

GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 12:00 PM (Guam ChST)

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MINUTES

Agenda Item		Discussion/Decision		Responsible party	Reporting time frame	Status
I	CALL TO ORDER	Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia, Chairperson		Chair	1204	Call to Order
	Proof of Publication	Guam Daily Post 9/27/2024 and 10/2/2024		Chair	1205	Confirmed
	Roll Call	GBAHE Members <u>Present:</u> Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair Vincent Pereda, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Vice Chair Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietitian, Secretary & Treasurer Nadine Cepeda, Licensed Professional Counselor/Licesnsed Mental Health Counselor/Marriage and Family Therapist Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic Rosalind S. Taitingfong, Occupational Therapy Dr. Sungwook “Steve” Kim, Podiatry Gregory Cruz, Respiratory Therapy Sibyl Crisostomo, Speech Language Pathology Dr. Velma R. Harper, Veterinarian <u>Virtually Present:</u> Ray Tajalle, Physician Assistant Dr. Richard Chong, Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	Other Attendees: <u>Present:</u> Rosemary Carman, HPLO Zennia Pecina, HPLO Breanna Sablan, HPLO Jennifer Bruan, HPLO <u>Virtually Present:</u> D. Graham Botha, OAG Danilo Bilong, HPLO Mia Bonardi Isabella Gadinis Andrea Santos PeterJohn Camacho, DPHSS Milica Lepojevic	GBAHE	1205	Quorum Established
	Election of Officers	M. Balajadia proposed tabling election of officers to January 2025. <i>Motioned to Table Until 2025: G. Miller; 2nd: V. Harper</i>		GBAHE	1207	Unanimously Tabled
II	ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Corrections on Renewal list #19 Cruz Adam to CRT not RRT, and #18 reviewed by Triolo not Crisostomo. <i>Motion to approve as amended: D. Triolo; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>		GBAHE	1207	Unanimously Approved as Amended

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III	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	C. San Nicolas corrections on page two item #3 under approval of minutes fourth line additionally it's not Rick Cruz, but Greg Cruz, for respiratory therapist. And on item #4 under treasurer's report, the sentence that starts with to her absence from March to August, it not C. San Nicolas absence, she was present at the meetings, due to board member term expiration from March to August. And no financial information was received. Sentence should read due to board member term expiration from March to August and no financial information was received there were no reports submitted. On page two under item #5 Administrator's report sentence starting with she mentioned that confirmation for Dr. Cruz, respiratory therapist, it is not Dr. Cruz, it is Mr. Greg Cruz. Vacancies on Physical Therapist not Occupational Therapist. <i>Motion to approve the minutes, dated 06 September 2024 as Amended: C. San Nicolas; 2nd: R. Taitingfong</i>	GBAHE	1208	Unanimously Approved as Amended
IV	TREASURER'S REPORT	C. San Nicolas presented the treasurer's report noting a slight adjustment on the revenue side, she has updated it the August figure to be \$4,200. Therefore, the total fiscal year for 2024 is \$35,315. And that changed the combined two fiscal years 2023 and 2024 to \$84,044. Comparison if C. San Nicolas removed the September 2022 figures, there is a 31.6% increase.	C. San Nicolas	1213	Noted
V	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Z. Pecina reported the board needs two public members and recommendations need to go through legislature. Ethics is good for four years. New members need to do Ethics. Podiatrist and Physician Assistant process to be moved from Allied Board to Medical Board.	Z. Pecina	1216	Noted
VI	LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT	G. Botha mentioned to move forward with off-island complaints.	G. Botha	1228	Noted
VII	GBAHE COMPLAINTS	a) GBAHE-CO-20-02, Veterinarian, Received: 3/13/20.	M. Balajadia	1231	Ongoing
		b) GBAHE-CO-20-06, Veterinarian, Received: 1/31/20.	V. Harper		Ongoing
		c) GBAHE-CO-21-07, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.	Off-Island Consultant		Ongoing
		d) GBAHE-CO-21-08, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.	Off-Island Consultant		Ongoing
		e) GBAHE-CO-22-03, MFT, Received: 2/21/22.	M. Balajadia		Ongoing
		f) GBAHE-CO-23-02, Veterinarian, Received: 12/28/23.	Off-Island Consultant		Ongoing
		g) GBAHE-CO-23-03, Veterinarian, Received: 12/28/23.	Off-Island Consultant		Ongoing
		h) GBAHE-CO-24-03, SLP, Received: 8/6/24.	N. Cepeda		Ongoing

