



University of Guam CEDDERS
Guam System for Assistive Technology
Advisory Council
General Membership Meeting
 Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 3:30-5:00pm
 House 19 Deans Circle, UOG



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| (X) Lou Mesa, Chairperson
(X) Josephine Cortez, Vice-Chairperson
(X) Barbara Johnson, Secretary
(X) Hikie Lazaga, Member At Large
(X) Noel Lazaga, Member At Large
(X) Lisa Ogo
(X) Roy Rosario
(X) Lee Cruz
(X) Vedalema Valencio
(X) Elisa Cruz
(X) Bill Fuppul | () Evelyn Duenas
() Tavita Faasuamalie
() Jacob Cruz
() Rudy Ignacio | (X) Carla Torres (GSAT)
(X) Michelle Cruz (GLSC)
(X) Dawn Maka (GCIL)
() Roseanne Ada (GDCC)
(X) Ben Servino (DVR/ DISID)
(X) Marie M. Babauta (GDOE)
() ? (AHRD/ WIA) |
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Minutes

I. Call to Order / Introductions

Lou Mesa called the meeting to order at 3:45PM followed by the introduction of members.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes

Meeting: April 17, 2012. Correction: Michelle Cruz was in attendance as representative of GLSC and not Leslie Gatan. Lisa made a motion to approve the April 17, 2012, meeting minutes with correction; seconded by Josephine Cortez. Motion approved by acclamation.

III. New Business

A. Input on CEDDERS core grant: "Inclusive Communities"

Initiative Areas

1. Consumer Leadership and Systems Change (lead by Ginger Porter)
2. Health, Wellness, and Prevention (lead by Elaine Eclavea) Special Education, birth – 5 years old, works with Public Health
3. Inclusive Communities (Guam Family Support 360, Assistive Technology Program, Part B and Part C Technical Assistance, special ed. regional contracts, Teacher Prep Grants

Carla reads the Mission Statement of the Inclusive Communities. She asked the Council what can be done to improve our community and help individuals with disabilities have a better chance of being a part of that community, in terms of access to services, facilities, programs.

Input for Inclusive Communities

- Specific Assistive Technology Training
- Training Space to practice AT device



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- Public Awareness Campaign to change mindset, to include all citizens
 - Refocus on reaching out to the Chamber and Rotary
 - Talking to contractors in making sure buildings are accessible
 - In the area of Special Education, targets parents of students with disabilities and regular classroom teachers
 - One to one aides training
 - Expand more awareness and training
 - Educating faculty and staff on their staff development day
 - Provide hands on demonstration
 - Pass out a brochure at the lobby in schools, at every single IEP to parents, 1 or 2 days before school starts, when teachers are required to be there
 - Flashes of video clips or pictures, of AT , using the technology to demonstrate it
 - Tap on the MOU unit where we can utilize GSAT to conduct the assessments, trainings, service for consumers.
 - GSAT can contact PDN and setup an article, like a tech-corner every month, focus on certain types of AT.
 - Using KUAM for interviews on latest technologies

Lou shares that she was invited by a teacher to talk about strategies on working with people with autism. Maria Babauta said that this upcoming school year, special education is going to be offering a monthly training series (every second Tuesday of the month) on Autism awareness and effective strategies. Teachers will be rotated each month. She suggested that ACT work with the DOE autism group to include a parent component. Marie stated that at the beginning of the year, the teachers targeted are those that have IEP stipulated trainings. Lee Cruz said that New Vision Guam's goal is to put an iPod touch in the hands of every student. Vedalema added that upon approval of her business, she will start giving out awareness, of what the needs are, for persons with learning disabilities. She shares that growing up, parents didn't know about the programs like DISID. After providing awareness, she hopes to provide training for people with learning disabilities.

B. 2013 Conference/ Fair Committee Sign-up

C. AT in the Community Outreach Committee Sign-up

1. Swings for wheelchairs in the Park

Carla said that one idea was looking at working with the Parks and Recreation, to bring in the accessible equipment. The outreach committee could do the research on where to get



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these, how much they cost, and maybe working with the private companies to identify some resources to make the purchases.

