

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

EMS for Children Advisory Committee

Department of Public Health and Social Services

Health Professional Licensing/EMS

Friday, April 22, 2021 10:00 A.M.

VIRTUAL – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Access Code: 384-326-421

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Kevin San Nicolas, Chairperson;
- Dorothy Duenas, GCC, Vice-Chair;
- Cherika Chargualaf, GFD e-911, Treasurer;
- Daren Burrier, Member;
- Margaret Bell, CDR Coordinator, Member;
- Juliette Quinene, GDOE Member;
- Mark Guayco, GMHA, Member;
- Tom Manglona, Member;
- Breanna Sablan, Member;
- Dr. Joleen Aguon, Member;
- Dr. Kinney Bradley (LCDR);
- Dr. Robert Leon Guerrero, Member;
- Arthur Paulino, Member;
- Dr. Seung Young Huh, Member;
- Cil Javier, DPW Office of Highway & Safety;

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Robert Weinberg, Assistant Attorney General;
- Sharon Manibusan, HPLO
- Vicente Borja
- Dr. Beau Wielaard MD
- Dr. Kim
- Carl Van Tramp, ED Director at GRMC
- Natasha Charfauros (Speaker Terlaje's Office)
- Pauline Camacho, Family Advocate DPHSS;
- Eric James Francisco, Private Ambulance;
- Access Medical Transport
- Angel Llagas, GFD
- Peter Santos, KUAM;
- Gerry Partido, PNC;
- Zennia Pecina, HPLO Administrator;
- Deborah Borja, HPLO Admin Assistant;
- Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center;
- Chantay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center.

TOPIC		DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	REPORTING TIMEFRAME	STATUS
I.	CALL TO ORDER	CALLED TO ORDER: 10:11 AM.	CHAIR	10:11	Confirmed
II.	CONFIRMATION OF PUBLICATION	Proof of Publication. PDN: 04/15/2021 PDN: 04/20/2021	CHAIR	10:12	Confirmed
III.	ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS	Virtual Roll Call	CHAIR	10:12	Confirmed
IV.	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Adoption of Agenda <i>Motion: D. Burrier 2nd: D. Duenas</i>	CHAIR	10:15	Approved
V.	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Approval of minutes dated February 19, 2021. <i>Motion: D. Burrier 2nd: M. Bell</i>	CHAIR	10:16	Approved
VI.	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	<p>A. Nominations for Chairperson</p> <p>1. Kevin San Nicolas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - K. San Nicolas is the Captain at GFD and has been with the EMS Commission for the past few years. - Votes: 8 - <i>Nominated by: Dr. Wielaard, 2nd: C. Chargualaf</i> - Congratulations to the new Chairperson, Kevin San Nicolas! <p>2. Darren Burrier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D. Burrier is the Assistant Fire Chief at GFD and has been with the EMS Commission since the 90's and has served as Chair and Vice Chair. - Votes: 1 - <i>Nominated by: K. San Nicolas, 2nd: D. Duenas</i> <p>B. Nominations for Vice Chair</p> <p>1. Dorothy Duenas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Nominated by: D. Burrier, 2nd: K. San Nicolas</i> - Congratulations to the new Vice Chair, Dorothy Duenas! <p>C. Nominations for Treasurer</p> <p>1. Cherika Chargualaf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Nominated by D. Duenas, 2nd: D. Burrier</i> - Congratulations to the new Treasurer, Cherika Chargualaf! 	EMS	10:24	Noted

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VII	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	<p>A. NPDB 101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, this item is on the agenda but was not reported on during the meeting. <p>B. Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, for the first time HPLO has a website contractor for all nine HPLO Board websites. GuamWebz is the web developer that puts together the OPA website, Port Authority, and other government websites. 	HPLO Administrator	10:34	Noted
VII I.	OLD BUSINESS	<p>A. AGENCY REPORTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical Director's Report GMHA/USNH <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tabled, Dr. Kinney was unable to attend today. 2. GMHA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted, M. Guayco reported that they are continuing to swab all patients coming into the emergency department. There may be changes in those directives and this will be reported if any changes to the next meeting. b. Noted, Dr. Aguon reported that she is the Chair of the Committee. Currently taking CDC guidance in consideration of opening operations to the new norm based on test positivity rates in the community. Currently all patients in ED continue to receive the swab regardless of vaccination status because of challenges of verifying vaccinations which will change when DPHSS comes up with a quicker verification process. GMHA will maintain vigilance at this time. 3. Guam Community College <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted, reports will be shared via email because D. Duenas had to leave the meeting early. 4. Guam Dept. of Education <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Noted, J. Quinene reported about COVID 19 vaccination outreaches, which will be finishing up on May 10. This will be ongoing. Pushing for CPR and First-Aid training. Also working with DPHSS to see how they can implement rapid testing and determine what other types of testing will be recommended in school settings even until the end of the school year (May 24). 5. MCH/DPHSS 	EMS	10:44	Noted

