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Hafa Adai!

Please see attached agenda and minutes for the Guam Board of Medical Examiners September 2019 board meeting.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Myrna Leon Guerrero

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September 30, 2019

Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
Executive Chambers
PO Box 2950
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Honorable Tina Muna-Barnes
Speaker, 35th Guam Legislature
163 Chalan Santa Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: **Guam Board of Medical Examiners Meeting for September 2019**

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Muna-Barnes:

As required by 5 GCA § 8113.1, attached please find electronic copies of the agenda, approved minutes, and other attachments.

Should you have any questions, please call us at (671) 735-7404-11 or email to: myrna.leonguerrero@dphss.guam.gov.

Respectfully,

Myrna Leon Guerrero
Word Processing Secretary II

Cc: Michael Weakley, Governor's Legal Office

Attachments: Agenda, Minutes and Announcements

GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Board Meeting Attendance Sheet

Health Professional Licensing Office (HPLO) Conference Rm 209
194 Hernan Cortez Ave. Terlaje Professional Building, Hagatna, Guam 96910

Date of Meeting: September 11, 2019 | [x] Regular Meeting | [ ] Special Meeting

Meeting Call to Order: 4:42 PM | Time of Adjournment: 6:42pm | [✓] Quorum | [ ] No Quorum

BOARD MEMBERS	POSITION	SIGNATURE
Nathaniel Berg, MD	Chairperson	
Philip Flores	Vice Chair/Public Member	
Annie Bordallo, MD	Member/Medical Director	
Kia Rahmani, MD	Member	Absent
Vincent S. Duenas, DO	Member	Absent
Arania Adolphson, MD	Member	
ROB WEINBERG	ASST. ATTY. GEN.	

OTHERS PRESENT

PRINT NAME	AGENCY	SIGNATURE
Donna Perron	FTFC	
JOHN SALAS	FTFC	
P. FLORES		
TROY BOOMTOY	GPHC	
KEN QUINTANILLA	SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE'S OFFICE	
Jennie Recla	HPLO	
Roma Basa	HPLO	

GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Department of Public Health and Social Services
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 4:00 p.m.
HPLO Board Conference Rm Suite 209, Terlaje Professional Bldg., Hagatna

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER: _____

II. Confirmation of Public Notice – 5 day and 2 day (September 4, 2019 & September 9, 2019)

III. Roll Call of Members Present

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. August 14, 2019
2. Teleconference Minutes – August 26, 2019
(*Timothy Riesenberger – Emergency Medicine – GMH*)

V. HPLO ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

VII. OLD BUSINESS:
1. CO-19-01- Legal Counsel's response (sent via email & certified w/returned receipt)
2. CO-19-03 – Ongoing (see email response from Mr. Robertson)
3. CO-19-05 – See Legal Counsel's draft (no violation verbiage)
4. CO-19-08 – See Legal Counsel's draft (no violation verbiage)
5. Website online applications - Ongoing

TEMPORARY:
a. William C. Keig – Emergency Medicine – GMH - ***(to withdraw application) see attached email response.***
b. Jacquelin Telesford – Emergency Medicine – GMH ***(conditional approved)*** (submitted detail practice plan)

FULL LICENSE:

a. Azita Mesbah, MD – Nephrology – Pacific Medical Group (***conditionally approved*** pending 65.25 CME's, Qualifying Examination Certificates, Notarized copy ECFMG)
b. Kristina Caine – OB/GYN – GMH – ***conditional approved*** (submitted detail practice)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. CO-19-09

2. <u>TEMPORARY LICENSE</u>:
a. Silvia Romine – Internal Medicine – GMH
b. Lance Dell – Radiology – Guam Radiology Consultants (GRC)
c. Stace Bradshaw – Diagnostic Radiology – GRC
d. Daniel Reidman – Radiology – GRC
e. Afshin Karimi – General Radiology – GRC
f. Paige Kreegel – Internal Medicine - GMH

3. LIMITED LICENSE:
   a. Daniel Reynolds – Family Medicine - SDA

4. FULL LICENSE:
   a. David Ryu – Otolaryngology – Guam ENT
   b. David Bogolub – Emergency Medicine – GMH
   c. Cleopas Williams – Emergency Medicine – GMH *(pending cme's balance)*
   d. Bryan Zorko – Internal Medicine – GRMC
   e. Andrew S. Oh – Emergency Medicine – GRMC
   f. Lawrence Lee – Emergency Medicine – GRMC
   g. Martin Ishikawa – Pathology – Guam Medical Examiner's Office
   h. Hyun Song – Diagnostic Radiology – GRMC
   i. Paul Freeman – Emergency Medicine - GRMC

IX. OTHER BUSINESS:

Next regular schedule meeting – Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the HPLO Board Conference Room, Suite 209, Terlaje Professional Bldg Hagatna.

