



University of Guam CEDDERS
Guam System for Assistive Technology
Advisory Council
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 3:30-5:00pm
House 19 Deans Circle, UOG



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| (X) Rudy Ignacio, Chairperson | () Evelyn Duenas | (X) Carla Torres (GSAT) |
| (X) Dawn Maka, Vice-Chairperson | (X) Lou Mesa | (X) Jennifer Vicente (GLSC) |
| (X) Josephine Cortez, Secretary | (X) Lisa Ogo | (X) Raymond Sayas (GDCC) |
| () Vedalema Valencia, Member at Large | (X) Roy Rosario | () Ben Servino (DISID/DVR&DSS) |
| (X) Barbara Johnson, Member at Large | (X) Lee Perez | () Paula Ulloa (GDOE) |
| () _____, Member at Large | | () Karen Taitano Primacio (AHRD/ WIA) |

Minutes of the Meeting

I. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:35PM, followed by introduction of members.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes: July 28, 2015

Lou Mesa made a motion to approve minutes. Rudy seconds motion. Approved by acclamation.

III. Update Council Binders

Yearly Calendar, etc. (Disseminated)

Calendar identifies March 5th for the Fair and March 28, 2016 for the Conference. Correction needed to be made on the calendar to change Fair date from March 4 to March 5th since the 4th is a Friday. It is realized that Easter is March 27, 2016, and March 25th is Good Friday. Carla asked the council to select March 18 as a proposed conference date. Carla asked the council if they are aware of any conflicting events. Lou Mesa mentioned that it won't affect the Autism Awareness Fair. Lisa said Special Olympics may have their track and field event. An updated calendar will be provided to the Council with the changes noted above.

Guam AT Act Program Organizational Chart. (Disseminated).

As of May 2015, GSAT moved from the US Department of Education Rehabilitative Services Administration and to the US Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Community Living. Carla explains the chart.

IV. Transition into Community Living Conference feedback

Council's feedback. Lisa Ogo likes that it was in one room, sessions were devoted to community living, and how well AT devices were explained. She suggested keeping the fiesta menu to promote Chamorro culture versus the Italian cuisine that was selected. Carla Torres said that during previous meetings, the council discussed trying something different, but she'll take Lisa's suggestion into consideration. Lisa Ogo proposed using the Neo Responders again to complete evaluations as opposed to paper surveys. Josephine Cortez states that the conference was well attended. Lou Mesa asked about the advisory council's involvement in the planning of this conference. Carla stated the conference was planned based on identified areas of need, addressing the required transition requirement of the AT grant, and that the council did adopt a resolution on community living identifying their position on the issue. Carla put together this event with several community

partners and selected the resource panel featured. Council appreciated the value in Fire Chief Burier's presentation on an online registry for first responders to have access to important medical information and how it will help individuals with disabilities. Roy asked that the hotel make the speaker on the elevator louder. Rudy Ignacio expressed that the conference was awesome. He was also commended by Lee for interacting with people around the table. He agrees with Lisa regarding the food, but most importantly requested that the waiters/waitresses be more attending to individuals with disabilities.

Remote Captioning. Remote real-time captioning was used as there is still no local provider of this service. Only local interpreters were used. Carla asked Barbara how she felt about using remote interpreters vs local interpreters. Barbara Johnson, suggested using 5 interpreters. Carla said GSAT pays for the remote captioning. It is costly but an important feature as it helps increase access to the information presented. Raymond Sayas stated that remote interpreting, then a portion of the local interpreters could lose their jobs. He adds that the two can complement each other. Carla said this is ideal and the company that GSAT has been working with has made that request to learn our local culture. Sign language can be very specific to the region. When they get to work side by side with our local interpreters and switch off, it helps them to learn our signs. Carla expressed that it would be best to structure it like that, but the rule is local interpreters first. Carla stated that we want to utilize the local interpreters and because we are a technology program we have a duty to demonstrate the technology of remote interpreting. This is important for agencies like the hospital, to know that the lack of available local interpreters should not keep them from providing effective communication access to individuals who are deaf.

