



University of Guam CEDDERS
Guam System for Assistive Technology
Advisory Council

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 3:30-5:00pm
House 19 Deans Circle, UOG



(X) Josephine Cortez, Chairperson	(X) Barbara Johnson	() ? (GDOE)
(X) Lisa Ogo, Vice-Chairperson	() Cecilia Cruz	(X) Carina Raguindin (AHRD/ WIA)
() Vedalema Valencia, Secretary	() Elisa Cruz	(X) Carla Torres (GSAT)
(X) Lou Mesa, Member At Large	(X) Tavita Faasuamalie	() Michelle Cruz (GLSC)
(X) Evelyn Duenas, Member At Large	(X) Steve Fuppul	() Dawn Maka (GCIL)
() Bill Fuppul, Member At Large	(X) Rudy Ignacio	(X) Kirsten Bamba (ASL Interpreter)
(X) Roy Rosario	() Rosanne Ada (GDCC)	(X) Nathan Manibusan (ASL Interpreter)
(X) John Kimmons	(X) Helena Kubo (DVR/ DISID)	

MINUTES

I. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM

II. Review & Approval of Minutes

Evelyn Duenas motioned to approve minutes for April 16, 2013. Rudy Ignacio seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation.

III. New Business

A. New Equipment (documents attached)

Members received a list of newly procured AT devices. GSAT's biggest purchase was the Braille note Apex (\$3700) now available for 30-day loan. Also a new Clearview CCTV with touchscreen and OCR, good for folks who have low vision, procured. Three scholars from the Pacific VIP Project (4 year master's program offered by CEDDERS through the University of Massachusetts, Boston for teachers of the visually impaired with a dual certification in orientation and mobility) were picked up by DOE this school year. The scholars found 3 Braille Embossers and 5 Braille notes just sitting at Southern High School and discovered an entire library of Braille books at PC Lujan. With the VIP scholars services students in school now, we should see an improvement of services and AT implementation. Barbara Johnson, shared a new technology called Drive Thru Assistance shown on YouTube which assists individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing to order at a fast food drive thru. Marie Libria expressed interest in Dragon Naturally Speaking for the DD Council's meeting transcriptions. Carla explained that it's not a viable option for this purpose as it works with one speaker. While the Interact AS, a real time captioning translation advertises that it's good for meeting situations, it did poorly when tried during the Council's meeting. Carla met with the developer at the ATIA Conference and took some notes on how to get it to work better. Also, if not



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dealing with confidential information, a student in need of service hours could transcribe.

B. Demo: Snap and Read

Snap and Read software from Don Johnston is a simple one-button text to speech program that could benefit individuals with reading and learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, cognitive impairments, and others. John Kimmons asked if this could be used in place of Zoomtext and Jaws. Snap and Read is really for a sighted user because of the nature of how it works- highlight text you want read.

C. 2014 Conference/ Fair Committee Sign-up

Conference and Fair Committee will convene in August or September to plan for the 2014 events. (Sign-up sheet circulated.)

D. Council Outreach: (set goals)

1. Employers- have been a hard audience to reach. Evelyn expressed the need to promote more technology that would benefit the employer and the individual. Michelle and Carla had an idea to put together a monthly newsletter particularly for Employers on AT Awareness and Workplace Accommodation. A list of over 500 names is being compiled to include HR, DOA, GHRA, Chamber, Rotary, etc. John Kimmons added the federal government should be on the list. Lou Mesa said monthly might be too frequent. Michelle Cruz stated that because of the wealth of information, quarterly might not be adequate. Also, doing it frequently will be a way to keep people updated with emerging technology. Mailchimp will be used for the newsletter because it is accessible with screen readers and all content will be visible in the body of the email. Kirsten Bamba shared that her class started doing flash mobs to bring awareness and as a result of these efforts, close captioned movies shown every Friday at Micronesia Mall. Evelyn suggested inviting employers to come to GSAT to show them what kind of AT devices are available, specially the new ones, on a monthly basis. Marie Libria mentioned one way of encouraging people to participate is to work with HR departments. Lou asked if it's do-able to host something in October in connection to the NDEAM like an AT Fair on employment.

