

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

**EMS for Children Advisory Committee**

**RECONVENE**

Regular Session Meeting

June 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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**MINUTES**

TOPIC		DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE		RESPONSIBLE PARTY	Reporting Timeframe	STATUS
I	CALL TO ORDER	Meeting chaired by: D. Duenas, Chairperson		Chair	1010	Called to Order
II	CONFIRMATION OF PUBLICATION	Proof of Publication. 5/28/2024 & 5/23/2024		HPLO	1011	Confirmed
III	ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM	Present in HPLO Conference Room: None. Virtually Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dorothy Duenas, CHAIRPERSON <input type="checkbox"/> Cherika Mateo, VICE-CHAIRPERSON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margaret Bell, SECRETARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julietta Quinene, TREASURER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daren Burrier, GFD <input type="checkbox"/> Alvin Dela Cruz, GMHA <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin San Nicolas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elliot Ross, M.D. GMHA <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Archangel GPD <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Leon Guerrero, M.D., Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. Legaspi, M.D.	Zennia Pecina, HPLO Breanna Sablan, HPLO Sharon Manibusan, HPLO Pauline Perez	Chair	1012	Quorum Established
IV	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Adoption of Agenda <i>Motion to approve: D. Burrier; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Quinene</i>		EMSC	1013	Unanimously Approved
V	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>Motion to approve: D. Burrier; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Quinene</i>		Chair	1014	Unanimously Approved

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VI	HPLO ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	<p>B. Sablan emphasized the importance of ethics training for all Commission members B. Sablan reminded those who have not completed the training to reach out immediately. The final compliance date was in 2024, and any board members who have yet to complete the training must do so as soon as possible.</p> <p>Several memos were sent to all licensees by the HPLO. The requirement for a notary on renewal applications was removed and replaced with the requirement for two 2x2 passport photos for all applications. These changes are specifically applicable to renewal applications.</p>	HPLO Administrator	1014	<p>Register for Training</p> <p>Removed Notary Requirement and Added 2x2 Photo for Renewals</p>
VII	LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT	No report	OAG	1017	No Report
VII I	OLD BUSINESS	<p><b>A. AGENCY REPORTS:</b></p> <p><b>1. Medical Director's Report USNH:</b> Dr. Wescott reported that the hospital is progressing toward becoming a trauma center, although there is no set ETA yet. A key requirement is offering pre-hospital trauma training, and efforts are underway to provide Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) and Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) courses. These courses will initially be available to Federal Fire personnel, with plans to include Guam Fire Department employees. Additionally, forming a regional advisory committee is another requirement for the trauma center, with a meeting scheduled in the next few months focusing on EMS issues. Attendance from all invited members would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p><b>2. GMHA:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>3. GCC:</b> D. Duenas reported on behalf of GCC, announcing the fall semester EMT course, which is open for registration. Interested individuals should contact either D. Duenas or Tamara Hiura at GCC. Additionally, the second paramedic cohort with GFD is in progress, with participants currently conducting their clinicals and preparing for their second live session in July at GCC. Following this, they will proceed to field training in Texas, tentatively scheduled for October.</p> <p>Lieutenant Elias provided further details, confirming the live session in July and the final session in September. The field clinicals in Tyler, Texas, are tentatively set to</p>	Agency Representatives	1017	Noted

