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**Guam System for Assistive Technology**  
**Advisory Council**

**General Membership Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 3:30-5:00pm  
House 19 Deans Circle, UOG



(X)	Lou Mesa,	Chairperson	(X)	Carla Torres	(GSAT)
(X)	Josephine Cortez,	Vice-Chairperson	( )	Dawn Maka	(GCIL)
(X)	Barbara Johnson,	Secretary	(X)	DeeDee Cruz	(GCIL)
(X)	Hikie Lazaga,	Member-at-Large	(X)	Roseanne Ada	(GDCC)
(X)	Noel Lazaga,	Member-at-Large	( )	Maria Libria	(GDCC)
(X)	Evelyn Duenas		(X)	Leslie Gatan	(GLSC)
( )	Bill Fuppul		(X)	Christine Rosario	(GDOE)
(X)	Lisa Ogo		( )	Bob Dames	(AHRD/WIA)
(X)	Vedalema Valencio		(X)	Fran Bell	(AHRD/WIA)
(X)	Tavita Faasualie		(X)	Ben Servino	(DISID/DVR)
( )	Jacob Cruz		(X)	Kirstin Bamba	(ASL Interpreter)

### Minutes

- I. Call to Order / Introductions  
Lou Mesa called the meeting to order at 3:30PM followed by the introduction of members.
  - II. Review & Approval of Minutes  
Noel motioned to approve the October 18, 2011 meeting minutes seconded by Evelyn
  - III. New Business  
Carla Torres shared with the council, that she received certification as an Assistive Technology Professional on December 12, by way of the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA). What that means for the program is that now we can expand to provide for services that are very much needed by the community which we aren't able to provide under the stipulations of our AT Grant. We recognize that people in the community need AT evaluations which are not covered by our AT Grant and also people in the community need device training on specific AT devices. We have not been able to provide those under the AT Grant but by implementing a fee for service we should be able to do that and with the credentials to back it up.
- B. State Plan  
Carla said previous Council from years 2008 had input to the state plan and expired on September 30, 2011. The feds gave us a date which is February 24. The old state plan is



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at the GSAT Website. The format of the state plan is that it identifies each of the activities that we are to carry out under our grant. She added that there's no financial support so in regards to training basically we've identified that we can collaborate with the tri-agency, the DD Council, Guam Legal Services and that we also work with VR, Department of Education and DISID. We also have to identify in the state plan, the budget allocation. We only get \$125,000 for the AT grant and we are to allocate our funds into these categories. About \$5,000 a year go towards equipment, \$10,000 towards travel and the rest of that towards personnel so when we are looking at these figures we are really looking at where the energy is spent of the personnel in terms of activities and we really spend a bulk in a state leadership. Our AT conference and Fair are our biggest event of the year, information and assistance.

The state financing activities are our loan program Guam Options for Alternative loans, device reutilization activities, device loans for 30 days device demonstrations as state leadership activities which include training public awareness, technical assistance, information and assistance. Carla further noted that the previous Advisory Council had inputted in the state plan as far as what are goals were going to be. This year the feds have identified that for us.

The AT Program has basically a two part mission

1. To help people access assistive technology
2. To help people acquire assistive technology

Carla states that this is the way we are measured, in terms of access, these are our demo programs and on acquiring these are activities like the short term loan, GOAL-AT Program, reuse/ reutilization and these are the goals that the feds have set for us, so the long term goal is 70% for 2012, 2013, 2014. Carla states that our 2011 performance has already exceeded that

95% education  
100% employment  
100% community living  
96.88% information technology and telecommunications



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Carla added that these percentages are reflecting that if somebody comes into our program and borrows our device we have to give them a customer satisfaction survey. If they were able to make a decision based on that loan than it's considered a 100%. A person can borrow a device either they decided that it would work for them or they decided that it won't work for them if they haven't been able to make a decision based on that activity than it's scored zero, so if two people borrowed devices one says that it made a decision that it will work for them, the other one makes a decision that it won't work for them our score is 100%. If you have two people one made a decision, the other one haven't been able to make a decision based on that activity, our score is 50%,. In each of these areas we want 70% of the people that come to us to be able to make a decision based on the interactions that we have we with them

ANNUAL DATA: September 30, 2011

*Refer to graphs*

Carla formulated some questions to generate some ideas and incorporate them into the state plan. Where can we increase in our activities? What populations could we target? Who could we collaborate with that we're not already doing so? And where can we direct impact?

