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Guam Welcomes National Delegation from the Federation of State Medical Boards

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), Health Professional Licensing Office (HPLO) is pleased to inform the public of a recent visit from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) leadership team. FSMB President and CEO Humayun “Hank” Chaudhry, DO, MACP; FSMB Chair George Abraham, MD, MPH; and FSMB Board Treasurer Shawn Parker, JD, MPA came to Guam earlier this month to engage with the Guam Board of Medical Examiners (GBME) and local health officials to review medical regulatory standards and discuss national best practices for physician licensure.

The FSMB is a national non-profit organization that represents the 69 state and territorial medical and osteopathic boards of the United States. Their visit to Guam represents a significant step in the HPLO’s ongoing mission to ensure that the island’s licensing processes remain rigorous, transparent, and aligned with national benchmarks for patient safety and professional integrity.

“The Health Professional Licensing Office and the Guam Board of Medical Examiners were honored to host the FSMB leadership as we continue to modernize our regulatory framework,” said Breanna Sablan, Acting Health Professional Licensing Administrator. “Their expertise provides an invaluable opportunity for us to evaluate our current systems, from the Uniform Application process to our disciplinary oversight, ensuring that every healthcare provider on Guam meets the highest standards of competency.”

During their visit, the FSMB team and HPLO staff focused on several key initiatives, including:

- **Licensure Streamlining:** Discussed the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) and how to further facilitate the movement of qualified physicians to Guam to address provider shortages.
- **Data Integration:** Enhancing the use of the FSMB’s national databases to improve the verification of credentials and the tracking of disciplinary actions.
- **Data Portability & Security:** Enhancing the real-time exchange of disciplinary alerts between the GBME’s and the FSMB’s Physician Data Center.

- **Standardizing Global Verification:** Discussed new recommendations for the assessment and supervision of internationally trained physicians through shared national toolkits and legislation.

"Our partnership with FSMB strengthens the 'Healing Arts' on Guam, by collaborating with national partners, we ensure our residents have access to high-quality healthcare delivered by practitioners who have been vetted through a gold-standard regulatory process," said DPHSS Director, Theresa C. Arriola. "Our goal is to create a seamless pathway for healthcare providers to practice on Guam," "Strengthening our shared protocols with the FSMB ensures that Guam is not a regulatory island, but a fully integrated part of the national medical safety net."

About HPLO: HPLO oversees nine (9) professional licensing boards. Its mission is to protect, promote, and advocate for the health and safety of the community by pursuing the highest quality of care through education, communication, and strict regulatory enforcement.

For more information about HPLO and its various boards, please visit guamhplo.org or contact the HPLO at (671) 735-7410.

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