

GUAM HOMELESS COALITION

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 22, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLL CALL

- **Voting Members/Organizations:** Anisia Terlaje (WVA), Amor Say (GHURA), Bernie Grajek (Guma Mami), AnnaMarie Kenny (Oasis), Greg Borja (Department of Veterans Affairs), Lou Hongyee (TSA); Reina Sanchez (DMHSA), Rob Zimmerman (Oasis), Sarah-Thomas Nededog (Sanctuary)
- **Non-Voting Members/Organizations:** Mark Martinez (CSS), Evelyn Cruz (CSS), Fred Gofigan (Veterans Affairs), Paula Perez (LRC)
- **Administering Agency (GHURA) Staff:** Gina Cura

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Bernie Grajek motioned to approve the April 22, 2009 minutes and was seconded by Amor Say. Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

- **Guma Hinemlo** – No beds available. In the process of finalizing a lease agreement for a 5 bedroom house in Mangilao formerly utilized by Mary Claire. Needs to do a budget amendment.
- **LIHENG** - More units are ready for occupancy and more applicants are being approved. Accomplishments include two families moving in to their unit. Maintenance is a challenge resources are scarce both monetary and manpower. Fred Gofigan offered to contact Guam Contractors Association to ask for assistance in renovating the vacant units.
- **Caridad** – Evelyn Cruz introduced herself as the new social worker. She reported that there is 1 available unit. Caridad is providing more activities for the consumers such as educational videos related to health and safety. New programs consist of providing more life skill classes to consumers such as baking. Accomplishment include assisting one tenant who is undergoing medical treatment for a condition that she was experiencing for the last 3 months. More improvement in the community area of Caridad.
- **TSA Lighthouse Recovery Center** – Available beds include 4 detox, 3 in residential and 4 vouchers in SPC Aftercare Housing Program. Changes in the program include the relocation of the program into the new building at Tiyan. With the new building, the Lighthouse Recovery Center is able to add more beds to their program: 4 beds in Residential bringing up the total from 24 to 28 and 2 beds for the ADA unit. The total clients LRC can assist is 30. The big accomplishment is the new facility which LRC is expecting to move in by May. Challenges as always are staff shortages and funding.
- **Oasis** – They have one applicant pending submission of homeless documentation. Two clients successfully commenced the residential component and have reunified with their children. Two additional clients will be commencing by the end of April. Funding disbursements are still behind.

V. GHC Reorganization

- Members were asked to continue recruiting and referring new members. PHSS (Margarita Gay) turned in their membership.
- Binders for the members have been bought but documents have not been assembled such as flyer, members and contact number, minutes of previous meetings, etc. Tabled to next meeting.

VI. Old Business

- **April Outreach – Passport to Services** – Final meeting for the Outreach is scheduled later on in the afternoon. Items to discuss in this meeting are to finalize the tasks and provide updates.
- **2009 Action Steps** – 2009 Action Steps were disseminated by Amor Say. She instructed members to read and be prepared to discuss next meeting.

VII. New Business

- **Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Grant – GHURA** preparing for substantial amendments. Catholic Social Services and TSA Family Services Center submitted applications to this grant and is currently under review. This grant is able to assist homeless and at-risk individuals and families up to 18 months. More updates to this will be provided by GHURA.

VIII. Announcements

- PHSS will be providing outreach/health screenings at the Micronesian Mall this weekend.
- Bernie Grajek (Guma Mami) invited everyone to participate on their fund-raiser which will be on April 24th, 5:30 p.m. at the Agana Shopping Center. The fund-raiser is the viewing of the movie “Soloist”, which depicts the real life of a homeless individual who was schizophrenic and a reporter who befriends him.

II. ADJOURNMENT

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

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


Lou Hongyee, GHC Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED BY:


Anisia Terlaje, GHC Chairperson