Carla reports data from the loan program.

In response to Lisa's question on the minimum amount for Loans, Carla responded \$100. The maximum \$5000 is at the discretion of the board to consider amounts above that. \$13,500 of the loans went to vehicle modification and transportation, \$6,414.90 went to speech communication hearing was \$4,800, and learning, cognition and developmental \$2835.00 . Highest loan amount was \$11,732.00 and lowest \$501. This data will be on the GSAT website and in a spread on the Itellai and Lina'lata newsletters coming out in March and a story to go along with the data

Loan Program

Carla discussed that a loan program is people borrow devices for 30 days to try it out. 53% that took out device loan is to help them for the purpose of making decisions. If they are coming in for the purpose of decision making this is the only part that we are



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getting scored on. Carla further added that the people that come in looking for devices to provide an accommodation for a short term basis, need a loaner while their device is being repaired, or borrowing devices to be used in professional development, we don't count .

Refer to Loan Program graph

Breakdown of device loans by type of borrower, refer to *graph*

Carla notes that there are no representatives from employment. Michelle and Carla are hitting up the Chamber and Rotary trying to hit that target but our data are telling us that we are not reaching that . Based on the data on Representatives of Health, Allied Health, and Rehabilitation, Carla discussed that it should not be a zero. She has worked with speech therapist that come and borrows devices. She will look into that.

Refer to data

Carla contributes a large part of vision to New Vision's referrals. Lee has 500 members. Carla said that GSAT purchased a very large environment control unit demo kit that operates small appliances at home through voice, or switch access which. This will be demonstrated in the Conference on March., Deedee is going to take that session representing the Guam Council for Independent Living

Whenever someone comes in for a device demonstration we do a referral to a funding source, a non AT program, could be our GOAL-AT program, so they come in and see how a device works, and we refer them if they are not already working with a funding source. Funding sources could be insurance , GOAL AT Loan Program,DVR, and vendors. In terms of training the biggest is the GSAT ConferencE.

Reutilization program is lets say Barbara has a device she's no longer using she hears Lisa could benefit from it , Lisa has this other device she's not using, that Barbara can use and they just simply swap .The AT program can record that as part of our activities, we can serve as a liaison, We use our website to do this. Carla adds that there is a section on the GSAT website called GREES , and people can post their items out there like a classified and get information on what's for sale .



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Carla will be adding the graphs to the GSAT website. Annual report is posted on our website besides the data, anecdotes are seen for each of the activities Carla writes in a personal story of how somebody benefited from a training activity, reutilization, demo loans.

Carla announces what the Council can contribute, any suggestions on how we can increase activities, or regards to populations we should target

The following are inputs for the State Plan

- Employers
- Activities of DOE or the Community that we can participate in
- Additional training for device
- Guam Housing Corporation
- self employment entrepreneurship
- Guam Young Professionals for Presentations (GLSC)
- Public Library
- Consulates from the different countries
- Public Health
- Allied Health
- Families and Associations of the different nationalities
- Mayor's Council
- education , schools , college
- Military Buildup
- Mental Health

Carla shared that 3 years ago she went to a meeting for individuals with multiple sclerosis. Only 7 were there but the impact is great. 6 of the 7 never heard of AT. One woman struggled to put her necklace, and it was just changing the clasp on the necklace to something just magnet, the woman has a whole box of jewelry and never been able to put a necklace on. These people have the opportunity talk about their specific needs versus the big fair



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Carla shares that she will be doing training with a speech therapist on February and this is just to keep them up to date on the newest technologies specially for the apps but she'd also like to work with the DOE teachers .

On a final note, Carla said that the state plan is due on February 24.

IV. Old Business

A. Recruiting New Members

Lou announced that we are still looking for members to the Council for down syndrome and parents with a child K-12 using AT .