2. Video Relay/ Captioning phones as a free service

Carla shares a presentation provided by a relay service carrier called Z-Tech. Video relay services replaced the old TTY'S and the 711 access line. People who are deaf and use sign language can have a face to face communication using a camera and high speed internet. The Z-tech company said that they issue out their equipment for free to individuals who are deaf and uses sign language. They said that GSAT is eligible as an agency because Barbara is on our advisory council. Z-Tech provides the equipment but the consumer is still responsible for paying for their own internet. High speed internet is not affordable for everybody, so another idea would be to work with the phone companies, and see if they can extend free high speed internet services to those receiving this equipment or request for a discount.

3. Interpreting Services at doc's appts.

Lee Cruz recommends having an iPad to be dedicated to the reception area. Carla adds that hiring an interpreter isn't always that easy. She added that for people, who don't know sign language, you can get on aslpro.com (can type in words/phrases and it'll show you a video of how to do the signs).

IV. Old Business

A. Updates on Recruitment of New Members

Lou Mesa has been communicating with Josie Guerrero of the Down Syndrome Organization, but has not received a response from her. Marie Babauta had talked with Laura Tysipic on parents with students K-12 that use AT, and said that they need a little more time. Lou states that during the ACT general membership meeting, one grandmother maybe interested, grandchild uses AT. Michelle said that there are parents who work 8-5pm so we may need to consider a different meeting time to accommodate them. Lou Mesa adds that there are restrictions with the bus schedule too, so we need make considerations as well for bus riders. Lee Cruz suggested looking at a video chat service called Owoo. Carla said that teleconferencing had taken place during previous meetings with Lisa Ogo while in Hawaii, and Evelyn Duenas home in Talofofu which worked okay.

V. Reports

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

(see reports) Carla states that the numbers for ACT presentation has been included, just did not name all 9 activities on report.

B. Upcoming AT Director's Meeting, Wash. DC



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Carla will be attending a Director's Meeting from July 15-17 (gone from 14-20). One agenda item is a proposed legislation on increased funding for the AT programs. Report on that shall follow.

VI. Open Discussion/ Announcements

Elisa announced that Sina is hosting the Sina Ta' Kanta on July 14 from 6-12PM at the Elks club. Proceeds will help send self advocates to the Self Advocates Being Empowered conference (SABE). Tickets are \$10 and \$12 at the door (also sold at Contenda's gym). Beverage tickets (water, soda, beer), \$5, raffles, food. Performances by Tropic Tunz, 3 girls from Sina, and Candy Taman. Ben Servino announced that the Job Placement Circle will be on July 19, 2012; 9-3:00PM at the DVR 6th floor conference room. Consumers are asked to contact their VR counselors if interested. Ben is doing a mandatory training for the consumers to prepare them for the interview on July 12, 2012. DISID will be setting up a tent and serving food in front of Kilroy's for the Liberation Day. Ben said that transportation will be running this year. He proposed the board include it in policy to provide transportation on Liberation Day. Ben shares that they are conducting a teleconference call tomorrow with the granting agency, the Department of Transportation. They are applying for a 1.3 million grant for a one call, one click dispatch center utilizing technology and the GPS system for all transportation providers. They are going to be pushing the voucher system. Part of the \$1.3 million will go to the construction of DISID's new building across from JFK . \$300,000 will go towards the software and hardware dispatch center. Ben said that Zenny will focus on the 22nd ADA's Anniversary. He will be off island on July 24-31' 2012 to attend a "Systems of Care" Conference for children with mental health issues. They are sending 10-11 people from Guam to collaborate and develop an action plan to help us sustain such a program. Ben shares that a task force went down to the Dededo Flea Market to address the non-compliance of ADA in the flea market. He expressed that there are no accessible parking, toilets, and paths of travel. Ben will be tasking an evaluations enforcement unit to develop some awareness activities. Elisa announced Sina's Power Walk on August 4, 2012, 6-9am. Route is from Skinners Plaza to Chotdi. New Vision Guam annual membership scheduled to meet on July 28, a state of blindness address will be delivered. Not opened to the general public, but will permit attendance if person shown interest for issues with blindness. She adds that New Vision also does media releases.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Next Meeting: October 16, 2012, 3:30-5:00pm *tentative*