

# GUAM HOMELESS COALITION

## Regular Monthly Meeting

July 15, 2009

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

### II. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLL CALL

- **Voting Members/Organizations:** Amor Say (GHURA), AnnaMarie Kenny (Oasis), Greg Borja (Department of Veterans Affairs), Lou Hongyee (TSA); Reina Sanchez (DMHSA), Ruth Leon Guerrero (DOL), Jesse Catahay (CSS), Bernie Grajkek (Guma Mami)
- **Non-Voting Members/Organizations:** Mark Martinez (LIHING), Evelyn Cruz (CSS), Paula Perez (LRC), Juan Trinidad (TSA), Ken Roldan (TSA), April Manibusan (TSA), Francisco Limtiaco (DPHSS-DSC), Geri Leon Guerrero (Oasis Homeless Advocate), Elena C. (Oasis)

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Amor Say motioned to approve the May 20, 2009 minutes and was seconded by Jesse Catahay. Motion carried.

### IV. Replacement of GHC Chairperson – Anisia Terlaje

- The Secretary briefed the members regarding a conversation with Anisia Terlaje upon informing her of an upcoming meeting. Ms. Terlaje indicated to the Secretary that she wanted to resign as Chairperson. Her reason for resigning is due to her pending commitments and also because she was frustrated with GHURA. She had sought assistance for funds for training off-island and was denied. After a discussion with the members as to who would take over her position, the Vice-Chair Greg Borja stated that the Coalition needed to obtain a written resignation from Ms. Terlaje. The Secretary was tasked to obtain the documentation and report back to the members.

### V. Open Discussion

- **Pursuit of 501 (3C)** – Members discussed pursuing 501(3c) as a Coalition. Members discussed being independent and moving away from GHURA. GHURA's role is to provide technical assistance to the Coalition. Paula Perez mentioned that she had a conversation with Pamela Menter from a Program Director for Safe Haven in Hawaii. She mentioned that Pamela was very knowledgeable in pursuing 501(3C). Paula was tasked to seek information and provide input to the members.
- **Strategic Planning Committee** – Each agency should be a member of this committee. Regular meetings will be scheduled to prepare for the new grant year.

### VI. Reports

- **Guma Hinemlo** – Reina Sanchez reported that Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse is no longer the project sponsor for Guma Hinemlo. She stated that she has been requesting assistance from GHURA but has not received any help. She reported that the program was taken away from DMHSA without being given ample time to inform clients. She was also disturbed that GHURA did not include her in the planning with regard to the

change in sponsor. She asked what was the Coalition involvement in this process. After discussion with the members regarding this matter, Vice Chair Greg Borja stated that ultimately GHURA who administers the funds may elect to change the project sponsor if they feel that another agency can best provide the service and comply with the programs requirements.

- **LIHING** – Mark Martinez reported that he had 30 available units, 27 units occupied and three units vacant.  
**Caridad** – Evelyn Cruz reported that Caridad had 2 units available for homeless and disable. One unit awaiting client move in.
- **Lighthouse Recovery Center** – Eighteen (18) Residential Clients in the Shelter and averaging 50 Outpatient. Still settling into the new building and having some minor logistic problems and dealing with the shortage in staff.
- **Oasis** – Anna reported that they are at capacity at the Residential Center. They currently have six client in residential. Completed 2007 grant for Supportive Housing Program. Awaiting the renewal contract. Funds that were expended was approximately \$180,000. Total assisted with housing – 20 clients. Three clients on wait list. Oasis currently working on the APR and will be submitted ASAP.

## **VII. Old Business**

- A. **Binders for GHC Members** – Tabled until all information is provided.
- B. **2009 Action Steps** – Tabled until all members had a chance to read the documents

## **VIII. New Business**

- A. **Training Assistance (TA) from HUD – Rebecca Borja – July 30, 2009**

Amor informed the members of Rebecca Borja's visit on July 30, 2009. She asked members to submit any questions they had regarding their program.

- B. **National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference – end of July**

Greg Borja informed the members of this conference at the end of July. He stated that he would like to see if we could send at least two members of the coalition to this conference. He indicated that the Coalition could do fund raisers to defray costs. Amor stated that she thought the Conference was either rescheduled or cancelled. Greg Borja said he would check on it and inform Amor.

- C. **Legislative Lobby for Homeless Program Funds**

Vice-Chair recommended that the Coalition join forces to lobby with the legislature for Homeless Program Funds. Due to the time limitation, this matter was not discussed in full and will be further discussed on our next meeting.

## **IX. Announcements**

Amor informed the group that registration for COC Application started today. NOFA out August 15th. She reminded the group that they had only 60 days to work on the grants.

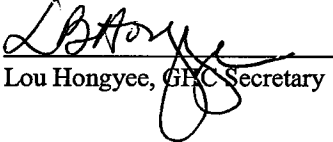
Five Guam Team attending NAADAC Conference. This was made possible through fund raisers and help from NAADAC. Guam is pursuing affiliated status.

Oasis having a fund raiser on August 15<sup>th</sup> "One Night Only". Flyers distributed.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Bernie Grajek and seconded by Amor Say. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 p.m.

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

  
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Lou Hongyee, GHC Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:**

  
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Greg Borja, GHC Vice- Chairperson