

GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE
Terlaje Professional Bldg., 194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, Hagåtña.

MINUTES OF December 18, 2020

VIA GoToMeeting

This Regular Scheduled Session was posted on the website of the Office of the Attorney General

Present were: Present were: Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Chair; Dr. Gregory Miller, Vice-Chair; Nadine Cepeda, Secretary; Catherine San Nicolas, Treasurer; Vincent Pereda, Member; Dr. Richard Chong, Member; Sibyl Crisostomo, Member; Dr. Dennis Triolo, Member; Dr. Ryan Claros, Member; Ray Tajalle, Member; Alesia Ogo, Member; Greg Cruz, Member; Dr. Paul Pomes, Member; AAG Rob Weinberg, Legal Counsel; and Rosemary Carman, staff of HPLO.

Others present: John Roberts, Patricia Roberts, and David Lubofsky

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:03 pm.

Subject meeting was posted on the Website of the Attorney General of Guam.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Cepeda; Seconded by Miller.

III. Minutes of December 4, 2020

Motion was made by San Nicolas to approve the Minutes of December 4, 2020; Seconded by Cepeda.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Catherine San Nicolas reported that the first meeting of all Licensure Boards' Treasurers was held, coordinated by the Administrator of HPLO, to review all Boards' budget and expenditure. A limited Report was generated via the Accounting Division of the Department of Administration (DOA). The Financial Report listed 7 Boards' Expenditures but no funding was showing under the Allied Health Board. This Group of Board Treasurers planned to meet regularly to work on amending the current law that monies collected by each Board are not subject to the "Transfer Authority by the Governor" but can be carried over in future fiscal years to address the Board's regulatory function.

V. HPLO Administrator's Report – Zennia was absent attending to the COVID testing and vaccine administration sites.

VI. Old Business

A. Legal Counsel Report – AAG Mr. Weinberg that all the Boards have yet to complete their Rules. Any Investigation of Complaints should consult with or talk to the Legal Counsel first before going any further with the Investigator, such as, settling with the Licensee before the Board's approval.

B. Complaints:

1) 2020-11 **Reginald Mendoza** against **Noel Silan, DPM.**

This Complaint was assigned to Dr. Miller, to investigate. Dr. Miller, DPM reported that he was still reviewing the documents related to this case.

2) 2020-12 **Patricia Roberts** against **Kevin Malakooti, DVM.**

This Complaint was assigned to Dr. Pomes, DVM. He was scheduled to talk to Dr. Malakooti.

VII. New Business

A. Initial/New Applications:

- 1) **Tia LA, PA-C** for *Physician Assistant* (Tajalle)
 - 2) **Jonei DELGADO** for *Nutritionist/Clinical Dietitian* (San Nicolas)
- Motioned by Miller; and seconded by San Nicolas. New Applications were approved.

B. Renewal Applications:

The following Renewals were approved. Motioned by Cepeda; Seconded by Miller

- 1) **Gracielle DUPALOC** for *Nutritionist/Clinical Dietitian* (San Nicolas)
- 2) **Hee Jae LEE** for *Nutritionist/Clinical Dietitian* (San Nicolas)
- 3) **JongSun BAIK** for *Acupuncture* (Balajadia)
- 4) **Gregory MILLER** for *Chiropractic Medicine* (Balajadia)
- 5) **Stephen BEHNKE** for *Clinical Psychology* (Balajadia)
- 6) **Vincent PEREDA** for *Licensed Mental Health Counselor* (Balajadia)
- 7) **Carolyn ZIEBER** for *Licensed Professional Counselor* (Cepeda)
- 8) **Lynette ARRIOLA** for *Licensed Professional Counselor* (Cepeda)
- 9) **Jesse BALETO** for *Licensed Professional Counselor* (Cepeda)
- 10) **Marci NACU** for *Licensed Professional Counselor* (Cepeda)
- 11) **Marci NACU** for *Marriage & Family Therapist* (Cepeda)
- 12) **Roland GOLEZ** for *Physical Therapy* (Claros)
- 13) **Julienne DUENAS** for *Physical Therapy* (Claros)
- 14) **Jordan TINGSON** for *Physical Therapy* (Claros)
- 15) **Erickson GASCON** for *Physical Therapy* (Claros)
- 16) **Isaias SANTOS** for *Physical Therapy* (Claros)
- 17) **Mitchel SWENA** for *Speech & Language Therapist* (Crisostomo)
- 18) **Joame TOPACIO** for *Physical Therapy Assistant* (Claros)

VIII. Miscellaneous

Mr. David Lubofsky was present to address the Board concerning his Complaints against 3 GMH Physical Therapists. The levels of care given to his 5-year-old son Asher were described in the CMS Report. Mr. Lubofsky wanted the Board to include the CMS Report in the Investigation.

IX. Next Meeting - Friday, January 8, 2021, at 12:00 noon

X. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. Motioned by Cepeda ; Seconded by Tajalle.

Minutes Approved: 

Date: 1/8/2021