Goals:

- Conduct an "adaptive/ AT/ workplace fair" targeted for employers, mandatory attendance of HR folks, shoot for October to coincide with NDEAM



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- Send out a newsletter to an employer/ HR list serv of AT, workplace accommodations, and best practices
2. Parents- Evelyn suggested networking once or twice a month. Carla said one avenue could be Social Networking i.e. a facebook page which CEDDERS now approves. Kirsten Bamba proposed showing pictures or videos of individuals who use AT on the job. Lou recommended taking 5 minutes at school orientations to share about GSAT. Marie Libria suggested connecting with the Mayor's Council. A GSAT commercial is feasible and CEDDERS has the means to do the production in-house. So, we'd be looking at only spending on advertising costs (about \$2500 with MCV for 56 spots running on 4 different channels). Kuam in the Mix might be a way to get on TV for free. Marie Libria said DDC is financially supporting iLina'lata and will look on their state plan to see if AT is included on there and if DDC could financially support the commercial. Lisa Ogo said parents also have a role in exposing themselves. Further, the Blind community can come together to do a workshop and also those who use mobility devices. Lisa expressed that the parents can get answers from individuals (adults) who have the same disabilities as their children. Carla suggested coordinating with parent services at DOE to facilitate such workshops. In previous monthly parent workshop experiences, it has been that only 2 or 3 parents show. Important that we maximize resources. Because Marie Babauta is no longer a school programs consultant in Special Education, she is no longer a Council member. We are waiting for DOE to assign a new representative.

Goals:

- Social networking/ media
- Brochures/ intro at school orientations, mayor's offices/ council
- Commercial/ KUAM in the MIX → air on youtube
- Topic specific workshops, Coordinating with Parent Services at DOE

3. Community- John suggested making a channel for Youtube for Guam and Disability. GSAT could have a youtube channel, but in creating any videos, the production still has to happen. If we are going to take the time to produce something, we should try to reach as many audiences and invest in getting it on tv too.

Goals:

- Commercial



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IV. Old Business

- A. Website Revamp: updates (Website shown on screen)
- B. AT Director's Meeting- Nothing specific to share, talked about data, ways to report , GSAT is going to be switching our data management from paper form to electronic
- C. Sequestration update- Territories were excused from sequestration and that's only specific for the AT programs we which now receives full award.

V. Reports

-Coordinator's Quarterly Report (attached)

GSAT continues to provide technical assistance to GCC, around student accommodations. GOAL-AT applicants who weren't in ideal positions to take out a loan have been referred to VR's Independent Living Program for funding. Positively, these individuals did receive funding from VR. Most cases for hearing aids.

VI. Open Discussion/ Announcements

A. 14th Creative Spirits Exhibit

Guma' Mami presented their 14th Annual Art Exhibit on June 7 with art by people with disabilities that could be purchased through silent auction. Lou sent out an invitation, and her son Clinton displayed dragon clay sculptures. Senior Vice President of Bank of Guam, Jackie Morate, in losing her bid on one of Clinton's dragons, commissioned Clinton to make a replica for her. This could be a great opportunity for entrepreneurship for Clinton.

B. SRC Quarterly Meeting- September 19, 2013, 9:00 a.m.at the DVR Conference
(Open to the public)

C. DISID LIBERATION DAY

Helena Kubo announced that DISID's canopy will be in front of Kilroys. For food or any donations, call Onania at 475-4646. Evelyn added that Transit will be operating on Liberation day and Monday.

Meeting at adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Next meeting: October 15, 2013 3:30-5:00 p.m. at GSAT.

**May change in observance of White Cane Day