

GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE
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VIRTUAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Friday, September 04, 2020

VIA GoToMeeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Mamie Balajadia, Chair; Alesia Ogo, Member; Dr. Gregory Miller, Vice-Chair;
 Greg Cruz, Member; Catherine San Nicolas, Treasurer; Nadine Cepeda, Secretary;
 Ray Tajalle, Member; Vincent Pereda, Member; Dr. Dennis Triolo, Member; Sibyl
 Crisostomo, Member; Dr. Richard Chong, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Ryan Claros, Member, Dr. Paul Pomes, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob Weinberg, Asst AG;
 Zennia Pecina, HPLO Administrator;
 Mae Pangelinan, HPLO
 Dawn Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center;
 Eddy Reyes, FLAME TREE Freedom Center


TOPIC		DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	REPORTING TIMEFRAME	STATUS
I.	CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	Confirmation of Public Notice on AG and DOA's website for virtual regular Board meeting via GoToMeeting https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/886671661 One-touch: +1 (872) 240-3311., 886671661# Access Code: 886-671-661 - Called to order - 12:03 p.m.	Chair	12:03 p.m.	Called to Order
II.	ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Approved Motion: Ray Tajalle, 2 nd Catherine San Nicolas	GBAHE		Approved
III.	MINUTES OF August 7, 2020 MEETING	Approved the Minutes. Motion: Dennis Triolo, 2 nd Richard Chong	GBAHE		Approved
IV.	TREASURER'S REPORT – Catherine San Nicolas	a) Financial Report for FY20 (Oct 2019 – Sept 2020). Report submitted as of August 26, 2020. Reflected on all appropriations and expenditures for dates listed in the attached report.	GBAHE Treasurer		Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Noted a reduction in expenditures in equipment due to discrepancies between invoice and actual payments to vendor c) Training for all Licensing Boards' Treasurers on financial reporting are being planned. d) due to the Public Health Emergency Declaration, HPLO funds remain the same in the GovGuam General Fund. e) To consider enabling legislation to ensure annual appropriations and fees collected are for the operations of HPLO and Board's expenditure are not subject to the transfer authority of the Governor, including the carryovers of any lapsed funds. 			
V.	HPLO ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Zennia Pecina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Island remains in PCOR 1 b) No new Licenses was issued. c) In reference to the military personnel assigned to GMHA to support the pandemic, noted the military provided HPLO with their credentials and HPLO issued emergency temporary work permits, which are valid for 30 days d) 15 Intensive Care Unit Nurses and 3 Respiratory Therapists 	HPLO		Noted
VI.	OLD BUSINESS	<p>A. Legal Counsel Report – Robert Weinberg, Assistant Attorney General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Noted Attorney Hemlani has been reviewing issues pertaining to GBEP, GBED and GBME Boards. 2) Noted OAG will continue to track all legal issues 	OAG		Noted
VII	NEW BUSINESS	<p>A. Renewal 2021-22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Noted the Chair proposed to extend deadline for Renewals to March 1, 2021 so that all submitted Applications reviewed can be approved by the Board at the March 2, 2021 meeting. 2) Discussed reasons to support the extension to March 1, 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Due to COVID-19 situation, Licensees may encounter hardships to obtain CE/CEU this year, due to cancelled scheduled Conventions, Conferences, Workshops, In-Service Trainings, or Association Meetings. b. Exceptional demands of their time on front-line workers had made it difficult to concentrate to obtain the CE/CEU hours. 	GBAHE		Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Licensees and other health professionals are functioning under stressful conditions that flexibility and support to ease Renewals are required. d. HPLO and the GBAHE need additional time to adequately review Renewals. e. No late fees to be imposed on Licensees who choose to submit their Renewal Applications between December 31, 2020 to March 1, 2021. f. Accepting all required CE/CEU hours, for this Renewal period only, of Virtual education, on-line courses, webinars, etc., provided that the Licensee shows proof of attendance by Certificate or Letter from a recognized National, International, or Local Organizations. g. Update Renewal Application to indicate, for the Licensee, to check either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I) Not Requesting an Extension to March 1, 2021. II) Requesting an Extension to March 1, 2021. h. The Legal Counsel advised the Board the Renewal Applications are not required to be notarized, not only because of a Public Health Emergency but a statement such as, "Unsworn Declaration Under the Penalty of Perjury" to be signed by the Applicant is sufficient. 			
		- Approved by all members present except Sibyl Crisostomo.	GBAHE		Approved
VII I.	MISCELLANEOUS	A. Telehealth / Telemedicine – ALESIA Ogo. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted that review of legal counsel's findings allows for telehealth / telemedicine, and that it has become a necessity especially with the pandemic - Noted HPLO is working with outside agency to ensure HIPAA requirements are followed including, no recording, proper consents. - Noted insurance companies have approved of telehealth / telemedicine - Noted OAG opinion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the law applies to where the patient is; therefore, noted, if the patient is in Guam, then the provider of telemedicine services must also be licensed in Guam - "consultation" with off-island providers is appropriate without the off-island professional having to be licensed in Guam - "consultation" is not the same as medical practice; therefore, it is not illegal to obtain consultation from a professional who is not licensed on Guam 	GBAHE		Noted
		B. Noted that Nadine Cepeda was confirmed by the Legislature to serve another 3-year term for the GBAHE.			Noted
IX.	NEXT MEETING	Friday, October 02, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., HPLO Office Room 213	GBAHE		Noted

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		Noted that the next meeting will be via web conference San Nicolas: Space at HPLO to review applications is available as confirmed by Chair			
X.	ADJOURNMENT	Motion: D. Triolo, 2 nd : V. Pereda		1:03	Adjourned

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD on Oct 2, 2020

Board Chair