

Guam Board of Nurse Examiners

Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 3:00 PM

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| Item | | Discussion | Responsible Party | Reporting Timeframe | Status | |
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| I | Call to Order | Chaired by: Greg Woodard | Chair | 1508 | Called to Order | |
| II | Proof of Publication | Guam Daily Post Ads and Public Portal; September 5 and September 10 | HPLO | 1508 | Confirmed | |
| III | Roll Call | <p>GBNE Members: <i>Virtual Attendance:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Woodard, APRN-NPC, AOCNP, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anna Varghese, RN, DNP, Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charlotte Huntsman, GMRC, Public Member <input type="checkbox"/> Philip John Calalo, DNP, RN, Vice Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Brenda Manzana, LPN, Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gia Ramos, RN, Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margarita Gay, Member</p> | <p>Other Attendees: <i>Virtual Attendance:</i> Zennia Pecina, HPLO, Administrator Danilo Bilong, HPLO Breanna Sablan, HPLO Rosemary Carman, HPLO Peter John Camacho, DPHSS, Deputy Director</p> | GBNE | 1509 | Quorum Established |
| IV | Adoption of the Agenda | <i>Motion to adopt: A. Varghese; 2nd: G. Woodard</i> | GBNE | 1509 | Unanimously Adopted | |
| V | Approval of Minutes | Minutes dated 08/08/2024; Reconvened 08/15/2024. <i>Motion to approve: A. Varghese; 2nd: G. Woodard</i> | GBNE | 1510 | Unanimously Approved | |
| VI | Treasurer's Report | No Report | G. Ramos | 1512 | No Report | |
| VII | Committee Reports | <p>Rules and Regulations (Proposed). Z. Pecina mentioned that a few additions were necessary to the proposed rules and regulations. Pecina indicated that they would collaborate with D. Bilong to finalize the document, package it, and distribute it to the members for a final review. Once this process is complete, the rules and regulations will be ready to proceed.</p> | GBNE | 1512 | Noted. | |
| VIII | Nursing Education | <p>A. Nurse Assistant Annual Report – GMTC A. Varghese reported that the Guam Marianas Training Center (GMTC) is currently on probation, but they have started to improve their Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) pass rates. While the cumulative pass rates have improved, they still fall short of meeting the standards for student outcomes. A. Varghese recommended extending GMTC's probationary status for another year, citing</p> | A. Varghese | 1513 | Probationary Status will Continue | |

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| | <p>the positive signs of improvement and noting the limited number of CNA programs available on the island. A. Varghese requested input from Z. Pecina and the board members on this recommendation.</p> <p>G. Woodard agreed with A. Varghese's assessment, highlighting the limited availability of nursing or CNA programs and acknowledging the improvement shown by GMTC. G. Woodard supported the recommendation to extend the probation for another year, as it would not hinder the program's progress. C. Huntsman inquired about the specific criteria GMTC needs to meet. A. Varghese clarified that GMTC must demonstrate improvement in student outcomes, including pass rates. While there has been a significant improvement from the previous year, GMTC has not yet achieved the current standard of an 80% pass rate. A. Varghese mentioned that the University of Guam currently does not have a CNA program, leaving GCC and GMTC as the only options on the island. A. Varghese also noted that although GMTC's performance has improved in terms of pass rates and enrolment, it still falls short of the required standards. Additionally, there is a possibility that the standard may be revised to a 75% pass rate in the future, pending approval, but for now, it remains at 80%.</p> <p>Z. Pecina added that the issue with GMTC might not be student failure but rather that students are not taking the exam, which negatively affects their outcomes. Z. Pecina suggested the need to meet with GMTC to discuss their plan for encouraging students to take the exam. Z. Pecina expressed agreement with the recommendation to extend the probation for another year, particularly in light of the observed improvements, and noted that this would be beneficial for the community. However, Z. Pecina also recommended continued monitoring of GMTC, proposing that they submit a midway report to the board in addition to their annual report.</p> <p><i>Motion to Continue Probationary Status: A. Varghese; 2nd: G. Woodard</i></p> | | | |
| | <p>B. Nurse Assistant Annual Report – UOG A. Varghese reported that the University of Guam (UOG) was on a probationary period last year. However, UOG has now met all the required standards. A. Varghese recommended approving their annual report. <i>Motion to Approve the Program: A. Varghese; 2nd: G. Woodard</i></p> | A. Varghese | | Probationary Status has Been Removed |
| | <p>C. Nurse Assistant Annual Report – GCC A. Varghese reported that the Guam Community College (GCC) was on probation last year but has since met all the necessary standards and criteria. Given this improvement, the recommendation was made to approve GCC and remove their probationary status. <i>Motion to Approve the Program: G. Woodard; 2nd: C. Huntsman</i></p> | A. Varghese | | Probationary Status has Been Removed |
| IX | Administrator's Report | Z. Pecina | 1522 | Noted, No Report |
| | A. GBNE Complaints | | | |
| | 1. GBNE-CO-20-007/1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7 Received 9/16/20. | G Woodard | | Sent to Expert |