ADJOURNMENT: _____

GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A. ***CALLED TO ORDER*** at 4:12 p.m. by GBME Chair.

II. CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE:

A. ***CONFIRMED*** the public notices issued on Guam Daily Post: 8/7/19 & 8/12/19.

III. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Dr. Nathaniel Berg, Chairperson; Mr. Philip Flores, Vice-Chairperson; Dr. Vincent Duenas, Member; and, Dr. Arania Adolphson , Member
Members Absent: Dr. Annie Bordallo, Member, and Dr. Kia Rahmani, Member
Others Present: Assistant Attorney General Robert Weinberg, OAG; Roy Adonay, GRC; Myrna Leon Guerrero, HPLO; ~~Donna Perron~~, FTFC; and, John Salas, FTFC
Nanette Senior,

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (July 31, 2019)

A. ***APPROVED*** the minutes as written. (M: P. Flores, S: Dr. V. Duenas)

V. HPLO ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

A. Noted that the HPLO Administrator was currently off-island; therefore, noted that the Chair shared the following information:
   1. The Chair and HPLO Administrator will be attending the 2019 Tri-Regulatory Symposium, 9/26-27/19, in Frisco, Texas. Noted that this meeting takes place every two years and will allow the opportunity to liaise with the Pharmacy and Nursing Boards. Noted that the Chair will attend even if the trip is unfunded.
   2. Board members are requested to review the Guam Medical Practice Act, which is the GBME's governing Rules and Regulations.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

A. Medical Malpractice: Noted that the Chair will closely monitor this issue.
   1. Noted that the Chair has invited the Speaker of the 35th Guam Legislature to attend a round table meeting with the Medical Society, which will address the pseudo-obligatory arbitrations.
   2. Noted that Legal Counsel will present the GBME an overview of Medical Malpractice at the next meeting, so that the GBME is better informed of the legal requirements.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. CO-19-01- Request for an appeal
   A. ***TABLED*** pending Legal Counsel's review and response.
   (M: Dr. N. Berg, S: P. Flores)

2. CO-19-03
   A. ***CLOSED.*** Determined that there is no reason to keep it open (M: P. Flores; Dr. V. Duenas)
3. CO-19-05
   A. ***TABLED*** pending Legal Counsel's review and response letter for "no violation".
4. CO-19-08 – Response submitted
   A. Agreed that there was no violation of the Medical Practices Act. Noted that the Chair will prepare a response letter in coordination with Legal Counsel.
   B. ***TABLED*** pending review and response letter at next meeting. (M: P. Flores, S: Dr. N. Berg)

5. Website on-line applications – **ON-GOING**

6. TEMPORARY: William C. Keig – Emergency Medicine – GMHA
   A. Noted that, due to the start date of January 2020, agreed to place the application on hold for a month.
   B. ***TABLED*** this application until next meeting. (M: Dr. N. Berg, S: Dr. V. Duenas)

7. FULL LICENSE: Azita Mesbah, MD – Nephrology
   A. Noted the applicant is pending: a signature on application; 65.25 CME's Qualifying Examination Certificates; and a notarized copy ECFMG.
   B. Noted the Board will send a PDF-copy of the application to the applicant and inquire if there were any changes.
   C. Noted the Board will inquired from the HPLO Administrator the length of time an application for renewal can remain open.
   D. ***TABLED*** this application, which will be kept open for one month.
   (M: P. Flores, S: Dr. A. Adolphson)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. TEMPORARY LICENSE:
   A. Jacquelin Telesford – Emergency Medicine
      1) ***CONDITIONALLY APPROVED*** pending receipt of the required Practice Plan. (M: P. Flores, S: Dr. A. Adolphson)
   B. Maximina Boutselis – Radiology – GRC
      1) ***APPROVED***. (M: P. Flores, S: Dr. A. Adolphson)
   C. Daniel Le – Diagnostic Radiology – GRC
      1) ***APPROVED***. (M: P. Flores, S: Dr. A. Adolphson)

2. FULL LICENSE:
   A. Kristina Caine – OB/GYN
      1) ***CONDITIONALLY APPROVED*** pending the receipt of the required Practice Plan. (M: Dr. N. Berg, S: P. Flores)

IX. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Next Regular Meeting:
   A. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 4:00 pm.
2. Dr. ~~Gary Wynn~~ Rey Lim:

A. Noted the Chair's proposal to recognize Dr. ~~Gary Wynn~~ Rey Lim for his dedication and service with a gift and/or letter of appreciation.