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	<p>a. Noted, it was reported for the MCH program, that they are doing the Shriners Clinic at the GRMC with over 500 special needs children that registered to be seen and will be there until April 30th. They've been working with the childcare development fund on their state plan particularly in the section for emergency preparedness and they're receiving TA from Association of Maternal Child Hope Programs to help them write all that in. They are also looking over death certificates in relation to their CDC project on Fetal Death. Also, they are working with CDC on vaccination and testing.</p> <p>6. DPW</p> <p>a. Noted, Cil Javier reported they have their upcoming national campaign Click It or Ticket. They have a scheduled proclamation signing on May 12 at the Governor's Office, with a scheduled outreach mall display at the Agana Shopping Center for May 22nd. On the endorsement side, GPD Highway Patrol started doing their Click It or Ticket enforcement from May 17 to June 3. Courtesy invitations will be sent to department heads as well.</p> <p>7. Homeland Security (No rep.)</p> <p>a. Noted, HPLO is working with the Governor's office to get a Homeland Security representative assigned to the Board.</p> <p>8. EMS for Children Program</p> <p>a. Noted, B. Sablan reported she was able to get a quotation for 10 school nurses. She will provide an update when they have a purchase order to schedule training for the nurses. She was able to inspect 11 ambulances (1 out of the 11 failed). For this rent cycle, focus is to provide CPR and First-Aid training for nurses, their pre-hospital personnel with GFD, and medical equipment. She was also able to purchase the sin baby that they were trying to procure for the last grant years, so moving forward they can utilize that equipment to provide training.</p> <p>b. Noted, reminder that all Conflict-of-Interest forms are due by the end of the month. The original document is due to the Guam Election Commission.</p>			

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	<p>B. EMS LIFE SAVING AWARD – Nomination Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, B. Sablan sent out criteria to the Board members to review and approve. In addition, she purchased 10 trauma bags to award winners of the EMTs of the year. - Noted, at this point because of the funding from the last grant cycle, that was the project plan for the 10 school nurses and this cycle can reach out to the 10 more GFD but nurses will be first. - Noted, the current grant was made for 5 years. The fifth year of the grant is 2022. HPLO hopes to bring more money into the EMS programs. 	EMS	10:51	Noted
	<p>C. Policies and Protocol Booklet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, they are currently working with the 2007 version of the book and have met with the previous EMS Administrator to finalize the book, but to date, have yet to review and approve the new booklet printed out. - Noted, B. Sablan reported the only changes made to the book were the the corrected spelling of the prescriptions. This was sent to all Board members this morning. Dr. Ha wanted to read up on the current one to have input for any additions to that protocol booklet. - Noted, this will be one of the goals to complete by the end of 2021. They want to get the EMS community up to par with national standards. - Noted, this will be ongoing but tabled for now. 	EMS	10:54	Tabled
	<p>D. Paramedic Program update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Angel reported that they had 36 in the paramedic program and now they are down to 33. The next live week they will be coming out May 16 and May 26 that will be the second live week to perform. - Noted, they aim to be completed by August 2021 but after testing everything else, more than likely it will be completed by October 2021. 	EMS	10:56	Noted

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	<p>E. Ambulance Diversion Policy. The following summarizes a lengthy discussion on the Diversion Policy, which highlights some issues/concerns that require clarification to improve emergency care for the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, Dr. Aguon questioned if the policy can be emailed for better reference and understanding in regards to a specific incident of stemi diversion. When that's called in, it's not a normal diversion on Guam, but it was acknowledged. What is the process to confirm that it's a true diversion? What happens when it's on a list of diversions that are not normally called in? - Noted, C. Chargualaf reported that every diversion in the past was mostly due to saturation or CT scans being out of service. - Noted, ED Saturation, Trauma Diversion, needs to be clear because there is a section on specific diversions so it would help to be clear to avoid confusion. - Noted, One issue that happens regularly is "acceptance" of patients to an emergency department. Clinic would call and speak to one of the physicians to let them know they want to send them there. Then the patient is brought to them not according to diversion policy but because the patient was accepted. Seems like the acceptance is overriding the diversion protocol. Not accepting them is basically an EMTALA violation. - Noted, everyone agrees that having the clinics call is preferred but emergency services are in a position where they are accepting some and not others. - Noted, it is important to clarify when it is an interfacility transfer or an endorsement. If the patient is going to an ER, then it is an emergency transport. There is no acceptance on the ER side - Noted, it will be important to be clear on the details in the policy but be careful not to be too specific because it could create an issue with flexibility if that's needed in the future. - Agreed, that it is necessary to develop a flowchart for the EMS providers to follow regarding the ER facility transfers, which will help in the decision-making process when transporting patients to an emergency room. Helpful information was emailed this morning to assist in creating these workflows. 	EMS	11:40	Tabled

