

GUAM HOMELESS COALITION

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 17, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. with the Secretary presiding.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLL CALL

Voting Members/Organizations: Reina Sanchez (DMHSA), Amor Say (GHURA), Bernie Grajek (Guma Mami), (TSA), Kate Baltazat (Westcare), Juan Trinidad (TSA/HMIS), Pierre Wang (UOG)

Non-Voting Members/Organizations: Mark Martinez (CSS), Gina Cura (GHURA), Shirley Lee (Sanctuary), Maresa Aguon, Ken Roldan (TSA/HMIS), Frank Limtiaco (DPHSS/DSC), Paula Perez (TSA/LRC), Lou Hongyee (TSA/LRC), Marilou Miguel (Great National Insurance), Joe Bessagar (Great National Insurance), Cathleen Moylan (Guam Legal Services Corporation), Tracey Calvert (Oasis Empowerment Center)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bernie Grajek motioned to approved minutes and seconded by Amor Say. Minutes were unanimously approved for November 15, 2009 and January 21, 2010.

IV. REPORTS

GUMA HINEMLO – Tabled (no one to report)

LIHENG – 8 units available as of last week. 5 qualified awaiting units to be ready. Available grant funds will make more units available. However, LIHENG is in need of a housing manager to maintain the units. Recently, someone had damaged the units with graffiti. LIHENG asking GHURA to fund a Resident/Housing Manager. Mike Duenas will clarify with HUD to hire a Resident/ Housing Manager. Bernie Grajek suggested having one client serve as a Resident Manager and deduct rent. Gina Cura suggested CSS make a determination for the need and GHURA will review.

CARIDAD –Tabled (No one to report)_

OASIS- Five residential, 1 in process, 3 detox. DMHSA contract signed and awaiting payment.

TSA/LIGHTHOUSE- 43 OTS, 20 residential, 1 detox, and 12 SPC, 4 awaiting to be moved in.

HMIS- Tabled till New Business

SANCTUARY- 5 clients in Emergency Shelter, 4 in Transitional Living Program and 8 in Sagan Na Homlo.

During this meeting, Amor motioned that since Sanctuary and HPRP are receiving funds and assisting the homeless that they be included on a regular basis in the reporting portion of the GHC meetings. Lou seconded this motion and unanimously approved by members.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Binders for GHC Members – Tabled until all information is provided.

B. Election of Chairperson – Bernie Grajek motioned to table the election. Seconded by Reina Sanchez. Motion passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Briefing from Great National Insurance (GNI) – Fundraising Efforts. Mr. Joe Bessagar and Ms. Marilou Miguel spoke on their fundraising efforts for the homeless. GNI had selected GHC to be

beneficiary of the funds, which will be presented during their Anniversary in September. They stated that Great National Insurance would like to give back to the community and last week they had approached Amor Say to include the Homeless Coalition in their fundraising efforts which was held last Saturday. Unfortunately, Amor informed them that we do not have 501 3c status and, therefore, we cannot accept their generous contribution. However, Amor invited them to attend the meeting so that they can have an idea of what the Guam Homeless Coalition is all about. They were grateful for this invitation and stated that the reports were helpful to them in determining the needs of the homeless.

- B. Planning and Execution of GHC 501 3c Status – Members discussed having an Ad Hoc Committee to work on GHC’s 501 3c status. Paula Perez was unanimously elected to chair this committee. She was tasked to pursue the 501 3c status. Cathleen Moylan, Kate Baltazar, and Maresa Aguon agreed to assist her. Paula will report on the status of this committee.
- C. PIT Results – Juan Trinidad stated that HMIS is working on the preliminary data count. He is getting assistance from Oasis to input the data. He reported that preliminary data indicates that the count may reach over 1600. Juan stated that he was grateful to Pierre Wang from UOG for his assistance.
- D. GHC Outreach Events for June/Sept/December 2010. Members discussed having the outreach activities be a quarterly event and to do away with the Passport to Services. Committee to be formed so that there could be active participation from members. Members suggested that Greg Borja chair the Outreach Committee. Paula Perez voiced that she was willing to chair the Outreach and Mike Duenas suggested that Paula and Greg swap committees. Paula to chair Outreach and Greg to chair the Ad Hoc Committee for the 501 3c status. Final determination of this suggestion will be made next meeting.

Key areas for the next outreach are Dededo, Yigo, Tamuning and Agat.

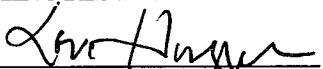
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paula informed the members that VA is doing a site visit on March 17th and will be attending the GHC meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourned by Reina Sanchez seconded by Lou Hongyee.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Lou Hongyee
GHC Secretary