

**GUAM HOMELESS COALITION**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
October 20, 2010

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:29 a.m.

**II. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLL CALL**

**Voting Members/Organizations:** Amor Say (GHURA), Rockhudson Tomy (CSS), Ruth Leon Guerrero (DOL/One-Stop Center), Greg A. Borja (Dept. of VA), Bernie Grajek (Guma Mami), Rob Zimmerman (Oasis Empowerment), Barsen Adelbai (Guma Hinemlo), Lerma Duarosan (DPHSS/BOSSA), Lou Hongyee (The Salvation Army), Cathleen Moylan (Guam Legal Services), Fred Gofigan (Guam Veterans Affairs Office)

**Non-Voting Members/Organizations:** Gina Cura (GHURA), Paula Perez (TSA), Juan Trinidad (TSA), Ken Roldan (TSA), Jerry Pura (CSS/CARIDAD), Mark Martinez (LIHENG), Frank Limtiaco (DPHSS/DSC),

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Juan Trinidad moved to correct HMIS report to change households to family. Barsen Adelbai moved to correct Guma Hinemlo clients' occupancy instead of sharing a bed, 2 clients are sharing a room. Mark Martinez moved to correct LIHENG from 5 vacant units to 8. Bernie approved with changes Amor second. Minutes approved with corrections.

**III. REPORTS**

- a. Guma Hinemlo – 2 consumers approved for S+C Housing First Rental Assistance. Clients' application is being processed and may transition to S+ C next month. Two beds will be available by next month. Waiting for referrals.
- b. LIHENG – No changes from last month. Repairs getting close to be completed. Hopefully they will be completed next month. Referrals just homeless—can be from homeless if they are homeless. Does not have to go to Guma San Jose.
- c. CARIDAD – Only change was when VA made an approval. Working on furniture for the unit. Other unit will be furnished. Currently have two vacancies. The other two will be vacant end of this month or November.
- d. HPRP- No representative
- e. HMIS – still the same working on AHAR. Report focuses on shelters that are HUD funded. Guma San Jose will complete next Friday. AHAR tables should be completed by next week. Permanent Supportive Housing tables may not be completed. Working with the vendor for the tables. Three out of six-completed by next week Friday.

- f. One Stop Homeless Assistance Center- No report
- g. Lighthouse Recovery Center - 21 clients, 15 Aftercare, expecting to move 1 in by the end of this week and one in November.
- h. Oasis Empowerment Center- full capacity.
- i. Sanctuary – No representative
- j. Guma Mami five beds vacant. Dept. of Mental Health makes the referrals. All homeless clients are coming out from in-patient unit, Guma san Jose, or are technically homeless. Clients can transition but really need the an Aftercare Voucher. Treatment team meeting at Hinemlo twice a month. Concerned that the two S+C moving out will require supportive services. Upon entrance into the Inpatient unit a discharge should be in place. Mental Health does have a discharge plan. Maybe we should have Mental Health talk about their system. The system is to find gaps so that we can fill the gaps.
- k. VA- 30 Section 8 vouchers. They need to be in the VA Health System. If not in the system they will not be qualified for Section 8. Six grant and per diem beds. Minimum supportive services. If interested in this bed, let Greg know. VA pays \$33.00 a day. 900 a month can cover operations. This is a way to generate money for the program. Look at next funding year—VA will be there to assist you.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 501c status - Cathleen queried as to whether or not we can we establish a working committee. A motion was made by Greg Borja to form a working committee with representatives who have a stake. 501c status will take some time and we need help from the group. If members are receiving funds, they should be mandated to be part of this committee. Those members not receiving funds can assist in the process. Members receiving CoC fund is mandated to be part of 501c working committee. Bernie Grajek moved to approve motion and second by Lou Hongyee. Motion unanimously voted. Cathleen to work on the committee. Working committee composition will be tabled till after major projects are completed. Greg will prepare letters to the members. Cathleen's target date is December in forming and working with the committee.
- b. Membership- tabled
- c. Outreach – Passport to Health and Employment and Peoples Garden- Amor spoke to the first lady, Peoples Garden may be pushed back due to transfer of property and weather. Meeting with the committee and the first lady this afternoon. More than likely the Peoples Garden and the Passport to Health and Employment may be postponed. We may be doing it during the homeless awareness week. Homeless Awareness Week November 14<sup>th</sup>. Might want to look at it.—share what we do to address for the homeless on Guam.
- d. 2010 grant submission – Work on the grant is in process. There is a lot of work to be done and agencies submitting a grant are sending their representatives. GHURA is

providing technical assistance which provides guidance to the process. Timelines are all set up and we are now just getting the data and making it happen.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

DOE Food Bank – Amor received a call that they were supposed to come to inform us about their program. Instead, Ruth Benavente an employee for DOE Food Bank asked GHC to submit all the list of shelters. E-mail current clients you are serving to Amor. Items available this Tuesday are rice, apple juice and canned pork. Include clients living in drop in center or living in shelters. Submit list of clients before Tuesday.

#### VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If anybody needs to know how to get VA services, Greg will not have a problem coming and providing information. He cautioned members that just because a vet served that does not mean he or she is eligible. Greg can brief members and clients on how to begin the process of obtaining VA benefits.

Guma Mami – women and solidarity flyer—next Wednesday-women support group with disabilities who experienced violence or Domestic Awareness or have been a witness to domestic violence. Photo voice project will be at the University of Guam library. Project photographed by clients who were instructed how to use a camera. All pictures taken are related to clients' mental health. The photos will be at the University of Guam until November 5<sup>th</sup>.

VARO – doing their bed race and may be still accepting applications. The bed race is this Saturday, at Agana Shopping Center parking lot across.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

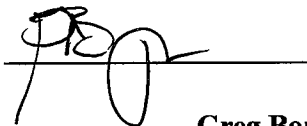
11:10 a.m. Ken Roldan motioned to adjourned—second by Barsen.

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**



**Lou Hongyee**  
GHC Secretary

**APPROVED BY:**



**Greg Borja**  
GHC Chairperson