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	<p>F. Interfacility transfer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, there are issues with interfacility transfers with Naval Hospital. Dr. Kinney was not present so no representatives from Naval Hospital were in the current board meeting. GMHA experiences a cardiac arrest en route to the Naval Hospital and they want to transfer them immediately at all hours of the day with no observation, no admission to ICU, they just want to transport on maximum pressures which is very unsafe and take a lot of resources when this happens. Dr. Aguon wanted to point out that they need a tri-hospital meeting because it has happened many times. - Noted, Board would like to clarify if Naval Hospital is under EMTALA or Humanitarian Effort. T. Manglona will converse with Dr. Kinney about this issue. - Noted, D. Burrier will help look for the official agreement between the Government of Guam and Naval Hospital. 	EMS	11:48	Noted
	<p>G. Rules and Regs - Update including fees and fines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, currently they give certifications to EMT on island with no charge. This is currently in discussion with B. Sablan and K. San Nicolas will be pulled in to discuss with Legal Counsel to move forward to charging for certifications. - Noted, Asst AG Weinberg read the drafts earlier in the week and the first sections are copied out of the law. The Guam Compiler of Laws has specific numbering and format requirements for legal form. The process moving forward is the Board provide a draft document, agree preliminarily, have a public hearing, send the fees and rules to the AG office to approve as a formal legality, then go to Governor's office for approval and then to legislature for ratification. Another option would be to pay \$200 to go directly to the legislature. However, the Board will need to provide testimony on the fee structure (importance of a Treasurer). In regards to content and formatting, the recommendation is to have a subcommittee meeting to go over and discuss in detail. - Noted, the New Subcommittee will be led by M. Bell, C. Chargualaf, Angel, and B. Sablan. Updates should be given next week. 	EMS	11:56	
IX.	NEW BUSINESS			
	A. EMS/Pediatric training dates tentative for July 2021 virtual online training or in-person.	EMS	11:58	Noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, B. Sablan reached out to Dr. Ha, who agreed to conduct the training. Dr. Aguon mentioned Dr. Mendiola may be on board as well. Medical staff need to let B. Sablan know the contract is signed then move forward from there. 			
	<p>B. National Pediatric Readiness Survey May 2021 – Need Contact Information for USNH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, T. Manglona to get with Dr. Kinney for contact information. B. Sablan will send an email for reminder. 	EMS	11:59	Noted
	<p>C. Requirement for Recertification: AEMT with Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, currently the AEMT requires the ACLS. This topic was brought up regarding level of certification. For operational purposes, it should be noted that they must have the ACLS certification. - Noted, 10 GCA Ch. 84 for AEMTs requires the possession of an ACLS. P. 29 No. 5 “provide a valid or current CPR, BLS, or ACLS card to qualify”. - Noted, however, the NREMT, which is what they follow, does not require ACLS for AEMTs. - Asst AG Weinberg recommends this should be discussed in the new Subcommittee for Rules and Regs. If the law needs to be amended to clarify, the board can ask the legislature to amend the law at the same time submitting the rules for review. <p>1. <u>RECERTIFICATION: GUAM FIRE DEPT.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Apiag, Davin b. Bernardo, Frank Anthony c. Blas Jr., Edward d. Camacho, Philip e. Candaso, Roy Michael f. Chaco, Jeffrey g. Charfauros, Jose-Peter h. Chiguina, Ronnie i. Concepcion, Matao j. Cruz, Jerel-Kent k. Cruz, Clifford l. Delos Reyes, Roger 	EMS	12:07	Noted

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	m. Flores, Edward n. Flores, Patrick o. Franquez, Michael p. Llagas Jr., Angel q. Merfalen, Elias r. Munoz Jr., Ramon s. Naval Jr., William t. Nelson, Tristin u. Pablo II, Roy v. Pinaula, John Jude w. Pinaula, Charles x. Rabago, Thomas y. Raphael, Rico z. Robles, Pascual aa. Rosario II, Ignacio bb. Ruiz Jr., Ronald cc. Sablan, Justin dd. Sablan, Paul ee. San Nicolas, Brian ff. Santos, Robert gg. Santos, Oscar hh. Santos, Carl ii. Santos, Manz Lio jj. Sgambelluri, Alfred kk. Sherwin, Douglas ll. Sibetang, Arlene mm. Siongco, Darren nn. Susuico, Frankie Isaiah oo. Tajeron Jr., Anthony pp. Tainatongo, Kevin Jesse qq. Torres, Darren Anthony rr. Toves, Vincent ss. Wells, Jerred			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, all were qualified for recertification. This list is for Cycle March 2021. Other individuals completed local licensure last year March 2020. No issues for those submitted. - Noted, 20 other EMTs still have to renew their certifications and were given an extension until May 2021. 			
X.	OTHER BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted, there is a request to put a new item on the agenda for the next meeting to address the dispatchers. They would like to start the process again for Emergency Medical Dispatchers License. A good majority renews next year in March. In addition, the new hires are EMR, 5 out of 6 were completed. They would like to add that as local licensure. C. Chargualaf can provide the requirements for the dispatchers and the EMRs to be able to create that certification. 	EMS	12:14	Tabled
XI.	ANNOUNCEMENT	The next Emergency Medical Services Commission Regular Session Meeting is scheduled for 05/27/2021 at 10:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting. Details to follow at a later date.	EMS	12:15	Noted
XII.	ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at: <i>Motion: C. Chargualaf 2nd; Dr. Wielaard</i>	EMS	12:16	Noted

Reviewed by:  07/22/2021
Secretary / Date

Approved by:  07/22/21
Chairperson / Date

Minutes By: Chantay Benitez, FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.