

Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

REGULAR VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, June 16, 2023 at 12PM

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MINUTES

Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Reporting Timeframe	Status
I	Call to Order Meeting Chaired by Dr. Balajadia	Chair	1201	Call to Order
II	Proof of Publication Guam Pacific Daily News & Radio: – June 9 and 14, 2023	Chair	1201	Confirmed
III	Roll Call GBAHE Members <i>Present at HPLO Conference:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Clinical Psychology, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vince Pereda, Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice-Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sibyl Crisostomo, Speech Language Pathology <i>Virtual Attendance:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Catherine San Nicolas, Clinical Dietician, Secretary & Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gregory Miller, Chiropractic Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Richard Chong, Acupuncture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Paul Pomes, Veterinary Medicine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alesia Ogo, Occupational Therapy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nadine Cepeda, Marriage & Family Therapist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Dennis Triolo, Audiology (@1215) <input type="checkbox"/> Gregory Cruz, Respiratory Therapy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ryan Claros, Physical Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Raymond Tajalle, Physician Assistant	Chair	1201	Quorum Established
IV	Adoption of Agenda <i>Motion to adopt: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: V. Pereda</i>	GBAHE	1203	Unanimously Adopted Agenda
V	Approval of Minutes Draft Minutes dated April 14, 2023. <i>Motion to approve, as amended (correction to one typographical error): G. Miller; 2nd: N. Cepeda.</i>	GBAHE	1203	Unanimously Approved, as amended
VI	Treasurer's Report The Chair reported that there were not any transactions since the last meeting.	C. San Nicolas	1204	Noted
VII	Administrator's Report	Z. Pecina	1204	No Report
VIII	Legal Counsel's Report	Asst AG Finney	1205	No Report
IX	GBAHE	GBAHE	1205	

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Complaints	A. GBAHE-CO-15-04, Veterinarian, Received 9/4/15.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
	B. GBAHE-CO-15-06, Veterinarian, Received 11/30/15.			
	C. GBAHE-CO-17-02, Veterinarian, Received 6/6/17.			
	D. GBAHE-CO-19-02, Veterinarian, Received 8/22/19.			
	E. GBAHE-CO-19-03, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.			
	F. GBAHE-CO-19-04, Veterinarian, Received 11/7/19.			
	G. GBAHE-CO-20-01 Veterinarian, Received 5/4/20.			
	H. GBAHE-CO-20-02 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
	I. GBAHE-CO-20-03 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
	J. GBAHE-CO-20-04 Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
	K. GBAHE-CO-20-05, Veterinarian, Received 3/13/20.			
	L. GBAHE-CO-20-06, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.			
	M. GBAHE-CO-20-07, Veterinarian, Received 1/31/20.			
	N. GBAHE-CO-20-08 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20, S. Melville submitted a letter to the GBAHE indicating that the licensee had performed services within the scope of practice; therefore, the case is anticipated to be closed.	S. Melville		In Progress
	O. GBAHE-CO-20-09 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20.	Referred to Off-Island Consultant		In Progress
	P. GBAHE-CO-20-10 Respiratory Therapist, Received 9/20/20.			
Q. GBAHE-CO-21-01, Chiropractor, Received 4/13/21. Dr. Miller reported that a letter was sent to Dr. Rodman, who missed the deadline to respond; therefore, he suggested to send letter to the CA Board, where Dr. Rodman is currently practicing. (V. Pereda and S. Crisostomo agreed with this recommendation. Asst AG Finney stated that she will review the case and subsequently advise the Board. Dr. Miller agreed to set-up a meeting with Dr. Gates, the Chair and himself to address the status of the complaint and progress on the agreed remedies.	G Miller		In Progress	
R. GBAHE-CO-21-02, Chiropractor, Received 6/4/21. <i>NOTE: Reference discussion in Agenda Item IX, Q., above.</i>				
S. GBAHE-CO-21-03, Acupuncturist (Atty. V. Williams), Received 7/6/21. The Chair reported that the licensee was criminally charged; however, he recently passed away. Therefore, this case and GBAHE-CO-21-05, below will be closed. She stated that she will inform the complainant that the case is considered closed.	M. Balajadia		Closed	
T. GBAHE-CO-21-05, Acupuncturist (Atty. V. Williams). Received 9/17/21. <i>NOTE: Reference GBAHE-CO-21-03, above.</i>				
U. GBAHE-CO-21-07, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.				
V. GBAHE-CO-21-08, Veterinarian, Received: 11/22/21.	Referred to Procured Attorney		Referred to Procured Attorney	
W. GBAHE-CO-22-02, Acupuncturist, Received 2/11/22.				
X. GBAHE-CO-22-03, MF Therapist, Received 2/21/22.	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress	

