



University of Guam CEDDERS
Guam System for Assistive Technology
Advisory Council
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 4:00-5:30pm
House 19 Deans Circle, UOG



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Evelyn Duenas, Chairperson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carla Torres (GSAT) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lou Mesa, Vice-Chairperson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Maka (CILG) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Ogo, Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Roseanne Ada (DISID) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josephine Cortez, Member At Large | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marie Libria (GDDC) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Leon Guerrero | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Cruz (GLSC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Fuppul | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Rosario (GDOE) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noel Lazaga | <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Calvo (AHRD/ WIA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Haiki Lazaga | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tavita Faasualmalie | |

Minutes of the Meeting

- I. Call to Order / Introductions/ Sign-in**
Meeting called to order at 4:14PM. Sign-in sheets passed followed by a roll call.
- II. Review & Approval of Minutes *October 19, 2010 meeting**
Josephine moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Michelle Cruz
- III. CEDDERS Calendars**
Pocket calendars and desk strips were passed out
- IV. New Devices**
Carla shared with the members, devices that are to be procured. She mentioned that Pat is working on getting USB microphones to be used with the Dragon Natural Speaking Software, talking watch, talking clock, a mini electronic magnifier, another smart pen (4gb) with the smartpen paper (loose leaf) and binder. She added that Smartpen have been loaned out mostly to UOG students, some with learning disabilities.
- Other devices for consideration are the color and money identifier, talking digital recorder from the National Federation for the Blind, talking glucometer, Boardmaker, the Go Talk pocket, PAL pads, a micro light switch, altering cane, and 3 FM units. Carla pointed out that as a result of the training conducted Saturday, students are still awaiting on the FM units, and further noted that GSAT has the ability to support the school systems for the short term.
- Lisa suggested an updated version of the Aladdin / KNFB reader can be added to the loan library. Carla stated that the Intel Reader has the same concept, but rather than placing the document flat into the scanner, the scanner is above it and takes a picture. The KNFB reader that was purchased is not truly accessible. And that additional software to make it accessible needed to be purchased.
- Carla acknowledged New Vision Guam, a group that helps the blind and low vision, for their recommendations on the devices such as, the talking recorder, color and money identifier.



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V. Elect a Member-at-Large

Evelyn opened the floor to nominate a Member at Large. Linda Leon Guerrero was favored and voted by acclamation

VI. Recruit New Members

Carla announced that when executive committee met last week, Lou pointed out what areas that have been lacking in terms of representing the different disability types. The following were considered.

- a. Mobility
- b. Vision
- c. Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- d. Intellectual Disability
- e. Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- f. Speech and Communication
- g. Learning Disabilities
- h. ADD/ADHD
- i. Autism community
- j. Down Syndrome
- k. Medical Group (i.e. Hypertension Deficit Disorder)
- l. Emotional Disorder (i.e. anxiety)
- m. Other Health Impairments (i.e. epilepsy)

Carla reviewed all the category types represented and requested the council recruit representatives for the following disability categories: Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Speech & Communication, ADD/ADHD, Emotional Disability, and Learning Disability

VII. Photo of Group to Update Website

Carla announced that a group photo will be arranged at the GSAT Conference and names will be updated on the website

VIII. Reports

a. Annual Report

An annual report was submitted and posted on CEDDERS website, along with the last two years' reports

b. Quarterly Updates on GSAT

Quarterly updates are included in their packets. Carla stated that the Loan Program numbers are going up, thereby supporting DVR consumers; by funding those who wish to do self employment. Moreover, GSAT received a \$5,000 guarantee from DVR that will be "fronted" by the GGT Loan program to expedite funding to the client



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On another note, GSAT has been receiving calls for device reutilization. Carla further emphasized that being a liaison to connect with two parties can be good. She outlined that in comparison to the annual report of 2008 and 2009, the report for 2010 increased in every area

Christine Rosario had inquired about the use of the 3 loans which were approved. Carla provided the following details on where the loans were spent:

1. A student in DOE who was getting ready to exit, purchased an Intel reader and Kurzweil 3000
2. Hearing Aid
3. A GGT consumer, who has lawn care business, bought a truck for \$8,500. \$5,700 and \$14,000 was guaranteed by DVR for equipments.

Carla added that the efforts to reach a high number attributed to Public Radio at UOG where an estimated 10,000 listeners were reached

In light of that, training was conducted in collaboration with the Guam Legal Services, DDC, Parent Services Division of Department of Education facilitated by Laura Tysipic and Kathy Tydingco. Training on Special Education and Demo on AT were some of the activities held. Carla later noted that the training was to empower parents with their knowledge on their rights under SPED, so that they can advocate better for their children.

Trainings are going to be held at Yigo, Toto and Agat. Christine Rosario shared with the council that she took a registration from a Parent in Yigo who received a note from his son. Yigo is where the next training will take place and remarks that it helps to know the letters to the parents have already been passed out.

c. Conference/ Fair Committee Report

Carla announced that Francis Dadufalza will be in this year's cover for developed products. She elaborated that all logistics had been laid out but the agenda is something the committee has yet to solidify. She further stated that it will be a plenary session focusing on employment.

d. Autism Community Together

Carla announced that the ACT fair has been moved up from April 16 to April 9 at the Agana Shopping Center

IX. Open Discussion

Marie Libria announced that the 5 years state plan forum will take part tomorrow. She added that the DD Council has been utilizing fairs and conferences to get input on areas



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of emphasis to focus on the next 5 years. And that employment, education, and health are the top priority

Lisa announced New Vision's meeting will be on January 22nd at the Government's House from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Christine Rosario announced that DOE'S next meeting is on February 21st from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The next Advisory council meeting will be on April 19, 2011.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.