

The Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy

Regular Board Meeting
May 16, 2024 at 7:30 AM.

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Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
I	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Meeting Chaired by</p> <p>A. Roll Call GBEP Members <i>Present at HPLO Conference:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Melissa Gabriel, Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Jed Sana, Vice-Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Art Mariano, Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Jerry Caruso, Member</p> <p>Other Attendees <i>Present at HPLO:</i> Jasmine Almoguera; HPLO Baltazar Hattori III; HPLO <i>Virtual Attendance:</i> Breanna Sablan, HPLO Eva Aguon, GBEP Inspector</p>	Chair	0751	Call to Order
	<p>B. Confirmation of Public Notice: Guam Daily Post: 05/09/2024 and 05/14/2024</p>			Confirmed
II	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p><i>Motion to Approve: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana</i></p>	GBEP	0751	Unanimously Adopted Agenda
III	<p>Review and Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Draft Minutes dated 4/18/2024. <i>Motion to approve: J. Sana; 2nd: A. Mariano</i></p>	GBEP	0752	Unanimously Approved
IV	<p>HPLO Administrator's Report</p> <p>B. Sablan reported that a memo was issued detailing two changes to the renewal application. The notary requirement will be removed, and a two-by-two photo will be required. These changes will take effect on June 3, 2024, and apply exclusively to renewal applications.</p>	B. Sablan	0753	Noted
V	<p>GBEP Complaints</p> <p>GBEP-CO-16-01 – On-going. The Chair stated that based on the GBEP's previous decision and a proposal to vote on issuing a letter of reprimand. The options included issuing a letter alone or with a fine and a one-hour ethics course. Ultimately, it was proposed to move forward with the recommendations for a reprimand letter, fine, and ethics course. <i>Motion to send letter of reprimand along with a fine and ethics course: J. Sana; 2nd: A. Mariano</i></p> <p>GBEP-CO-24-02 – On-going J. Caruso received a letter from the individual providing his side of the situation and requested more time to meet with the individual regarding the complaint. This matter will be reviewed next week, and the report will be distributed to all members.</p> <p>GBEP-CO-24-03</p>	GBEP	0754	Unanimously Approved the Course of Action to Send a Letter of Reprimand
				Tabled
				Unanimously

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	<p>B. Sablan reported an inquiry regarding an EMT was received, revealing that the individual in question, associated with the U.S. Marshals Office, is not licensed despite providing certification from the National Registry for EMTs. Additionally, prescriptions confiscated by Customs were found to be linked to this unlicensed individual and a doctor, Dr. Brian Fisk, who is also unlicensed. The matter has been forwarded to multiple boards, including the EMS Commission and the GBME, for investigation. The GBEP was requested to assist in providing guidance on the appropriate course of action. Coordination between boards and investigators is proposed to gather comprehensive information for further action.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the jurisdictional aspects of the case involving the unlicensed EMT and the physician. While the medications were ordered under the physician's license, neither the physician nor the EMT is licensed in Guam. Concerns were raised about the legality of their actions, particularly regarding medication administration by unlicensed individuals. Despite the involvement of medications, the Board concluded that the case falls outside the jurisdiction of the GBEP due to licensing issues. However, further investigation will be conducted by the EMS Commission. The GBEP is willing to provide assistance if needed.</p> <p><i>Motion to Close: J. Caruso; 2nd: J. Sana.</i></p>			Closed
VI	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Immunization Bills & Rules The Board rescheduled the work session 26 May.</p> <p>B. Board Inspection Forms</p> <p>C. Proposed Updates to Laws</p> <p>D. Pharmacies/Facilities/Wholesales:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Simply Rx Pharmacy 2 The Chair reported the applicant is pending submission of the staffing plan, revised power outage/emergency storage procedures, and inspection. 2. IGP Logistics LLC The Chair reported the applicant is pending submission pending foreign corporation registration and policy and procedures for recalled drugs <p>E. Inspections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guam Regional Medical City The inspection at Guam Regional Medical City was not completed due to encountering floor plan changes that raised potential security issues. Although the inspection is in its preliminary phase, the team plans to revisit GRMC in the coming weeks to finalize the report. Changes in the floor plan, including the addition of a new supply room attached to the main pharmacy, raised concerns about security, particularly with a door leading to a public area outside the secure zone. Additionally, there are ongoing discussions regarding compounding sterility issues. Further inspections are anticipated, each lasting two to three hours, to address these matters comprehensively. The team is diligently addressing one issue at a time as new challenges arise during the inspection process. 2. Guam Memorial Hospital Authority 	GBEP	0805	<p>Work Session Date Set</p> <p>No Report</p> <p>No Report</p> <p>Tabled</p> <p>Tabled</p> <p>Inspection is On-Going</p> <p>Tabled</p>