3. Cannibus Commission:
   A. Noted R. Adonay's comment that the Cannibus Commission is inquiring if physicians would be willing to partake in a survey to determine: how many are willing to, are not willing to, or are not willing to say if they would recommend that a patient be authorized to "purchase" marijuana for medicinal purposes.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

1. ***ADJOURNED*** at 5:57 p.m. (M: P. Flores, S: Dr. A. Adolphson)

APPROVED: _____ **DATE:** 9/11/19
GBME CHAIRPERSON
With admendments

Guam Board of Medical Examiners
Teleconference Board Minutes
Monday, August 26, 2019
194 Hernan Cortez Ave. Suite 213
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Members Present: Nathaniel Berg, MD Chairperson
Kia Rahmani, MD Member
Annie Bordallo, MD Member
Philip Flores, Public Member
Vincent Duenas, DO Member
Arania Adolphson, Member

Others Present: Roy Adonay, GRC; Zennia Pecina, HPLO/EMS; Myrna Leon Guerrero, HPLO/EMS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Guam Board of Medical Examiners Chairperson, Nathaniel Berg, MD called the Guam Board of Medical Examiners teleconference meeting on August 26, 2019 at 7:40 am at the Health Professional Licensing Office in Hagatna (via email)

II. NEW BUSINESS:

FULL LICENSE:

Timothy M. Riesenberger, MD – Emergency Medicine – GMH
N. Berg; A. Bordallo; V. Duenas; P. Flores; A. Adolphson; K. Rahmani - *Reviewed and recommended approval.*

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business to discuss, the Teleconference Board meeting adjourned on August 26, 2019 at 8:52 pm.

APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE:** 9/11/19

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Manuel has named the woman who has had an alleged affair with San Nicolas for several years, but The Guam Daily Post is not naming her at this time.

The U.S. House of Representatives ethics rules have changed in the last year and a half, now clearly forbidding a lawmaker from having sexual relations with a staffer.

The House voted in February 2018 to prohibit sexual relationships between lawmakers and their employees, a remarkable rule change that brings the institution in line with the military and the private sector after a rash of sexual harassment and misconduct allegations roiled Capitol Hill, The Washington Post reported. Previously, House rules did not explicitly prohibit such relationships, it added.

Manuel alleged he is aware of the alleged affair because he often was asked to accompany San Nicolas and the woman on some of their trips. He said there were phone messages between him and San Nicolas about the alleged affair but San Nicolas would have him delete the messages while San Nicolas was watching.

New members of Congress and some of their key staff were asked to attend an orientation, including ethics training, in Washington, D.C., in November, Manuel said. At the time, Manuel still was promised he'd land a job in San Nicolas' congressional office so he was the one who accompanied San Nicolas on the trip, Manuel stated.

However, Manuel said, on the day of the House ethics training, on Nov. 16, 2018, San Nicolas missed it because the congressman was at the Scarlett Oak restaurant and bar, four blocks from his D.C. hotel the night before, and "was up until almost 5 a.m. the day of the ethics training."

Manuel said he often was the designated driver when San Nicolas went out because, Manuel said, he doesn't drink.

Guam Election Commission Executive Director Maria Pangelinan said the campaign finance allegations may be discussed at the Sept. 19 GEC meeting.

She said, "it's ultimately up to the board to decide if they will address it."

In the House of Representatives, the job of investigating ethics violations is placed on the House Ethics Committee.

Karlo Dizon, who once was the legal adviser to San Nicolas' campaign, had posted a comment on Facebook supporting Manuel.

"If all of this is true - Michael San Nicolas needs to resign," Dizon said.

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raised concerns during the public hearings to include overall labor cost and compression in salaries for those employees who make more than the minimum wage.

The bill proposes to raise Guam's minimum wage in two phases:

- From $8.25 to $8.75 effective March 2020; and
- From $8.75 to $9.25 effective March 2021.

The impact to the government of Guam payroll is estimated to be a total of $393,994 after both phases are executed, according to the fiscal note from the Bureau of Budget Management and Research. That total breaks down to:

- Annual cost in 2020: $8.25 per hour to $8.75: $91,932
- Annual cost in 2021: $8.75 per hour to $9.25: $302,062

The fiscal note is specific to the number of GovGuam employees currently making less than the proposed higher wage levels. The fiscal note doesn't have information on salaries for those employees making more than the proposed wage levels, an issue that has come up before for employees in GovGuam as well as in the private sector.

