

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

**EMS for Children Advisory Committee**

July 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

**VIRTUAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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Meeting ID: 870 2426 2116; Passcode: 507989

**MINUTES**

TOPIC		DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE		RESPONSIBLE PARTY	Reporting Timeframe	STATUS
I	CALL TO ORDER	Meeting chaired by: D. Duenas, Chairperson		Chair	1011	Called to Order
II	CONFIRMATION OF PUBLICATION	<b>Proof of Publication.</b> 7/20/2023 & 7/26/2023		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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Leon Guerrero, M.D., Member  NOTE: Dr. Ross stated the Dr. M. Legaspi and he are co-Medical Directors for GMHA	Zennia Pecina, HPLO Breanna Sablan, HPLO Sharon Manibusan, HPLO Wella (AMT) Cherisse Santiago Sarah Haley-Wien Ginny Serrano	Chair	1012	Quorum Established
IV	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<b>Adoption of Agenda</b> <i>Motion to approve:</i>		EMSC		Unanimously Approved
V	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<i>Motion to approve: Dr. Ross: 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Burrier</i>		Chair	1021	Unanimously Approved

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VI	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	A. <b>Ethics in Government Training</b> B. Sablan-HPLO requested members register for Ethics in Government training. NTOE Virtual training sessions are being offered.	HPLO Administrator		Register for Training
VII	LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT	B. Sablan-HPLO reported that Asst AG Weinberg has been reassigned to another post. is Tom Keeler, Esq. is now assigned to provide legal advice to the EMSC.	OAG		No Report
VIII	COMMITTEE REPORT	A. <b>Policies and Protocol Booklets.</b> Dr. Ross reported that the acquisition of the digital platform is in process. Once completed the protocols will be uploaded.	EMSC	1016	In Progress
IX	OLD BUSINESS	A. <b>AGENCY REPORTS:</b> 1. <b>Medical Director's Report USNH. - Not present,</b> 2. <b>GMHA – No report.</b> 3. <b>GCC- D. Duenas</b> reported that a new cohort for EMS 103 / EMT basic is anticipated to commence in August. Eleven students recently completed EMT training; 3 have already passed the NREMT Examination. In addition, GCC is currently working on the implementation of a paramedic program for the School of EMS. Recent graduates will be working with the new EMT students and will serve as preceptors. D. Burrier reported that he is working with GDOL on the apprenticeship grant for the next cohort. 4. <b>GDOE.</b> J Quinene stated that GDOE is working on preparations to start the new school year. 5. <b>DPHSS - M. Bell</b> stated that the Project Direct for the Maternal Mortality Grant will be on island 14-15 August, and the second round of the grant was approved. 6. <b>DPW - not present.</b> 7. <b>GPD – not present</b> 8. <b>EMS for Children-</b> B. Sablan reported that it received approval for the new cycle of the grant. They are also in the process of getting the GMHA ER Pediatric services ready and that the team will be working with Dr. Ross to include awareness training of GFD Pediatric equipment. In addition, although the EMS conference was cancelled due to the typhoon, an EMS Conference will be rescheduled once a vendor has been awarded; therefore, she will be soliciting input from the stakeholders for the agenda. Participants will be able to earn CEUs at the conference. 9. <b>Emergency Medical Dispatcher</b> 10. <b>GRMC – Dr. Haley-Wien</b> reported that GMRC is in the process of expanding its cardiac coverage and anticipates it would soon be providing 24/7 coverage soon through rest of the year. In addition, she stated that it hopes to obtain feedback	Agency Representatives	1017	Noted