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	<p>F. Pharmacy Technicians</p> <p>1. Angelica Maria Blas Angelica Maria Blas submitted an updated affidavit of completed coursework, opting for the non-certified route. She completed the required 1500 hours, but is missing the TCB and NHS certifications. However, all signatures and other documentation are completed. <i>Motion to Approve: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i></p>			Unanimously Approved
VII	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Pharmacists by Endorsement:</p> <p>1. Youngji Yu <i>Motion to Approve Pending Passing of MPJE: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i></p> <p>B. Pharmacy Technicians</p> <p>1 Marilyn Tabaco <i>Motion to Approve Pending Passing of MPJE: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i></p> <p>2 Aleandra Gogo <i>Motion to Approve: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i></p> <p>3 Joan Sapungan <i>Motion to Approve: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana.</i></p> <p>C. Pharmacy Interns</p> <p>1 Kate Zabala Application expires in July. <i>Motion to Approve: J. Sana; 2nd: A. Mariano.</i></p> <p><i>Note: J. Caruso mentioned a previous case where an intern served for over 12 years, although there is no specific time limit. They suggested checking an intern's duration of applying for internships and reaching a consensus on the maximum duration for internship positions. This would help establish clear guidelines for internships and ensure fair opportunities for all applicants. The Board acknowledged the importance of interns fulfilling all requirements and suggested implementing time constraints to motivate interns to obtain the necessary licenses, such as the NAPLEX, PH license, etc.. They also noted a specific complaint regarding an individual who may be attempting to extend their internship excessively. This discussion highlighted the need for clear guidelines and accountability measures to ensure interns progress to higher levels within a reasonable timeframe.</i></p> <p>D. Pharmacies/Facilities/Wholesales</p> <p>1. Crane Worldwide Logistics, LLC Crane Worldwide Logistics, LLC has submitted an application for distribution and a free Limited Access Registration (LAR) process. They hold a license as a full-fledged distributor, and distribution activities are overseen by a licensed distributor. The last inspection occurred on 25 April 2023, with no deficiencies or violations identified during that period. <i>Motion to Approve: A. Mariano ; 2nd: J. Caruso</i></p>	GBEP	0815	Unanimously Conditionally Approved Unanimously Conditionally Approved Unanimously Approved Unanimously Approved Unanimously Approved Noted Unanimously Approved

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		<p>E. DPHSS NRCHC (PCY-010) And SRCHC (PCY-011) Pharmacy Request for Waiver of Technician to Pharmacist Ratio The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) and Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC) have submitted a request for a waiver of the technician to pharmacist ratio. Upon review, it appears they are seeking a higher ratio, potentially one pharmacist to three technicians. However, there is some ambiguity in the letter regarding the exact ratio they are requesting. The Board intends to clarify the requested ratio with DPHSS NRCHC and SRCHC to ensure accuracy before proceeding. Additionally, efforts are underway to recruit additional pharmacists to support the centers' operations. <i>Motion to increase technician to pharmacist ratio pending clarification of the actual ratio: J. Sana; 2nd: A. Mariano</i></p>			Unanimously Conditionally Approved
VII	Announcements	Announcements – Next Meeting – June 20, 2024, at 07:30 am.	GBEP	0826	Sct Date
IX	Adjournment	<i>Motion to adjourn: A. Mariano; 2nd: J. Sana</i>	GBEP	0827	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 5/26/2024

Submitted by the GBEP Secretary:



Date: 6/19/24

Approved by the GBEP with or without changes:



Date: 6/20/24

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:



Date: 6/20/24