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| | | Pending review from expert attorney. | | | Consultant, Awaiting Review |
| | | <p>2. GBNE-CO-23-001. Received 4/3/23. It was proposed to close the case GBNE-CO-23-001, received on April 3, 2023, because the individual applicant failed to renew her license. As per regulations, an automatic reportable event to the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB) occurs if a license is not renewed while an investigation is pending, and this report has been filed. <i>Motion to Close: G. Woodard; 2nd: G. Ramos</i></p> | P. Calalo | | Unanimously Closed and Reported to NPDB |
| X | New Business | <p>A. Initial Application</p> <p>1. Jessica Michelle Bollinger, RN Jessica Michelle Bollinger, RN, requested a single state license. The request was not approved at the initial level due to a misdemeanor she received on July 17, 2023. J. Bollinger will be monitored from July 17, 2023, to July 17, 2025, and was required to complete several conditions: a victim impact panel, a breath test, random urinalysis, 80 hours of community service, and a fine of \$2,255. There is no evidence indicating that these conditions have been completed, and judgment may not be finalized until 2025. Despite this, the applicant claims to have fulfilled all requirements. J. Bollinger is requesting a single state license from Guam as she no longer qualifies for a multi-state license, which she previously held in New Mexico.</p> <p>G. Ramos inquired whether there was written proof of J. Bollinger's completion of her probationary requirements. Z. Pecina confirmed that J. Bollinger had verbally indicated completion of the requirements. D. Belong responded that Evaluation Services had verified that J. Bollinger completed the requirements.</p> <p>Z. Pecina noted that in other states, individuals on probation often need to obtain approval from their state board to hold a second job, and such provisions are generally strict, as seen in places like California. Z. Pecina suggested that reaching out to the Oregon State Board of Nursing could provide clarity on whether similar restrictions should apply. G. Woodard proposed that the applicant could be conditionally approved, with one of the conditions being the maintenance of her Oregon state license. <i>Motion to Conditionally Approve as Long as Oregon License is Maintained and the Board of Oregon Allows Applicant to have a Second Job: G. Woodard; 2nd: G. Ramos</i></p> | GBNE | 1525 | Unanimously Conditionally Approve as Long as Oregon License is Maintained and the Board of Oregon Allows Applicant to have a Second Job. |
| XI | Announcements | Next Meeting will be October 10, 2024, at 3PM | GBNE | 1535 | Set Meeting Date |
| XII | Adjournment | <i>Motion to Adjourn: G. Woodard; 2nd: A. Varghese</i> | GBNE | 1536 | Adjourned |

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted:

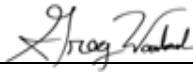
Submitted by the GBNE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBNE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

 APPN-NPC, NUC-NP

Date: 10/17/24