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		<p>begin in late October or early November, with efforts being made to conduct field clinicals locally with GFD proctoring the current students.</p> <p><b>4. GDOE:</b> J. Quinene announced that summer school will begin on Monday, June 10th, and run until July 13th. Additionally, the AED program will be implemented before the end of June, as required by Public Law 37-25, which mandates AEDs in place. The AEDs have been received, and staff are undergoing CPR training in preparation for the program's implementation.</p> <p><b>5. DPHSS:</b> Not present</p> <p><b>6. DPW:</b> Not present.</p> <p><b>7. GPD:</b> Not Present</p> <p><b>8. EMS for Children:</b> B. Sablan provided updates on the EMS for Children grant. Guam has been selected to participate in a collaborative effort with GMHED to prepare the facility for pediatric readiness, working closely with the Guam Fire Department to ensure the availability of necessary medical equipment and supplies. The pediatric readiness program is set to roll out in a year, and preparations are underway.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to the new financial system rollout by DOA, a \$30,000 requisition for medical supplies and equipment was delayed. As a result, the process must be restarted. Angel Llagas has been identified as the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator for Guam Fire Department, and Pauline Perez for Guam Memorial Hospital. Collaboration with Dr. Legaspi continues to secure the required medical supplies. Board members are invited to provide input or join the subcommittee to ensure a cohesive rollout of the pediatric readiness project.</p> <p><b>9. Emergency Medical Dispatcher:</b> No report</p> <p><b>10. GRMC:</b> No report</p>			
<b>IX</b>	<b>New Business</b>	<p><b>A. COMPLAINT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMS-2024-001 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sablan provided background on complaint EMS-2024-001. The Division of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	EMSC	1026	Noted Complaint will Remain on Agenda for

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	<p>Environmental Health reached out for guidance regarding pharmaceuticals or medications brought in by a passenger. This matter has been escalated to the board for review. Chief Burrier has been assigned to address the complaint, and he will provide further details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chief Burrier elaborated on the situation regarding complaint, which involved a U.S. Marshal EMT. This position, which is relatively new, involves U.S. Marshals employing EMTs or paramedics to escort prisoners during transit and provide necessary care. In this specific case, a U.S. Marshal EMT carried a jump kit with Basic Life Support (BLS) items and medications, which caused concern when he arrived in Guam due to a lack of prior notice and understanding of the kit's contents.</li> <li>○ The EMT's authority to provide care is limited to in-flight situations under the direction of a medical director based in D.C., and he has no authority to practice as an EMT on the ground in Guam, lacking both a license and an agreement between the U.S. Marshal Service and Guam authorities. Consequently, customs impounded his kit temporarily until he was able to depart. The primary issue was the EMT's lack of authorization to practice on land in Guam.</li> <li>○ Z. Pecina inquired about the previous statement, drawing a parallel to the military's ability to practice on Guam when registered with the board, and asked if the DOJ is considered similar to the military.</li> <li>○ Chief Burrier clarified that the DOJ is separate from the DOD, with different regulations. The DOD has an MOU allowing mutual aid responses under DOD medical direction, but DOD EMTs or paramedics must be licensed in Guam to practice outside of mutual aid scenarios. Conversely, DOJ personnel, such as the U.S. Marshal EMT in question, are under the authority of a medical director in D.C. and have no agreement to practice in Guam.</li> <li>○ Chief Burrier suggested reaching out to the DOJ for better communication and possibly establishing an MOU to clarify that DOJ personnel with jump kits are not authorized to practice on the island. Z. Pecina agreed that this matter should remain on the agenda for further discussion and the development of an action plan. Additionally, the possibility of requiring DOD paramedics and EMTs to be</li> </ul>			Further Discussion

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	<p>licensed in Guam should be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chief Burrier also mentioned the need to support USNH pursuit of trauma center recognition, which involves setting up a regional advisory committee including Saipan and the Micronesia FSM. Establishing regional communication for the transportability of certifications might be necessary as future interactions with these entities are expected.</li> <li>○ Z. Pecina addressed the Commission members, stating that they received an inquiry about EMS regarding the administration of narcotics by paramedics and advanced EMTs. Chief Burrier was asked to review this matter, specifically regarding the requirement for a DEA license when administering narcotics. The concern was whether individuals need to obtain their own DEA license or if it could be covered under the medical director's license.</li> <li>○ Chief Burrier clarified that, historically, narcotics administration has been covered under the medical director's DEA license. Even with advanced EMTs, narcotics were administered under the medical director's prescription. However, they agreed to review the situation to ensure compliance.</li> <li>○ Z. Pecina mentioned sending an article for review to ensure compliance, citing changes in nursing regulations where APRNs, as independent practitioners, now need to obtain their own DEA licenses. They stressed the importance of confirming whether EMS regulations still allow for narcotics administration under the medical director's license.</li> </ul>			
	<p><b>B. AMBULANCE INSPECTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Marianas Medical Services (MMS) Temporary Certificate for License Plate No. 4744CV. The Commission was informed about conducting an inspection on Mariana's Medical Services (MMS) and issuing a temporary certificate for 90 days until they achieve compliance. Notably, MMS operates a red ambulance, and they were advised to change the color as red typically signifies emergency vehicles, which should be exclusively associated with the emergency department.</li> </ul>			MMS has been Requested to Change Ambulance Color
	<p><b>C. EMS WEEK (Celebrating 50 Years of EMS)– May 19, 2024 to May 25, 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● EMS Week was deemed very successful. Ms. Wella, the chair, and the committee were thanked for their leadership and efforts in organizing the event. The community</li> </ul>			Noted

