

Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, June 7, 2024 at 12PM

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MINUTES

Item	Discussion		Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status	
I	Call to Order	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia		Chair	1213	Call to Order
II	Proof of Publication	Guam Daily Post 5/31/24; 6/05/24;		Chair	1213	Confirmed
III	Roll Call	GBAHE Members <u>Present at HPLO Conference:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vince Pereda, Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice-Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibyl Crisostomo, Speech Language Pathology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary Carman <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician, Secretary & Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Richard Chong, Acupuncture <input type="checkbox"/> Nadine Cepeda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Tajalle	Other Attendees <u>Present at HPLO:</u> Z. Pecina Danilo Bilong, HPLO <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Jay Matthew Strader OAG	Chair	1213	Quorum Established
IV	Adoption of Agenda	Motion to Approve: V. Pereda; 2 nd : S. Crisostomo		GBAHE	1215	Unanimously Adopted Agenda
V	Approval of Minutes	Draft Minutes dated 4/5/2024. Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2 nd : Dr. Triolo		GBAHE	1215	Unanimously Approved
VI	Treasurer's Report	No report.		C. San Nicolas	1216	No Report
VII	Administrator's Report	Z. Pecina reported on the current composition of the GBAHE, which includes seven members. Five members are from a support group, and R. Tajalle and N. Cepeda complete the Board. The Board is awaiting legislative confirmation for Catherine San Nicolas, Greg Cruz, and Dr. Miller. New members, including a podiatrist, a veterinarian, and a physical therapist, will join after confirmation. An occupational therapist is yet to be assigned. Z. Pecina will provide updates as they become available		Z. Pecina	1216	Noted
VIII	Legal Counsel's Report	No report		J. Strader	1218	No Report

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IX	GBAHE Complaints	The following complaints were reviewed by the GBAHE.	GBAHE	1218	
		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. Still under review.			
		E. GBAHE-CO-19-03, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19. 1. An independent off-island consultant, Dr. Kenneth Litwack received his veterinary degree from Kansas State University in 1993 and he has a doctorate degree from Wake Forest University in 1998. He has significant experience in animal surgical research, preclinical medical device testing, laboratory animal medicine, and animal welfare consultation, with over 40 scientific publications. a. The case involved a kitten brought to the veterinarian's clinic, which subsequently died under her care. Dr. Litwack concluded that the veterinarian failed to properly diagnose and treat the kitten, did not provide adequate pain relief for a fractured limb, improperly treated an infected wound, and did not give the owner adequate care instructions. Additionally, the veterinarian withheld the patient's records from the owner until her bill was paid, which is unethical. The records provided were also found to be inaccurate. b. The Board discussed potential actions, including no action, suspension with penalties, or revoking the veterinarian's license. The veterinarian had responded to the initial complaint but had not seen Dr. Litwack's conclusions. The Board must decide on a sanction and inform the veterinarian, who will have the opportunity to respond. If she disagrees with the Board's decision, she can appeal the ruling, involving legal representation. The Board also noted other complaints against the veterinarian and decided to table the current case until further discussion, considering the other complaints as well.			Tabled Pending Board Decision
		F. GBAHE-CO-19-04, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19. The Board is seeking legal action against the veterinarian.			
		G. GBAHE-CO-20-01 Veterinarian, Received 5/4/20.			In Progress
		H. GBAHE-CO-20-02 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20. This complaint concerns a social media post by a veterinarian, who was a Board member; he must be considered a licensee in this context. The licensee posted on social media about which veterinarians' people should go to and which they should avoid. As both a licensee and a Board member, this action was deemed unacceptable.			
		I. GBAHE-CO-20-03 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20. Will be assigned to V. Pereda and M. Balajadia as investigators			Investigators Assigned
		J. GBAHE-CO-20-04 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20. Will be assigned to V. Pereda and M. Balajadia as investigators			
		K. GBAHE-CO-20-05, Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			

