



*University of Guam CEDDERS*  
**Guam System for Assistive Technology**  
**Advisory Council**

**General Membership Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 3:30-5:00pm  
House 19 Deans Circle, UOG



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(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)	Marie Babauta	(GDOE)
(X)	Lisa Ogo		( )	Bob Dames	(AHRD/WIA)
(X)	Vedalema Valencio		(X)	Fran Bell	(AHRD/WIA)
(X)	Tavita Faasuamalie		(X)	Ben Servino	(DISID/DVR)
( )	Jacob Cruz		(X)	Kirstin Bamba	(ASL Interpreter)

### Minutes

#### I. Call to Order / Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:34PM, followed by an introduction of the members

#### II. Review & Approval of Minutes

Meeting: January 24, 2012. Correction: Marie Babauta was in attendance as representative of DOE and not Christine Rosario. Noel motioned to approve as amended and seconded by Roy. Approved by acclamation. Lou suggested minutes to be submitted one week prior to the General Membership Meeting.

#### III. Old Business

##### Recruiting New Members

**1. Down Syndrome.** Lou announced that the council is looking for a representative for the population with Down Syndrome . She has contact information for Vic Arriola, president, and Josie Guerrero, secretary, and will send out an invitation.

**2. New members for a Parent of child in K-12.** Marie Babauta shares that Laura Taisipic, DOE's Parent Services Coordinator, is conducting parent trainings, they have a parent mentor group, and a new group of 80 parents. She suggests connecting with Laura, to see if anyone is interested and she'll put out the announcement in the training sessions. Carla recommends parent whose child uses AT.

#### IV. Reports

##### A. Conference/ Fair

##### 1. Evaluation results

Conference survey results were misplaced. Carla recalls results to be positive.



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**2. Debrief** (see report)

*Other discussion:* Roseanne Ada, suggests the Board of Education influence the change of certification for the teachers in making special education classes or assistive technology training as a requirement. Carla states that based on recent accounts, the board and the certification are two separate entities and one is not to influence the other or take any direction. Marie Babauta further explained that it is a Guam law that created the commission and so the commission focuses to certify just teachers or educators.

**B. Coordinator's Report: Update on GSAT core activities** (see report)

PowerPoint presentations from the Conference are now available on the GSAT website. Data graphs and state plan will be on the website soon.

**V. Open Discussion/ Announcements**

- A. SiñA:** Self Advocacy Summit took place at Honolulu, Hawaii from March 26-29. It was a good opportunity to learn more and network. SiñA would like to work on different chapters, i.e. youth group, autism group. Summit didn't meet training needs of IWD and the way they receive information. A projector and a PowerPoint provides visual but still a lot of it is oral and listening and that's not how all IWD learn. Lisa announced that SinA will be selling Mother's Day Cookies (\$10 by May 9), a fundraiser to send advocates to the SABE Conference in St. Paul's Minnesota. Lou shared: ACT Fair on Saturday April 14 was a success. 101 visitors signed up for DOE's check me out. The Fair also highlighted a Kid's Exhibit and a Portrait Slam. She adds that the ACT is seriously looking at an Autism Conference. Lou added that part of the Self Advocacy Summit afforded them the chance to meet the Autism group from Saipan. Roseanne Ada expressed the need to consider adults who are aging and have developmental disabilities to be included as part of the advocates in SINA AND CEDDERS and also proposes to look at the composition of the GSAT, CEDDERS, and PADD council members. She adds that there are a lot of group homes that are still going on which are against the Homestead Act, inspite of the general mission of the developmental disabilities act. Mrs. Ada states that as director, her goal was to do away with group homes and just do community lifetime support and personal care services
- B. ACT:** Lou announced the launching of the new ACT website, [www.actguam.org](http://www.actguam.org), courtesy of Joseph Leon Guerrero. Website still a work in progress.

**VI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Next meeting: July 10, 2012 from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.