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and the EMS Commission expressed satisfaction with the collaborative effort that led to a successful EMS week. The Commission extended thanks to all involved and expressed gratitude to everyone who assisted and participated in EMS Week.

**D. NASEMSO MEETING**

- Dr. R. Leon Guerrero shared insights from the NASEMSO meeting, highlighting different programs implemented by various states. They discussed the use of small cards containing pediatric vital signs and a laminated tape-like tool for quick reference during emergencies. Additionally, they suggested exploring requirements for school clinic personnel to have BLS training and recommended providing O2 sensors in schools. They also proposed offering BLS, PALS, or modified PEDS courses at GDOE to ensure staff are adequately prepared for emergencies.
- Furthermore, they emphasized the importance of adequate training to prevent mishaps, citing an incident where improper handling led to tragic consequences. They suggested considering training programs for school health counselors in BLS or modified PALS courses. Funding for pediatric software through the Department of Transportation was mentioned, but clarification was needed on who could apply for it locally. Additionally, they recommended establishing training programs for school shootings and emergency response protocols.
- J. Quinene provided an update on the initiatives undertaken by GDOE nurses in response to Dr. Leon Guerrero’s discussion points. She confirmed that all GDOE nurses are BLS certified as part of licensure requirements, and their certifications are regularly tracked by HR. Additionally, 15 nurses are certified BLS instructors, and efforts are made to certify more staff in BLS and PERS.
- Training is ongoing, with a focus on preparing staff for emergencies both within and outside the school setting. Nearly 400 staff members were trained and certified in CPR and first aid for the school year, and monthly drills, such as active shooter and fire drills, are conducted in schools to ensure preparedness. This safety-conscious approach is integral given the significant student and staff population within GDOE.

**E. CERTIFICATIONS**

- Jocelyn Sablan – Paramedic – Guam Fire Department
- James Andrei G. Montoya – EMT

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	<p><b>F. RE-CERTIFICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frank P. Diego Jr. – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Dean C. Perez – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Mark P. Ada – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Roy Q. Siongco – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Jeffrey J. Soriano – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Jerome M. Adawag – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Jose Luis M. DeVera – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Eugene M. Aguilar – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Justin M. Aguon – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Jordan S. Bass – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Eric J. Castro – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Richard J. Cotelesse – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Jose L. Guerrero – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Rodrick R. Meno – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Christopher A. Millonzi – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Jonathan P. Nededog – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• John Jr. Q. Perez – EMT - Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Jesse F. Reyes – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Pascual J. Robles – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Joseph M. Sablan – AEMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Jason P. Sanchez – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Roy Anthony Q. Siongco – EMT - Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Mark A. Snyder – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> <li>• Daniel E.L. Taitano – EMT – Guam Fire Department</li> </ul>			Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eric James S. Francisco – EMT – Marianas Medical Services</li> <li>• Dan Ivan N. Ordanez – EMT – Marianas Medical Services</li> <li>• Lawrence Brandon Cepeda – EMT – Marianas Medical Services</li> </ul>			
X	ANNOUNCEMENT		EMSC	1047	None
XI	ADJOURNMENT	<i>Motion to Adjourn: D. Burrier; 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Quinene</i>	EMSC	1047	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 6.17.2024

Submitted by the EMSC Secretary:

*M. Burrier*

Date: 07/05/2024

Approved by the EMSC with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson: *Dorothy-Lou M. Duenas* Date: 09July2024