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	<p>NOTE: All the complaints listed below GBAHE-CO-22-05 thru GBAHE-CO-22-14 are complaints lodged against LeBalance, who is still advertising and providing services. Dr. Miller stated that he made numerous attempts to contact assigned Atty Visosky; however, he has failed to return his calls.</p> <p>Y. GBAHE-CO-22-05 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 9/27/22.</p> <p>Z. GBAHE-CO-22-06 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</p> <p>AA. GBAHE-CO-22-07 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</p> <p>BB. GBAHE-CO-22-08 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</p> <p>CC. GBAHE-CO-22-09 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</p> <p>DD. GBAHE-CO-22-10 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</p> <p>EE. GBAHE-CO-22-11 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 10/21/22.</p> <p>FF. GBAHE-CO-22-12 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22.</p> <p>GG. GBAHE-CO-22-13 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22</p> <p>HH. GBAHE-CO-22-14 Non-Licensed Chiro. Rec'd 11/17/22</p>	Referred to Procured Attorney		In Progress
X.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. U.S. Public Law 117-333 "Section 19. Portability of Professional Licenses of Members of the Uniformed Services and their Spouses." And Section 705A. "Portability of Professional Licenses of Servicemembers and their Spouses."</p> <p>The Chair stated that the Workgroup met to update the application to ensure all pertinent documents are submitted. She stated that it would not be necessary to amend the current local mandate to address prospective licensees that fall within this category.</p> <p>B. Declaratory Judgment requested:</p> <p>1. Hospital Dietitians' Scope of Practice in cosigning MNT Diet Plan by Dietitian Technician. The Chair stated that since the GBAHE does not regulate Dietitian Technicians, it would be up to the hospitals, who employ dietitian technician, to exercise its internal rules and regulations. Note: Since Board Member. C. San Nicolas, was not present at this meeting, the Chair stated that she would discuss this issue with her.</p> <p>2. Diet Technician on Doctor's Verbal/Telephone Orders NOTE: Reference discussion in Agenda Item X.B.1., above.</p>	GBAHE	1216	Noted
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XI.	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Initial/New Applications:</p> <p>1. Alvarez, Karin J. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: S. Crisostomo.</i></p> <p>2. Battaglia, Jacqueline J. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: S. Crisostomo.</i></p> <p>3. Hossain, Amatul for Occupational Therapist (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: S. Crisostomo.</i></p> <p>4. Manning, Tanya L. for Physician Assistant (R. Tajalle) <i>Motion to approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: S. Crisostomo.</i></p> <p>5. Patinella, Michelle L. for Licensed Mental Health Counselor (N. Cepeda) <i>Motion to approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: S. Crisostomo.</i></p> <p>6. Santiago, Lisa C. for Licensed Professional Counselor (V. Pereda) <i>Motion to approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: S. Crisostomo.</i></p> <p>B. Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA)</p> <p>1. Heinrich, Tina to add additional physician to CPA (R. Tajalle)</p>	GBAHE	1220	
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		GBAHE	1222	Unanimously Approved