B. Reports

A. Coordinator's Report: Update on GSAT core activities

1. Quarterly Report (see attachment)
2. Reports: (see attachment)
3. Quarterly report (see attachment)
4. Annual Report (GSAT website)

B. Conference/ Fair Committee Report (see attachment)

C. Conference and Fair committee (see attachment)

October 26, November 8, and December 13 minutes provided

Lou mentions that original theme was Achieving Life: Enhancing Quality of Life Through AT, 7 votes, Maximizing One's potential through AT 3 votes . That was the original theme voted, but went ahead and made the change of Living Life: Enhancing the Quality of Life Through AT. AT Fair on February 25

Carla said that we are celebrating UOG's 60th anniversary, so we wanted to go with the green .Posters passed around. Posters which are to be released on February 2 Conference Agenda attached.

Apps focus some on Autism, communication apps , social skills training Session 2 low tech AT Solutions on the Fly the UOG Graduate. There are Graduate students from Dr. Fe's class who need to conduct professional workshops as part of their internship. It's sort of confirmed , we are just waiting on who the final students are going to be. Session 3 bringing things into focus. I was really hoping New Vision would carry this out, as they have requested, but



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they are not able to. Carla suggested having consumers like, Lisa, Roy , Tavita, somebody from the SINA group present this. If interested, they will demonstrate devices that provided magnification and also devices, that help people who are blind. Carla informed Fran that when Greg was involved, he was talking about collaborating with Ben on the power of self employment.

Fran said that Frank does presentation every month, once a month is scheduled for the rest of this year.

Carla further added that we're asking donations for raffle prizes, especially from the agencies or any of the member. Carla states there are no restrictions on raffle prizes. She suggested umbrellas, gift baskets , GSAT will try to get a free night stay at the Westin , lunch coupons, and IP&E gas coupons,lunch vouchers, ACT is going to donate something, the bigger prizes will be at the end to keep people at the end of the day. Ben Servino offered to give umbrellas and t-shirts

Lou states that there will be an early lunch for staff, those with table displays. She added that we plan to have SINA, on performances, we invited the Superfriends and Sorensen Media to do a live broadcast, we are still waiting for confirmation. We are either going to have Joe Andersen or Ray Barcinas.

V. Open Discussion/ Announcements

Lou gave her condolences to Lisa for the recent passing of her mother. Carla said that rosary will be at the Toto church at 7:30 and mass at 6  
Evelyn said his dad's anniversary is on February 2-10 , mass is at 7, Talafofo Church. Followed by dinner at her residence. 2012 Autism Awareness Fair will be on April 14, 2012 at Agana Shopping Center, 10-2PM. Invitations are sent out, gave until February 24 for agencies to respond. Lou added that they've communicated with the office of the Governor for the proclamation signing. Roseanne Ada is requesting to send email to confirm the signage. Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month proclamation signing is on March 5th at 10:45am. Mass is March 4 at 9:00am. Family Fun Day is on March 24 at the Asan Beach Park, which is still tentative. Special Olympics Track and Field on March 17 at Okkodo. DISID Golf Tournament is being changed to April , Ben announced that there's a conflict with special Special Olympics DISID Golf Tournament originally on March 10 but changed to April and they're going to finalize the date. Lou said that we



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like to collaborate with our partners, because there was a time , too we had our Autism Awareness Fair , we set ours, and Special Olympics wasn't able to have theirs in March so they moved it to the same day as the Autism Awareness Fair

Carla also shares that according to Marlon, they moved the construction Rodeo , a fundraiser to Special Olympics to Feb. 25 which coincides with our AT Fair. March 10 Special Olympics at the Golf course in Dededo, Guam International Country Club . Right by the Dededo Transfer station. SRC Quarterly Meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> , 9:00am at the DVR Conference , the public is invited. The annual Pack Rim Conference on Disability and Diversity on March 26 and 27 usually in Hawaii. For the self advocacy summit , they're sending a Guam team in Honolulu, Hawaii on March 28 and 29 from the tri-agency. Roseanne Ada said that they are sending 9 reps, consumers and the tri-agency. Barbara announced that there is a deaf guy name Joe Barish, is coming to Guam on Thursday January 26, at the Hilton Resort Guam, from 6-830PM. He goes around the world and he meets different deaf people who have their own business, and successful athletes. The event is free, sponsored by the deaf nation. Just call just for your information (Flyer passed around) Since a deaf man is presenting it , there will be a presentation in close captioning and there will be a voice interpreter.

VI. Adjournment

meeting adjourned at 4:48PM.

Next Meeting: April 17, 2012, 3:30-5:00pm