

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

EMS for Children Advisory Committee

Department of Public Health and Social Services

Health Professional Licensing/EMS

Friday, February 19, 2021 10:00 A.M.

VIRTUAL – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Access Code: 418-802-637

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Dr. Seung Young Huh, Chairperson
- Daren Burrier, Vice Chairperson;
- Dorothy Duenas, GCC, Member
- Margaret Bell, CDR Coordinator, Member;
- Juliette Quinene, GDOE Member;
- Cherika Chargualaf, GFD e-911, Member;
- Mark Guayco, GMHA, Member;
- Tom Manglona, Member;
- Breanna Sablan, Member;
- Dr. Kinney Bradley (LCDR);
- Kevin San Nicolas, Member;
- Dr. Robert Leon Guerrero, Member;
- Dr. Joleen Aguon
- Arthur Paulino, Member;
- Cil Javier, DPW Office of Highway Safety

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Robert Weinberg, Assistant Attorney General;
- Pauline Camacho, Family Advocate DPHSS;
- Eric James Francisco, Private Ambulance;
- Access Medical Transport
- Peter Santos, KUAM;
- Gerry Partido, PNC;
- Zennia Pecina, HPLO Administrator;
- Deborah Borja, HPLO Admin Assistant;
- Ciana Galindo, HPLO Board Secretary;
- Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center;
- Chantay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center.

TOPIC		DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	REPORTING TIMEFRAME	STATUS
I.	CALL TO ORDER	CALLED TO ORDER: 10:23 AM.	CHAIR	10:23	Confirmed
II.	CONFIRMATION OF PUBLICATION	Proof of Publication. DOA & AG website	CHAIR	10:24	Confirmed

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III.	ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS	Virtual Roll Call	CHAIR	10:24	Confirmed
IV.	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Adoption of Agenda Motion: C. Javier 2 nd : M. Guayco	CHAIR	10:27	Approved
V.	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Approval of minutes dated March 10, 2020. Motion: C. Javier 2 nd : Dr. Huh	CHAIR	10:27	Approved
VI.	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expressed, appreciation for wide attendance at this meeting. - Noted, Grant for 2021 has been approved and a lot of activities are ready to be processed - Noted, HPLO Treasurer's meeting of 9 boards was held before this meeting. EMS needs to elect officers for Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Treasurer is important for the budget for future years. Treasurer is needed for local and federal funding. - Noted, annual Ethics training will be scheduled. HPLO will advise those that are required to attend 	HPLO	10:30	Noted
VII.	OLD BUSINESS	<p>A. AGENCY REPORT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical Director's Report GMHA/USNH <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dr. Huh wants all EMS to stay safe and continue their great work, especially during the pandemic. 2. GMHA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted, M. Guayco reported that since the pandemic started their EMS team has done a great job. 3. Guam Community College <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted, D. Duenas reported that an EMT course was cancelled due to inability to conduct ride-a-longs and clinicals in hospitals due to the pandemic. There will be a new course this coming Fall pending confirmation of faculty to ensure ride-a-longs for students. Set to start Aug 11, Fall semester. b. Noted, in regards to the Paramedic Program which started on-line in July with a total of 36 qualified apprentices - 3 withdrew. Total 33 are still currently in the program. First live session started Feb 8 and completed on 16. Platoon A and B alternated days with 	EMS	10:32	Noted

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	<p>regards to skills. Trainers from Texas went very well. Only issues were with GCC internet and the MIS department to avoid interruptions during next live session. Two more live sessions to go through until the Exam for paramedics in the final live (third) session.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Guam Dept. of Education <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted, J. Quinene reported 1 employee contracted COVID-19 at school; no students. Immunization clinics improved since the start of the pandemic. Next week at OHS, immunization updates will be held followed by SSHS and GWHS thereafter. CPR training hopefully non face-to face. b. Noted, HPLO Administrator shared the possibility to be part of the goals of the 2021 grant. There will be an upcoming meeting with a pediatric physician to continue with the training. 5. MCH/DPHSS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted, M. Bell reported updates including response to dengue fever and the fire at the main facility and offices needed to be relocated throughout the island. Unfortunately, the pandemic came. b. Noted, MCH, in conjunction with CDC, technical assistance emergency response and children with special healthcare needs started in December 2020. Noted TA with CDC epic course in data science studying in Guam. 6. DPW <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted, joint activities discussed about the National Click-It or Ticket campaign before COVID hit. Since the pandemic, planning for the campaign will continue for this year's activities. 7. Homeland Security (No rep.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted, HPLO Administrator working with the Governor's Office for a representative from Homeland Security to attend the next board meeting. 8. EMS for Children Program <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted, B. Sablan reported pandemic affected FY2020 goals, which will carry into FY2021. EMS for Children Program wants 			

