

Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, January 5, 2024 at 12PM

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Meeting ID: 890 8318 0543; Passcode: 855737

MINUTES

Item		Discussion		Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia		Chair	1207	Call to Order
II	Proof of Publication	Guam Daily Post 5 Day Ad 12/23, 1/3/2024		Chair	1207	Confirmed
III	Election of Officers	Z. Pecina stated that since the GBABE has limited attendance, she recommended and the GBAHE agreed to postpone this item.		Chair	1210	Unanimously Tabled
IV	Roll Call	GBAHE Members <u>Present at HPLO Conference:</u> ☑Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair ☑Vince Pereda, Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice-Chair ☑Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician, Secretary & Treasurer ☑Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic Medicine ☑Sibyl Crisostomo, Speech Language Pathology ☑Dr. Richard Chong, Acupuncture ☑Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology <u>Virtual Attendance</u> ☑Nadine Cepeda	Other Attendees <u>Present at HPLO:</u> Zenna Pecina Administrator Rosemary Carman, HPLO <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Nadine Cepeda	Chair	1208	Quorum Established
V	Adoption of Agenda	Motion to Approve: Dr. Miller; 2 nd . S. Crisostomo		GBAHE	1209	Unanimously Adopted Agenda
VI	Approval of Minutes	Draft Minutes dated 1 December 2023.		GBAHE	1209	Tabled
VII	Treasurer's Report	C. San Nicolas reported that FY 2024 appropriation was approximately \$50,000.00, which is nearly double the FY 2023 appropriation. Travel is currently at 0; however, there will be plans to make a budget modification for the Chair to attend a conference. There is no budget for personnel or procurement for investigators or outside attorneys or administrative support for the HPLO. The contractual line item was at \$20,500.00; however, \$15,000.00 has been allocated for website maintenance. For FY 2023, funding was allocated for venue to support the annual HPLO Board's orientation, which is expected to happen in FY 2024. Office lease is \$4,000.00 for the GBAHE portion of the lease. The Chair reminded GBAHE that it is only one of the few board's that have an approved fee		C. San Nicolas	1211	Noted

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		schedule. Miscellaneous is approximately \$25,000.00. There has been an increase of approximately 11% to date. This percentage is likely to increase.			
VIII	Administrator's Report	Z. Pecina reported the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none">only 8 of 14 members have been confirmed and she continues to work with the Governor's office to fill and expedite the confirmation of the remaining positions.Ethics in Government training is up to date and is good for two years.HPLO is in the process of securing the venue for the Board orientation; a date has yet to be established.HPLO is in the process of scanning all documents to prepare for on-line applications; however on-line payments are available now.HPLO is currently investigating the feasibility of the Board's being semi-autonomous and self-sustaining.HPLO is no longer procuring Atty Visosky for his legal services.	Z. Pecina	1219	Noted
IX	Legal Counsel's Report			1227	No Report
X	GBAHE Complaints		GBAHE	1227	
		A. GBAHE-CO-15-04, Veterinarian, Received 9/4/15.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
		B. GBAHE-CO-15-06, Veterinarian, Received 11/30/15.			
		C. GBAHE-CO-17-02, Veterinarian, Received 6/6/17.			
		D. GBAHE-CO-19-02, Veterinarian, Received 8/22/19.			
		E. GBAHE-CO-19-03, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.			
		F. GBAHE-CO-19-04, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.			
		G. GBAHE-CO-20-01 Veterinarian, Received 5/4/20.			
		H. GBAHE-CO-20-02 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		I. GBAHE-CO-20-03 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		J. GBAHE-CO-20-04 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		K. GBAHE-CO-20-05, Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
		L. GBAHE-CO-20-06, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.			
		M. GBAHE-CO-20-07, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.			
		N. GBAHE-CO-20-09 Respiratory Therapist Rec'd 9/20/20. Z. Pecina stated, that since there is no name associated with the claim, she recommended to dismiss the case. <i>Motion to dismiss: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Miller.</i>			Unanimously Dismissed
		O. GBAHE-CO-20-10 Respiratory Therapist Rec'd 9/20/20. Z. Pecina stated, that since there is no name associated with the claim, she recommended to dismiss the case. <i>Motion to dismiss: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Miller</i>			Unanimously Dismissed
P. GBAHE-CO-21-01, Chiropractor, Received 4/13/21.	Dr. Miller	In Progress			