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	<p>regarding EMS services for stroke patients, as well as on the distribution of the glucometers and lancets.</p> <p>D. Burrier stated the glucometers were distributed to all the locations; however, he will report back on the lancets. He stated that he would be getting together with Dr. Ross regarding the stroke outcomes to ensure feedback is provided. In addition, he stated that he would meet with Dr. Ross regarding the stroke outcomes.</p> <p>A training session with GMRC was welcomed and supported, to include quality improvement initiatives for the critical care of patients. Live and virtual training and questions and answer sessions will be scheduled.</p> <p>In reference to the Diversion Policy, D. Burrier stated that there would be some exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since GMRC does not have a contract with GBHWC, patients, who require a mental health evaluation/psychiatric services will be transported to GMHA.</li> <li>• DOC inmates will be transported to GMHA as the closed facility; however, for severe emergency services, DOC inmates would be transported to USNH.</li> <li>• NOTE: Issue is primarily related the ability to receive financial compensation for services rendered.</li> </ul>			
X	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p><b>A. EMS – Cardiac Arrest Sub-Committee</b></p> <p>Dr. Ross reported that he is in contact with an interested individual at GHMA, who is providing telemedicine and is interested in helping build registry of cardiac outcomes. Within the next month, information will be gathered at GMHA (internally) and contact will be made with the GMRC and USNH points of contact of the emergency room points of contact until a better portal is identified. The intent is to begin capturing July data, and work on obtaining information for prior months.</p> <p><b>B. Bill No. 10-37.</b></p> <p>B. Sablan - HPLO reported that Bill NO. 10-37 is now Public Law 37-2: AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRST RESPONDER, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ACCESS TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PREVENT OPIOID OVERDOSE, INCLUDING FENTANYL, TO BE KNOWN AS “THE GUAM OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2023,” BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 16 TO DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.</p> <p><b>C. Non-Emergency Transport to be exempt from being Nationally Certified.</b></p> <p>B. Sablan reported that a private company, who is providing non-emergency transport, is inquiry if waiver or exemptions could be considered regarding licensure. However, B.</p>	EMSC	1034	<p>In progress to Gather cardiac data (dates of admission, positive discharge/ death, etc.)</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p>Sablan did not believe the existing mandate allowed for any flexibility unless there was a change to the legislation.</p> <p>Wella – AMT stated that they currently have two certified EMTs and it is difficult recruit others, especially recent EMT graduates. In addition, since AMT only provides non-emergency transport, there is a false expectation once employed with AMT since they are unable to perform the EMT-related duties due to AMT’s protocols. With respect to the ability to bill Medicare/Medicaid for services rendered, Wella stated that this was not a problem in the past, as long as it followed the EMS Office guidelines.</p> <p>D. Burrier agreed with the HPLO assessment since standardized testing is nationally recognized through the NREMT process. He stated he was aware of other states/jurisdictions that have developed separate/unique requirements; however, this would require additional discussion, effort and financial resources to determine what standards would be applied. He expressed concern that a change to the current process could lead to substandard performance, and that the current requirement validates one’s ability to perform the EMT functions to a certain standard. He stated that he understands the request is for the EMS licensing office to consider an interim, conditional or temporary license until certified via the NREMT process. D. Burrier stated DOT has mandated the testing requirements; therefore, the EMS licensing office is obliged to follow the nationally standardized testing, which protects the state (Guam) to ensure minimum acceptable standards are met.</p> <p>Dr. Ross stated that there is a need to uphold the current certification process for licensure and billing purposes. He suggested initiating strong recruiting efforts.</p> <p>B. Sablan suggested that HPLO have a separate meeting with AMT to look at possible options such as boot camp to help seek interested students.</p> <p>D. Burrier stated that he could approach GFD personnel to determine if they would be willing to provide temporary EMT support on their time off. However, the volume of emergency transport has currently increased; therefore, a schedule would be preferred.</p> <p>Z. Pecina - HPLO suggested working with AMT off-line to look at possible solutions.</p>			
	<p><b>D. CERTIFICATIONS:</b></p> <p>1. <b>John Jude S. Pinaula – Paramedic - GFD</b></p>			Noted
	<p><b>E. RE-CERTIFICATIONS:</b></p> <p>1. <b>Jesse B. Aguon – GFD</b></p> <p>2. <b>Richard S. Aguon – GFD</b></p> <p>3. <b>Gilbert John T. Almario – GFD</b></p> <p>4. <b>Darren G. Apiag I – GFD</b></p>			Noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Benjamin Arceo - GFD</li> <li>6. Daniel M. Atoigue - GFD</li> <li>7. Luke Adam A. Camacho – GFD</li> <li>8. Rodney P. Cepeda II – GFD</li> <li>9. Tomas L. Concepcion II - GFD</li> <li>10. Aaron J. Cruz - GFD</li> <li>11. Randall M. Diego Jr. – GFD</li> <li>12. Michael T. Fejeran - GFD</li> <li>13. Joey J. Garrido – GFD</li> <li>14. Vaun Elias T. Laguana – GFD</li> <li>15. Joshua F. Leon Guerrero Manglona – GFD</li> <li>16. Shawn P.M. Manglona – GFD</li> <li>17. Elias F. Merfalen – GFD</li> <li>18. Tristin Shawn A. Nelson – GFD</li> <li>19. Jason R. Pablo – GFD</li> <li>20. Mezekiel G. Palacios – GFD</li> <li>21. Jeric Jay R. Pendon – GFD</li> <li>22. Joshua Rey T. Pereda – GFD</li> <li>23. Andy R. Quinata – GFD</li> <li>24. Ronald A. Ruiz Jr. – GFD</li> <li>25. Justin H. Sablan – GFD</li> <li>26. Shawn Allen T. Sargent – GFD</li> <li>27. Arthur T. San Nicolas – GFD</li> <li>28. Brian J. San Nicolas – GFD</li> <li>29. Oscar R. Santos – GFD</li> <li>30. Alfred P. Sgambelluri – GFD</li> <li>31. William Stanley – GFD</li> <li>32. Jose C. Taitingfong – GFD</li> <li>33. Nathan S. Torres – GFD</li> <li>34. Beltran D. Tosco – GFD</li> <li>35. Vincent R. Toves</li> <li>36. Leonardo R.T. Tudela</li> <li>37. Michael C. Franquez -GFD</li> </ul>			
XII	ANNOUNCEMENT	EMSC	10:56	Set meeting date



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		D. Burrier stated that the Paramedic Program will be introduced at GCC on August 8, 2023, 1000 hours.			Paramedic Program Introduction Date Established
XIII	ADJOURNMENT	Motion to Adjourn	EMSC	1058	

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted:

Submitted by the EMSC Secretary: DocuSigned by: Margaret Bell  
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Date: 10/27/2023

Approved by the EMSC with or without changes: [Signature]

Date: 10/26/2023

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson: [Signature]

Date: 10/27/23