



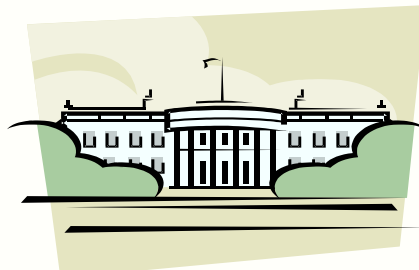
Executive Director's Educational Program 2009 PHADA Legislative Forum

On September 18th and 19th in Washington D.C., GHURA's Executive Director completed two remaining EDEP courses needed for certification. In addition to the courses, Mr. Pinaula attended the 2009 PHADA Legislative Forum from September 19-23, 2009.

The EDEP is a program, which represents a major professional development opportunity for housing authority executive directors. It takes a comprehensive look at those critical functions which serve to define the executive director's position and provides a structured environment in which mid-career professionals can hone their management skills and enhance their knowledge.

The courses include; Executive Housing Management, Ethics, Financial Management, Legal Issues, Maintenance Management, Personnel Management, Procurement and Contract Management, PHAS/SEMAM, Planning for Change, and Public Relations/Communications.

To qualify for the PHADA/Rutgers certificate, participants must successfully complete all ten courses listed above. To receive credit for a course, participants must be in attendance for the entire length of each session and pass a brief in-class test administered at the conclusion of each session. Course integrity will be maintained to the high standards of Rutgers and PHADA. The presence of a Rutgers official at each session will guarantee the display of your certificate of completion to be an expression of outstanding professional achievement at the executive level.

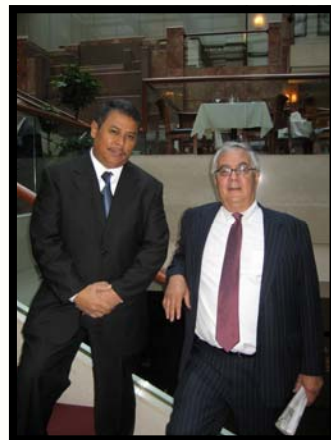


Guest Speaker at the conference: Honorable Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), represents the people of West Virginia's Second Congressional District, where she has been an advocate for a range of policies that directly impact her constituents, including energy independence and quality healthcare. Capito is also active in the housing realm, serving as the Ranking Republican on the House's Subcommittee for Housing and Community Opportunity.



Pictured Above: Benny Pinaula, GHURA's Director with Assistant Secretary Mercedes Marquez for Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Guest Speaker at the Conference: Honorable Barney Frank (D-MA), a 15-term Member of the House of Representative, Congressman Frank chairs the House Financial Services Committee, the panel with jurisdiction over U.S. housing policy and HUD programs. Well-known to all housing professionals, Frank is a key sponsor of the Section 8 Voucher Reform Act and has long been a supporter of public housing.



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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY GUMA SAN JOSE HOMELESS



The Groundbreaking for the Design and Construction of Guma San Jose Homeless Shelter Facility in Dededo is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2009. The new shelter is designed to enhance the services available to homeless families. The current facility is a rented house with limited space for case management and counseling and very limited amenities for the families.

Family quarters in the new facility are arranged in two clusters of eight and seven bedrooms on either side of a central cluster of intake, counseling and management offices. Family friendly amenities in the new facility will include two separate full kitchens to accommodate the families who will be sleeping in the facility's 17 bedrooms. Other amenities include a study room, a meeting / library room with internet connections, a laundry area and a controlled outdoor courtyard space.

A unique aspect of the project is that it incorporates three existing teacher staff house units into an integrated facility. In keeping with this green theme the new facility will incorporate solar energy.

Funding for the project is from the regular Community Development Block Grant Program and the Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.



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Groundbreaking Southern Police Precinct
October 27, 2009



GHURA's BOARD MEETINGS

Friday, October 9, 2009
Thursday, October 22, 2009
10:00a.m.
GHURA's Sinajana Office
2nd Floor Conference Room

**HOMELESS
AWARENESS
OUTREACH
2ND ANNUAL
HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS
"PASSPORT TO SERVICE"**

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The Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) in coordination with the Guam Homeless Coalition (GHC), and First Lady Joann Camacho, Chairperson of Interagency Council on Homelessness sponsored the 2nd Annual Homeless Awareness Outreach. The 1-day event took place on April 24, 2009 at the Tamuning Gym and focused on care and outreach for people who do not have permanent housing or who are at risk of homelessness. The event "Hope for the Homeless Passport to Services," is designed to enhance access to mainstream services. Homeless individuals and families who attended the event were able to access a host of basic services made easily accessible such as health care including immunizations, health screening, and glucose test, and dental care for children. Department of Labor and Agency for Human Resources Development provided employment assistance and job training opportunities. Specialty services such as haircuts, free long distance calls to re-connect individuals with their families off-island.

In January 2009, during the Point In Time Homeless Count, GHC reported that there are 1,088 individuals and families who experiencing homelessness or living in inadequate housing. The Salvation Army, Catholic Social Services, Guma Mami', Sanctuary, Inc., and Oasis Empowerment Center, non-profit organizations and shelter providers offered assistance and shelter placement to those individuals who are in need of housing services. GHURA, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Department of Public Health and Social Services, Department of Labor and AHRD, University of Guam School of Nursing, Guam Community College, Veterans Affairs, and Guam Public School System are some of the government agencies that participated and offered mainstream services as well.

Partners from private sector are Calvo's Select Care that took the lead in solicitation, iConnect that provided free long distance calls to the homeless to re-connect individuals with their families that live in the mainland. Mari Arcy Beauty Academy offered free haircuts throughout the event. Dr. Martinez, chiropractor of ADIO provided free consultation and services during the event. Guam Association of Realtors, Subway and Jamaican Grill provided the food that was served during the day-long event. Homeless individuals and families who attended the event were given food, drinks and care packages including hygiene items, first aid kits, bed sheets, etc.



GHURA's Executive Director, Benny Pinaula supported the homeless activity and had an integral participation during the outreach.

**HUD'S
INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICIALS
REVIEWS GHURA'S
ARRA CAPITAL FUNDS**



Pictured Left to Right: **Ray Blas**, Deputy Director; **Holly Swoboda**, Senior Auditor, HUD-OIG Office of Audit, Phoenix office; **Fredrick W. Lee**, Senior Auditor, HUD-OIG Office of Audit, San Francisco office; **Helen Sparks**, Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit, HUD-OIG San Francisco office; **Governor Camacho**; **Joan Hobbs**, Regional Inspector General for Audit, Region 9; and **Benny**

On September 4, 2009 officials from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) arrived on island to conduct a comprehensive review of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) under the Capital Fund Recovery Program (CFRP).

The review objective was to determine whether the Authority has the capacity to properly account for ARRA funding and the controls to ensure those funds are expended only for eligible program activities.

The areas under review were the procurement process, contract administration, monitoring and financial recordings.

The review was completed on September 24, 2009 with exit meeting with the following staff and Ms. Annie Paulino, Acting Board Chairwoman, Raymond Blas, Acting Director, Michael Duenas, Acting Deputy Director, Millie Taitano, Special Assistant, Albert Santos, Chief Engineer, and Philly San Nicolas, Management Analyst IV / MOD Coordinator.

The official report will be released in November 2009.

