



University of Guam CEDDERS
Guam System for Assistive Technology
Advisory Council

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 3:30-5:00pm
House 19 Deans Circle, UOG



(X) Josephine Cortez, Chairperson	(X) John Kimmons	(X) Carla Torres (GSAT)
(X) Lisa Ogo, Vice-Chairperson	(X) Cecilia Cruz	(X) Michelle Cruz (GLSC)
(X) Vedalema Valencia, Secretary	() Elisa Cruz	(X) Dawn Maka (GCIL)
(X) Lou Mesa, Member At Large	(X) Tavita Faasuamalie	(X) Kirsten Bamba (ASL Interpreter)
(X) Evelyn Duenas, Member At Large	() Steve Fuppul	() Rosanne Ada (GDDC)
() Bill Fuppul, Member At Large		() Ben Servino (DVR/ DISID)
() Roy Rosario		() Marie M. Babauta (GDOE)
(X) Barbara Johnson		() ? (AHRD/ WIA)

I. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:33PM. A live demonstration of Remote Interpreting was conducted as a prelude to the Annual AT Conference.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes

Lisa Ogo motioned to approve minutes for October 16, 2012. Evelyn Duenas motioned to pass, with subject to correction as needed. Vedalema seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation.

III. Distribution of Calendars

All Advisory Council members received CEDDERS pocket and desk strip calendars. Lee Cruz's request for a Braille calendar noted.

IV. New Business

A. GSAT new equipment

GSAT's new 70" Flat screen smart TV connects directly to the internet and was purchased with early childhood grant funds. GSAT just installed a feature pack for the Optelec Clearview CCTV which allows up to 16 color contrast combinations. GSAT now has the capability of demonstrating video calls.

B. American Printing House for the Blind

The president and vice president for the American Printing House for the Blind along with other staff members were on island for a presentation to the Pacific VIP scholars. Their presentation included product demonstrations and information on the federal quota. Guam's Department of Education gets up to 10,000 a year to buy assistive technology equipment for students who are blind or who have low vision. Knowing this information helps us with advocating for student needs. Carla will ask DOE to speak about this during the GSAT Conference in March. CNMI was in attendance during the presentation and shared that they submitted their federal quota for the



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year and that they have state of the art equipment for their students. Lisa wanted to know what type of equipment was purchased for their students. Carla shared they bought a Visiobook, a portable CCTV, and a tactile kit. Yolanda Gabriel, as ex officio trustee, signs off and certifies the federal quota or the order placed in. The federal quota applies to students in K-12, the private sector and those who are homeschooled. It does not apply to students in the postsecondary settings.

C. AT Make it & Take it Fair

Carla is thinking of conducting a workshop on April 20 targeting the early childhood area on how to make simple battery-interrupted switches and adapted books. Carla and Lou discussed having a "Make it & take it AT workshop" for the Autism Community in May, focused on using the iPad or other software programs to create books for communication and/or social stories to teach social skills. Lou Mesa asked Carla if she will be considering doing something similar for the Autism Awareness Fair in April. Carla responded that she would, but not on a large scale. Carla suggested that GSAT's table display offer communication passports or picture schedules that could be made on the spot and tailored to fair attendees.

D. CEDDERS Survey

CEDDERS has developed a survey to gather input for their Core grant application. Anyone interested in doing the survey can fill out a paper form or do it online.

E. Fulbright Scholar

Dr. Yevgeniy Tetyukhi, a Full-bright Scholar from Russia and a 3 time Para Olympian, gave three presentations: one for self-advocates, one for mentors and teachers, and one for the University Community. All who attended gave praising remarks. Vedalema shared she learned a lot and commented on how Russia doesn't distinguish between the various disability and how they don't have disability-type organizations. Tavita was impressed that the blind on Guam are advanced and doing great in comparison. Michelle commented on his remarkable athletic skills, specifically running, and how his disability doesn't interfere, and because of that, he is a true inspiration.

F. ADA Updates: Conference and Compliance

Lisa Ogo shared that during the Conference, she learned about a website called "askjan" and appreciated knowing that the ADA is not all about charity but about the quality of life. Carla noted that ADA approved service animals are dogs or miniature horses. Lee Cruz noticed on the announcements for the conference, the words "Special Accommodations" was used instead of "Reasonable Accommodations" and that requests had to be made two weeks prior (by Dec.28). Carla noted it and will talk to Mr. Servino about the appropriateness of such. Typically, reasonable accommodations are requested 72 hours prior to the event.



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John Kimmons pointed out that the Fulbright Scholar pdf file he received was not accessible with his screen reader. Carla apologized and brought it to Sean Lizama's attention. The problem was corrected and GSAT will work with Sean and others at CEDDERS to ensure all electronic files are accessible. Lee shared a company called Serotek could help to make events, materials, etc. accessible.

V. Old Business

A. GSAT Website

Compared the old and new design of the website. Still working on reducing the amount of text and continuing to accept input and feedback on the redesign.

VI. Reports

A. Coordinator's Report (attached)

Carla has a hard copy of the annual AT report to Rehabilitative Services Administration (RSA) (feds) if anyone is interested in reviewing it. Once RSA publishes it, it will go on the GSAT website.

B. Conference and Fair Committee Report: (attached)

Carla noted comments from John and Lee regarding the inaccessibility of the Westin. John Kimmons spoke to Westin staff. They agreed to put Braille signs in the elevators and on the room doors, if they can find someone to do it. Lee Cruz suggested something on global community. Some resources like iBlink Radio make it easier for individuals by consolidating information on technology created a "one stop shop." Carla hopes that DOE will share a website their AT teachers created on Apps for parents and students. Chairperson for GDDC's Children and Families Committee asked GSAT to include topics like AT in Education for parents. John Kimmons shared that one of the most innovative inventions that was overlooked is the South Dakota Card (SD Card) which is in almost everything that's portable today. Carla added that mechanisms for storage are always evolving. Carla asked that people call in to register, and request accommodation in advance. Conference will be first come first serve and we have a limit of 200.

C. Outreach Committee:

The Outreach Committee decided to work on bringing in captioning phones. Carla contacted CapTel, who provides the captioning services. They receive the federal subsidies, but it's not something that's extended to the territories. Carla was asked to contact UltraTec the manufacturers of the captioning phones but was unsuccessful in speaking to anyone directly.



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VII. Open Discussion/ Announcements

A. Autism Awareness Month

Lou Mesa confirmed the Autism Awareness Fair will take place in the Agana Shopping Center. Committee is working on the theme. Registration will probably go out sometime next month. Likewise, contact with the Governor's office has been made for the Proclamation signing.

B. Guam's Us

Vedalema: Guam's Us is going to be providing leadership training, a computer lab, and equipment for youth and adults. They are also working on providing workshops for Self Advocacy. As part of her personal business VB98, Vedalema will have a media production starting up, providing an online radio station and talk show for people with learning disabilities. She would also like to be a distributor of equipment & software for the learning disability area.

C. Miscellaneous

As part of her IPE with Vocational Rehabilitation, Lee Cruz applied for a business license for her company called Blind Finds. With the business she will offer services to the Blind Community to help them find anything and everything from purses to screen reading software and keyboards.

Dawn Maka announces a fundraiser brown bag lunch for her on Thursday. \$6.50 for a roast beef or turkey sandwich with chips, water, fruit and dessert.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:54PM. Next meeting scheduled for April 16, 2013.