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	Will be assigned to V. Pereda and M. Balajadia as investigators				
	L. GBAHE-CO-20-06, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.			In Progress	
	M. GBAHE-CO-20-07, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20. The Board decided not to seek an outside expert consultant for this case. Instead, it will be referred to civil court because it concerns a standard of practice issue related to financial matters. The Board will send a letter to the individual involved and subsequently close the case. <i>Motion to close case: Dr. Triolo; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Closed; Case Referred to Civil Court	
	N. GBAHE-CO-21-01, Chiropractor, Received 4/13/21.	Dr. Miller		In Progress	
	O. GBAHE-CO-21-07, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress	
	P. GBAHE-CO-21-08, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.				
	Q. GBAHE-CO-22-03, MF Therapist, Received 2/21/22. New information has been received, indicating that the case is more complicated than initially presented. The investigation is ongoing, and the matter is currently under review. Further actions and updates will be reported at the next meeting.				
	R. GBAHE-CO-22-05 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 9/27/22.				
	S. GBAHE-CO-22-06 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.				
	T. GBAHE-CO-22-07 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.				
	U. GBAHE-CO-22-08 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.				
	V. GBAHE-CO-22-09 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.				
	W. GBAHE-CO-22-10 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.				
	X. GBAHE-CO-22-11 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.				
	Y. GBAHE-CO-22-12 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22.	G Miller		In Progress	
	Z. GBAHE-CO-22-13 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22	G Miller			
	AA. GBAHE-CO-22-14 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22 <i>Need Consult legal council</i>	G Miller		In Progress	
	BB. GBAHE-CO-23-02 Veterinarian Rec'd 12/28/23 <i>Referred to a veterinarian off-island for review.</i>	M. Balajadia			
	CC. GBAHE-CO-23-03 Veterinarian Rec'd 12/28/23 <i>Referred to a veterinarian off-island for review.</i>	M. Balajadia			
	DD. GBAHE-CO-24-01 Physical Therapist Rec'd 1/29/24. Complaint was closed and the Board received assurance that the scope of practice will not be violated.	M. Balajadia		Unanimously Closed	
X.	Old Business	A. Election of Officers The election of officers has been tabled due to the need for more members. Once additional members are confirmed by the legislature, the meeting to elect officers will be conducted. <i>Motion to Table: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: V. Pereda.</i>	GBAHE	1233	Unanimously Tabled
XI.	New Business	A. Initial/New Applications:	GBAHE	1234	
		1. Benson, Laura T. for Occupational Therapist (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved

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	2. Burkhardt, Johanna C. for Occupational Therapist (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo.</i>			Unanimously Approved
	3. Burzynski, Stacy J. for Occupational Therapist (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo.</i>			Unanimously Approved
	4. Gorshkova, Irina for Physician Assistant (R. Tajalle) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	5. Grigsby, Abigail E. for Occupational Therapist (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	6. Johnson, Lisa D. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo.</i>			Unanimously Approved
	7. Killough, Laura L. for Occupational Therapist (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	8. Melcher, Lisa D. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	9. Nunez, Flor E. for Occupational Therapist (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	10. Ryan, Erin M. for Physical Therapist (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	11. Samaniego, Chantell T. for Registered Respiratory Therapist (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	12. Scott, Christina J. for Licensed Professional Counselor (N. Cepeda) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	13. Shin, Julianne D. for Clinical Psychologist (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	14. Smith, Kimberly J. for Licensed Professional Counselor (N. Cepeda) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	15. Whitelocke, Brianna Y. for Occupational Therapist (G. Miller) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	B. Collaborative Practice Agreement			
	1. Gorshkova, Irina for Physician Assistant (R. Tajalle) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: Dr. Triolo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	C. Renewal Application			
	1. Carranza, Katrina C. for Licensed Professional Counselor Intern (V. Pereda) <i>Motion to Approve: Dr. Triolo; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved
XII	Workgroup Session	GBAHE	1243	Noted
XIII	Announcements	GBAHE	1243	Set Date
XIV	Adjournment	GBAHE	1244	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 7/1/2024

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

Manis Chalapudra

Date: 7/5/24