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	Q. GBAHE-CO-21-02, Chiropractor, Received 6/4/21.			In Progress
	R. GBAHE-CO-21-05 Acupuncturist, Received 9/17/21. The Chair stated that the case is complex and involved multiple providers, on- and off-island, so it is difficult to determine which provider may have injured the complainant, especially since she refused to release the medical records from one of the providers. Therefore, she recommended to dismiss the case. <i>Motion to dismiss: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo.</i>			Unanimously Dismissed
	S. GBAHE-CO-21-07, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
	T. GBAHE-CO-21-08, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.			
	U. GBAHE-CO-22-02 Acupuncturist, Received 2/11/22. The Chair stated that she will contact the complainant as a matter of professional courtesy since the complaine had passed away. <i>Motion to dismiss: Dr. Miller; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Dismissed
	V. GBAHE-CO-22-03, MF Therapist, Received 2/21/22. The Chair reported that the case involved confidential information. She met with the hospital staff and requested a copy of the Rules and Regulations, behavioral health section. The Chair will consider a FIOA.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
	NOTE: All the complaints listed below GBAHE-CO-22-05 thru GBAHE-CO-22-14 are complaints lodged against LeBalance. Dr. Miller reported that the business is advertising and providing services, despite the issuance of a cease-and-desist order.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
	W. GBAHE-CO-22-05 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 9/27/22.			
	X. GBAHE-CO-22-06 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	Y. GBAHE-CO-22-07 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	Z. GBAHE-CO-22-08 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	AA. GBAHE-CO-22-09 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	BB. GBAHE-CO-22-10 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	CC. GBAHE-CO-22-11 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.			
	DD. GBAHE-CO-22-12 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22.			
	EE. GBAHE-CO-22-13 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22			
	FF. GBAHE-CO-22-14 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22			
GG. GBAHE-CO-23-01 Physician Assistant Rec'd 11/17/23. The Chair stated that the PA licensee stated that he was a medical doctor, when this was not the case. Dr. Miller stated the type of credentials must be clarified even if the licensee uses the title of "doctor". The Chair that PA's are not independent and must operate under the supervision of a licensed medical doctor. In addition, the public could also validate credentials on the HPLO website.	M. Balajadia		In Progress	
XI.	New Business	GBAHE	1244	
	A. Initial/New Applications: 1. Watford, Kara L. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Miller</i>			Unanimously Approved

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		2. McAfoose, Linnea R. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Miller</i>			Unanimously Approved
		B. Euthanasia Technicians 1) DeCastro, Arleen 2) Erickson, Tina 3) Ano, Clariza P. 4) Blas II, Paul 5) Graupner, Kelsey 6) Louis, Liana 7) Cruz, Kimberly 8) Hurrt, Emily The Chair reported that the Territorial Veterinarian provided the annual training for GAIN and are considered to meet the requirement for a certificate. <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd V. Pereda.</i>			
		C. American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) Coalition Participation. Claire Camacho provided an overview of the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASHA is part of an Interstate Compact with 3- participating states. • allows telehealth with privilege to practice; however, a license is not required for Guam if practitioner is licensed in another state. • Guam is authorized to participate for ASHA; however, she wanted to ensure the GBAHE is informed prior proposing Legislation, which will be required. • Guam currently does not meet the current need due to few licensed professionals. • The U.S. mandate for military spouses would apply, if licensed elsewhere and meets the eligibility criteria (on military orders, in good standing, etc.). Dr. Triolo stated that most audiologists have a doctor degree in the USA and not CCA, so there is a serious implication. C. Camacho stated that this would apply for those with the certification only. C. Camacho stated that its intent is to mirror legislation from another state; however, it would be better to obtain GBAHE support. Dr. Miller stated that it might be easier for the ASHA to approach the Legislature in lieu of going through the GBAHE.			Noted the Informational Briefing on ASHA
XII	Announcements	Announcements – Next Meeting - Friday, February 2, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.	GBAHE	1309	Set Date
XII	Adjournment	<i>Motion to adjourn: Dr. Miller; 2nd: V. Pereda</i>	GBAHE	1309	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 2/13/2024

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

M. Balagadia

Date:

03/01/2024