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	<p>to partner with 2021 Click it or Ticket campaign. This is the final year for EMS for children. Working on next year.</p> <p>b. Noted, a new program currently in process for funding. Program wants to procure a location or venue for EMS pediatric training - possibly virtual but wants to do both virtual and in person.</p>			
	<p>B. EMS LIFE SAVING AWARD – Nomination Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, C. Chargualaf had nomination criteria and will go back to personal notes and requests to table for this meeting. 	EMS	10:47	Tabled
	<p>C. Introduction to newest EMS Member: Dr. Joleen Aguon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Dr. Aguon attended towards the end of the meeting and introduced herself. 	EMS	10:48	Noted
	<p>D. Policies and Protocol Booklet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, there were spelling errors in the last booklet. Booklet needs to be finalized by all board members. After review, can be sent to printers. - Noted, there was a question about the pediatric piece. Do you want a booklet or a separate section for the paramedic program? Dr. Huh would like to review first. 	EMS	10:50	Noted
	<p>E. Paramedic Program update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, referred to the Agency Report GCC section for Paramedic Program updates. Additionally, more classes available in April and more clinicals and ride-alongs could happen depending on pandemic status. Participants should be able to start clinicals at the 2nd live session. - Noted, T. Manglona shared information on Marine Corps buildup laws in initial phases. They are establishing a new fire department, and are recruiting jobs for 6 positions for paramedics. They are very interested in Guam's Paramedic Program information and any way they can help. One of the primary concerns is the wanting to know the plans of the preceptorships in terms of the internships. Currently the Marine Corps has individuals go off-island, but they are interested in the local program. 	EMS	10:53	Noted
	<p>F. Ambulance diversion policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, no updates since pandemic started. Need to revisit and see what to do going forward. Vice-Chair reported that the most recent 	EMS	11:03	Tabled

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		<p>discussion has been about a year since POI and COVID hit. They still operate using the basic policies. Identification of GMH being COVID hotspot first, then GRMC afterwards. Diversion policy is still in place but there are questions to improve and update the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, GFD dispatch is operating using current policy and will be reviewed every 2 hours if a facility goes into diversion - Noted, HPLO to send out policy for EMS and AG to review; GMC GRMC GMH to discuss 			
		<p>G. Interfacility transfer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, similar to ambulance diversion policy, they are still using the old interfacility transfer and criteria set forth through OHS systems. They are supposed to have a subcommittee of medical directors to review and update the policy. - Noted, GFD dispatch currently for interfacility transfer, is just running off of urgent movement between facilities and not doing any other type of movements due to COVID. They are currently not doing any discharges or unnecessary movements between hours of 10pm and 6am. - Noted, HPLO to send out policy for EMS and AG to review; GMC GRMC GMH to discuss. 	EMS	11:05	Noted
VIII.	NEW BUSINESS	<p>A. Introduction of Dr. Huh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Dr. Huh introduced himself to the board. He has been working as an Emergency Physician on Guam for 6.5 years now. He recognizes maintaining the EMS system to support the community by supporting EMS advisors. 	EMS	11:09	Noted
		<p>B. Sharon Manibusan – EMSC Community Program Aide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, HPLO recently hired an EMSC Aide concentrated on children's portion of EMS grant. 	EMS	11:11	Noted
		<p>C. Rules and Regs- Update including fees and fines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, EMS needs to work on updating rules and regulations. OAG is available to assist and a work session can be held if necessary. Fees are important since grant funds do not cover all requirements. The board can build their budget based on generated funds. Licenses are issued to EMTs without fees. The EMS could set and charge fees. 	EMS	11:11	Noted

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	D. Ethics Training – Who needs to attend? - Noted, HPL will identify who needs to attend.	EMS	11:13	Noted
	E. EMS/Pediatric training dates tentative for June 2021 possibly virtual online training - Noted, as previously reported in the agency report, planning is needed.	EMS	11:14	Noted
	F. EMSC Pediatric Survey - GFD - Noted, Survey was rolled out in Jan 2021 and due Mar 2021. Angel from GFD was able to complete the survey and submitted it to grantors last night. Completed.	EMS	11:14	Noted
	G. National Pediatric Readiness Survey May 2021 – Need Contact Information for GMHA, GRMC and USNH - Noted, Readiness surveys will be mailed out to different hospitals. Contact info is needed for GRMC and USNH.	EMS	11:15	Noted
	H. EMS Week May 2021 - Noted, no plans due to COVID so they will be using beginning plans from last year. Not sure about in person or virtual. Leaning more toward virtual due to COVID. Nomination booklets will go out. Target is last week of March early April.	EMS	11:17	Noted
	I. Election for new Officers - Noted, to be tabled and put on the agenda for the next meeting. Election will be for Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.	EMS	11:17	Tabled
	J. <u>RECERTIFICATION: GUAM FIRE DEPT</u> 1. Peter, Martinez 2. John Anthony, Muna 3. Jonathan, Nededog 4. Michael, Sablan 5. Robert, Sablan 6. Roy Anthony, Siongco 7. Jesse, Aguon 8. Ronald, Castro 9. Norman, Cruz 10. Terence, Diego 11. David, Miles 12. Bryon Craig, Paul	EMS	11:18	Approved

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		13. Ignacio, Rosario II - Noted, all applicants were reviewed and approved for recertification.			
IX.	OTHER BUSINESS	- Annual NASEMSO Conference coming up, moved to November 14-18, 2021 at Reno, Nevada. EMS needs to identify two individuals to go to the conference.	EMS	11:19	Tabled
X.	ANNOUNCEMENT	The next Emergency Medical Services Commission Regular Session Meeting is scheduled for 03/25/2021 at 10:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting. Details to follow at a later date.	EMS	11:20	Noted
XI.	ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at: Motion: D. Burrier 2 nd : C. Javier	EMS	11:21	Noted

Reviewed by: Diana Sablan 04/28/2021
Secretary / Date

Approved by: Col. Dawn Burrier/3/24/2021
Chairperson / Date

Minutes by: Chantay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.