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VII	NEW BUSINESS	A. Recommended Changes to Discipline Actions Z. Pecina mentioned the recommended changes is to remove them from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).	GBAHE	1231	
		1. Travis Rodman Not licensed in Guam, board can't place him to NPDB. The NV board needs to complete their investigation and they'll be the ones to place him into NPDB. Alerted areas he worked at.			
		2. Lisa Silk Requesting for more information and receive a response.			
		B. Initial/New Applications			
		1. De Caro, Jamie T. for Occupational Therapy <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: V. Harper</i>			Unanimously Approved
		2. Galang, Ruedel T. for Physical Therapy Assistant <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: V. Harper</i>			Unanimously Approved
		3. Giles, John B. for Physician Assistant <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: V. Harper</i>			Unanimously Approved
		4. Park, Zane for Physical Therapy <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: V. Harper</i>			Unanimously Approved
		5. Solorzano, Myra for Occupational Therapy <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: V. Harper</i>			Unanimously Approved
		6. Tugun, Tarisa M. for Occupational Therapy <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: V. Harper</i>			Unanimously Approved
		7. Paez, Michael C. for Registered Respiratory Therapist <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: V. Harper</i>			Unanimously Approved
		8. Zhu, Fangxing for Registered Respiratory Therapist <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: V. Harper</i>			Unanimously Approved
		C. Collaborative Practice Agreement			
		1. Giles, John B. <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved
		2. Lopez, Eric N. <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved
		D. Temporary License			
		1. Galang, Ruedel T. for Physical Therapy Assistant			Noted
		2. Giles, John B. for Physician Assistant			Noted
		3. Park, Zane for Physical Therapist			Noted
		E. Supervisory Form for SLP Clinical Fellowship Year			

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		1. Eley, Michelle R. <i>Motion to Approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved
		F. Renewal Applications (See Renewal List Attached) Applicants #1 to #49 were all unanimously approved <i>Motion to Approve: V. Harper; 2nd: R. Taitingfong</i>			Unanimously Approved
		G. Approval for Endoscopic Evaluations			
		1. John Joseph Mendiola, SLP <i>Motion to Approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: V. Harper</i>			Unanimously Approved
		H. Request to Appear and Address the Board			
		1. Mia Bonardi Requesting an exception to the current telehealth restrictions that prevent her longtime psychologist Dr. Beth Connolly from continuing to provide care during her one year on Guam. Emphasized that the trust and rapport she and her psychologist had built for 15 years is critical to her mental health. She mentioned her doctor is licensed in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and hold telehealth licenses in New York and Pennsylvania. However, she understands Guam requires full licensure without telehealth licensing option for out of state providers. Through her research, she mentioned the availability of local providers is limited. She mentions this restriction not only disrupts the continuity of care with her doctor, but also strains Guam's already limited resource. She urges the board to consider amending the current regulations to provide a telehealth license for out of state providers. Board discussed situation and not in board purview to be able to allow for what is requested unfortunately. All the disciplines require a license to practice on Guam.			Noted
		2. Andrea Santos Attended to hear and encourage the forward progress of the board's resolution to provide an interim solution for the loss of LPCs as qualified clinical supervisors in the rules, but dishearten to see it is not on the agenda today. Asking for a formal update of the resolution that was proposed at the September meeting. Seeking formal guidance on how to proceed during this period.			Noted
	WORKGROUP SESSION	No workgroup session.	GBAHE	1309	Noted. No Workgroup Session.
VIII	NEXT BOARD MEETING	Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, November 8, 2024 at 12:00pm	GBAHE	1309	Set Date
IX	ADJOURNMENT	<i>Motion to adjourn: N. Cepeda; 2nd: D. Triolo</i>	GBAHE	1310	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: HPLO Staff

Date Submitted:

Submitted by the GBBC Secretary:



Date:

12/27/2024

Approved by the GBBC with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:



Date:

12/27/24