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	<i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: G. Miller</i>			
	2. Manning, Tanya L. for Physician Assistant (R. Tajalle) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: G. Miller</i>			Unanimously Approved
	3. Young, Kala to add additional physician to CPA (R. Tajalle) <i>Motion to approve: S. Crisostomo; 2nd: G. Miller</i>			Unanimously Approved
	C. Renewals	GBAHE	1223	
	1. Millet, Verlencia D. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) <i>Motion to approve: G. Miller; 2nd: N. Cepeda</i>			Unanimously Approved
	2. Sanders, Gilbert O. for Clinical Psychologist (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to approve: G. Miller; 2nd: N. Cepeda</i>			Unanimously Approved
	3. Shieh, Beverly for Clinical Psychologist (M. Balajadia) <i>Motion to approve: G. Miller; 2nd: N. Cepeda</i>			Unanimously Approved
	4. Watson, Kristen R. for Speech Language Pathologist (S. Crisostomo) NOTE: S. Crisostomo reported that the application is incomplete.			Application Incomplete
	D. Application to Sit for Exam	GBAHE	1224	
	1. Baza, Lisa V. for Licensed Professional Counselor (V. Pereda) <i>Motion to approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	2. De Luna, Mc Jason F. for Licensed Professional Counselor (V. Pereda) <i>Motion to approve: N. Cepeda; 2nd: S. Crisostomo</i>			Unanimously Approved
	E. Euthanasia Technician Certifications signed-off by Territorial Veterinarian	GBAHE	1225	
	1. Louis, Liana <i>Motion to approve: G. Miller; 2nd: V. Pereda</i>			Unanimously Approved
	2. Graupner, Kelsey <i>Motion to approve: G. Miller; 2nd: V. Pereda</i>			Unanimously Approved
	3. Cruz, Kimberly <i>Motion to approve: G. Miller; 2nd: V. Pereda</i>			Unanimously Approved
	F. Speech Language Pathology concerning Clinical Fellowship Year. S. Crisostomo stated that there appears to be a misunderstanding of the new law that is impeding the hiring of licensees at GDOE and GMHA. The Chair requested that S. Crisostomo draft a letter for her signature clarifying the law.	GBAHE	1226	S. Crisostomo to Write a Letter
	S. Licensed Professional Counselor Internship and Qualifications of Supervisor. N. Cepeda expressed concern with the lack of a validation process to ensure supervisors have the authority to supervise interns, i.e., must be licensed for at least five (5) years and authorized to supervise no more than 5 interns. The lack of a tracking system makes it more challenging and cumbersome to validate the law is being followed. Therefore, she suggested that there be an outreach to clarify the requirements, supervisors and interns register with HPLO, verification that direct contact hours are properly accounted for, modification to application forms, etc. V. Pereda suggested to defer to legal counsel for those applicants, who do not participate in an internship. The Chair stated that these issues will be addressed in a workgroup.	GBAHE		To be addressed in Working Group
	T. Licensees must present to the Public their proper credentials according to their Profession/Discipline as approved by the GBAHE. The Chair stated that per her discussion with Board member, Dr. Chong, he stated that, in the Korean culture, Acupuncturists with a master's degree are often referred to as a 'doctor'. The Chair stated that a review of the	GBAHE		Add to HPLO Website, Inform all GBAHE licensees to

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		<p>licensees of acupuncture and oriental medicine was accomplished, and it was determined that Dr. Chong is the only licensee, who has attained a doctorate's degree; therefore, he is the only one who could use the title of "Doctor" in this specialty.</p> <p>The Chair stated that the same review process will be accomplished for all other professions to ensure the proper credentials are listed on their license.</p> <p>Upon the suggestion of Dr. Miller and N. Cepeda, the Chair stated that, in addition to posting the information on the HPLO website, she will work with the HPLO will ensure all licensees approved by the GBAHE will be informed to properly use their titles based on the credentials and level of educational attainment for their respective specialty/profession.</p>			use proper credentials based on educational attainment
XII	Announcements	Announcements – Next Meeting - Friday, July 7, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.	GBAHE	1247	Set Date
XIII	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn: N. Cepeda; 2 nd : Miller	GBAHE	1249	Adjourned

Minutes Drafted by: FLAME TREE Freedom Center, Inc.

Date Submitted: 6/19/2023

Submitted by the GBAHE Secretary:

Date:

Approved by the GBAHE with or without changes:

Date:

Certified by or Attested by the Chairperson:

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Date: 8/4/23