to the Governor about the various Disability Sensitivity and Awareness Training (DSAT) sessions sponsored by the Guam DD Council. Each session had about 30 participants.
- B. **Standing Committee Report:** None
- C. **Council Membership Status:** Discussed by Marie Tedtaotao-Libria:
 - 1. Welcome aboard Esther Arca appointed on May 8, 2024 replacing Lourdes Mendiola who completed her two four-year terms.
 - 2. Welcome aboard Norma Boswell, appointed on May 8, 2024 replacing Katherine Benavente who completed her two four-year terms.
 - 3. Welcome aboard Scotdy P.C. Agoun, appointed on May 8, 2024 replacing Rebecca Eclavea who completed her two four-year terms.
 - 4. Vincent Ray Blas Chase appointed on May 8, 2024 replacing Rodney Calimlim who resigned on 12/02/2022.
 - 5. Pending replacement for Theresa MA Arcangel who retired on 09/20/2022.
 - 6. Pending replacement for Therese Arriola who moved to DPHSS as Director June 2024.

IV. Old Business

- A. **FY-2024 Budget \$130,254:** Marie Tedtaotao-Libria stated that we have received our fourth and final notice of award in the amount of \$130,254 being our total grant total to \$273,990. The initial project for FY-2024 was \$275,000. Scotdy P.C. Agoun asked what this budget covers. Marie stated that it covers salaries, benefits, stipends, operations, etc. Charlene San Nicolas recommended that correcting FY-2024 item A. She recommended that we specify the NOA date for the awarded \$130,254 and then state the YTD cumulative budget for this grant. She also asked if this 100% federal or is there a match requirement. Jermaine Alerta stated that we will note that the \$130,254 is the final award

and also state the total amount received for the fiscal year. He stated that our funding is 100% federally funded. In reference to the match requirements, Jermaine stated that there is a clause in the DD Act about State Participation but is not reflected in the overall budget received from the grant funding itself. The total amount for FY-2024 was \$273,990. The final notice of award was \$143,736, it now brings us up to full grant funding.

- B. 2024-2025 State Plan Work Plan (Self-Advocacy & Community Living):** Marie Tedtaotao-Libria discussed the FY-2024 and FY-2025 State Plan Work Plan activities. The State Plan / Work Plan covers the two goals which is self-advocacy and community living. Community Living is broken down further to employment, transportation, assistive technology, health, and emerging needs.
- C. FY-2023 Program Performance Report approved May 1, 2024:** Marie Tedtaotao-Libria stated that the PPR was submitted on 12/23/2023 and approved by ACL on May 1, 2024. In their review of the narratives, ACL (OIDD) stated that they would like to see more activities with collaborative partners and especially the tri-agency partners.
- D. Virtual-Information and Technical Assistance Center for Councils (ITACC) on May 7, 9, 14, & 16, 2024:** Marie Tedtaotao-Libria discussed GDDC Staff attendance of the ITACC virtual conference. It covered ACL Updates, Federal Grant updates, Financials, about Self-Advocacy.
- E. National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Conference July 22-26, 2024 Washington, D.C.:** Marie Tedtaotao-Libria discussed the on-going work for Travel Authorizations for the upcoming trip. Jermaine Alerta discussed the setup and various activities for the conference. Each SCDD will have a showcase table set up highlighting certain things particular to their state or territory.
- F. Executive Director Leadership Summit, September 2024:** Jermaine Alerta discussed the summit to be held on September 23, 2024 in Phoenix Arizona. He stated that it is still in its planning stages and that an official agenda has not be released as of yet.
- G. Ethics in Government Program:** Jermaine Alerta discussed the requirements of all Council Members to complete the Government Ethics Training Program. The training is available on-line and is a self-paced training.
- H. Executive Director's Evaluation:** *Jermaine Alerta stepped away from the conference during this discussion.* Marie Tedtaotao-Libria discussed the Executive Director's evaluation completed by the Executive Committee. The Evaluation Period is from January 2023 to January 2024. She also discussed the various parts of the evaluation and its ranking. Jermaine Alerta passed his evaluation and although it was recommended that he receive a pay adjustment, it was not approved due to budget available of funds.
 - 1. Motion to approve Jermaine Alerta's Evaluation made by Elisabeth Cruz.
 - 2. Motion seconded by Monica Limtiaco.
 - 3. Motion approved by 'ayes.'
- I. 2024 Disability Sensitivity & Awareness Training:** Marie Tedtaotao-Libria discussed the various DSAT trainings sponsored by GDDC. There was a total of six trainings for over 200 government of Guam employees from agencies such as Guam Fire Department First Responders, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, and Department of Corrections. The trainings were conducted by Greg Calvo, Barbara Mafnas (Oppotunidad) and UOG CEDDERS GSAT.
- J. Search for New Office Space:** updates provided by Marie Tedtaotao-Libria.

V. New Business

- A. **2022-2026 State Plan Updates/Amendments due June 21, 2024:** Marie Tedtaotao-Libria discussed the 2026 State Plan Work Plan and the various activities that make up the plan.
- B. **2026 Annual Work Plan Updates due August 15, 2024:** discussed in item V.A.
- C. **2024 (July) Americans with Disabilities Act Anniversary:** Jermaine Alerta discussed the upcoming ADA Anniversary in July 2024.

VI. Announcements: Michelle Aguigui discussed the Bureau of children's Healthcare contract. CEDDERS will be hosting 10 different conferences for DPHSS Bureau of Child Care Services. She extended an invitation to the tri-agency partners as well as to DISID to participate in one of the conferences. There will be about 160 childcare providers that will attend the conference with the goal of bringing disability awareness to the service providers. This can be discussed in the next tri-agency meeting. Marie Tedtaotao-Libria stated that the next General Membership Meeting will be held on September 11, 2024.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:32pm made by Scotdy Agoun.
- B. Seconded by: N/A.
- C. Unanimously approved by 'ayes'.