Accommodations. Lee expressed that she would like to get her own food and drinks, know what is out on the table, at the conference. Carla talked about the use of sighted assistance vs. putting out Braille cards of the menu items as Lee had suggested. Because the hotel uses chafing dishes with warmers, there is a fear and liability with people reaching out for these cards to read and getting burned. The menu could be Brailled, with the items listed in the order they appear as another option for independent access.

V. Reports

A. Quarterly Data (a copy disseminated)

GOAL-AT and GGT activity slow. Carla was on a Conference call with national financial programs last Wednesday, and it's slow all around. Carla asked council members to help promote the loan programs.

B. House 20- New AT Demo Center

Officially open. Council invited to visit the center after the meeting's agenda.

VI. Revision of By-laws

Dawn Maka moves to table the revision of bylaws to January 2016. All in favor. The motion was carried. Carla will present the council with a draft. She is looking at redefining the composition of the council. Required are 4 members of the AT Act: the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Independent Living (which we currently don't have), Department of Education, and then the Workforce Investment Act. Carla said that we've chosen to have Guam Legal Services as a Tri-agency partner and Developmental Disabilities Council. 6 agency representatives were identified and 11 Individuals with Disabilities and their family members. Carla is looking at further defining the membership, specific disability categories, age categories, etc. to ensure a broad and diverse

representation of the community. Changes also being considered are formatting to make it easier to read, getting rid of the word consumer, and changing the word “project” to program.” GSAT is no longer a project, it’s a program.

VII. Election of New Officers

Council officers can only be held by individuals with disabilities or their family members. After Tavita’s resignation, his role was not filled because elections were to happen at the next meeting and the vacancy did not disrupt the functions of the Council. Not in the Bylaws, but practiced through the years, the vice chair automatically assumes the chairperson position if willing. Carla asked Dawn Maka if she’s interested in assuming the position. She declined.

Rudy nominated Barbara Johnson for the Chairperson position, Barbara accepted. Lee moved to close the nomination, Dawn seconded the motion. Dawn nominated Rudy for Vice Chairperson, Rudy accepted. Roy moved to close nomination, Dawn seconded the motion. Roy Rosario nominated Josie for Secretary, she declined. Rudy nominated Lisa Ogo, she declined. Lee nominated Dawn Maka, for Secretary, she accepted. Rudy made a motion to close the nomination. Lisa seconded the motion. Roy Rosario nominated himself for member-at-large. Dawn Maka nominated Lou Mesa as member-at-large. Lou accepted. Lee Perez nominated Lisa Ogo as member-at-large. Lisa accepted. All accepted nominations are running unopposed, voting not necessary.

2015-2016 GSAT Advisory Council Officers

Chairperson: Barbara Johnson

Vice-Chairperson: Rudy Ignacio

Secretary: Dawn Maka

Members at Large: Roy Rosario, Lou Mesa, Lisa Ogo

VIII. Open Discussion/ Announcements

- Lou Mesa announced that Director Ben Servino invited Clinton to display his artwork at the 2-day Self-Employment Conference. Clinton can be followed on Facebook.
- NDEAM Celebration will take place at Nimitz Beach, Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 10:00 -4. Greg Calvo is coordinating the NDEAM Beach Party. Desserts, cookies, chips etc. are welcomed as are volunteers to help with setup. Happy Hands will perform and Greg also requested Candy Taman to perform.
- Lee Perez clarified that because of the work schedule, she won’t be doing a presentation for NDEAM.
- Roy shares a portable text to speech device that captures the image of the text and reads out loud. Called the EyePAL ROL. Roy has extended a demonstration for a GSAT client looking for something like that. GSAT doesn’t have this device in its inventory. Roy is willing to demonstrate if anyone wants to see it.

IX. Council toured the new AT Demo Center at House 20.

X. Adjournment

Next Meeting January 19, 2016, 3:30-5:00PM