Department of Labor statistics show that, as of May 2019, the estimated number of government of Guam personnel earning a wage rate at or below $8.75 per hour is 70. The number of GovGuam personnel earning at or below a wage of $9.25 per hour is 230, the fiscal note states.

Lee's press release stated that research conducted after the last minimum wage increase, to $8.25 in 2015, showed that 65% of surveyed businesses did not reduce employee hours to compensate for the increased pay, and 75% of the businesses did not reduce their number of employees.

In June, as part of its testimony to the Legislature on the minimum wage bill, the Guam Chamber of Commerce proposed the following actions for "responsibly raising the entry-level wage":

- Amend the wage increments to smaller tiers over a longer period of time. To achieve the hourly wage objective of $9.25, we recommend that the first tier be $0.50 ($8.25 to $8.75) to be implemented on April 1, 2020. The second tier be $0.50 ($8.75 to $9.25) and be implemented on April 1, 2021;
- Establish a youth/juvenile wage of $8.25/hour;
- Establish a tip credit program on Guam set at $8.25/hour;
- Reduce the business privilege tax back to 4%;
- Repeal Public Law 1-35, which increased property taxes on improvements valued at $1 million or more;
- Establish specific control on government spending; and
- Invest in improving the local workforce so island residents command higher wages.

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Ridgell said he has been going over documents provided by GPA and will reserve additional questions for an oversight hearing on Sept. 10.

The new power plant, which will be built in Dededo near the northern wastewater treatment plant, could cost up to $600 million. The investor's cost of building, financing and operating it could mean the developer would need to make $3 billion over 25 years.

Proposed Issuance of Underground Injection Control System Operating Permits for DFS Guam Ltd.

Public Review and Comment Period: September 5, 2019 - October 4, 2019

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) runs the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program, as mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act, and approved by U.S. EPA.

The Agency regulates all applicable activities as set forth in the Guam's UIC Regulations. The UIC Program requires operating permits for all existing injection wells/systems. This includes wells built prior to the approval of the regulations are still in operation, and wells/ systems constructed after the effective date of the regulations.

Guam EPA has received renewal applications from Duty Free Shoppers (DFS) Guam Ltd. for three injection systems located at DFS Galleria, Tumon. The building has offices, gift and novelty stores, souvenir shops and subsurface drainage systems at parking areas.

On the basis of a preliminary UIC requirement review, the Administrator has proposed issuing UIC permits to allow discharges of stormwater runoff into the injection systems.

The discharges contain stormwater runoff only. No industrial discharges or any discharges are allowed into the systems.

The permits for this application will require:

1 - Only stormwater runoff to be discharged into the injection systems
2 - Semi-annual monitoring of water quality for MBAS, Oil and Grease, N03-N, Endrin, Lindane, Toxaphene, 2, 4-D, 2, 4, 5-TP Silvex, Heptachlor, Methoxychlor, Lead, Benzene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene, Toluene, MTBE, Boron, COD, and pH;
3 - Assurance regarding repairs, replacement, or abandonment of the well/systems in the event of failure;
4 - A laboratory analysis report of runoff water taken from the designated sampling point of the systems; and
5 - Compliance with other UIC requirements.

A copy of the Draft Permits and Permit Applications for the above applicant and all other supporting documents are available for public inspection from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Water Resources Management Program Section of the Water Division, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, located at 17-3304 Mariner Ave., Tiyan, Barrigada 96913.

For more information, contact Ms. Susan Marquez, at (671) 300-4778 or (671) 300-4751.

Written comments on the draft permits may be hand delivered to the address above or mailed to the address below. Comments must be received by Guam EPA no later than 5 p.m., Friday, October 4, 2019. No fax submittals will be accepted.

Administrator
Guam Environmental Protection Agency
17-3304 Mariner Avenue
Tiyan, Barrigada, Guam 96913

If there are no appeals, the Draft Permits becomes final. Operation of the injection well/system identified by the applicant may proceed subject to the conditions of the permit and other applicable legal requirements.

The final decision to set conditions and issue the final permits or deny application for the permits will be decided after all comments have been considered. If no comments are received within the 30-day waiting period, the final permits shall be issued immediately after the commenting period closes.

Please bring this information to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter.

/s/ WALTER S. LEON GUERRERO - Administrator

THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 4:00 PM at the Terlaje Professional Building, 194 Hernan Cortez Avenue 2nd Floor, Suite 209 Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room, Hagåtña, Guam.

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GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS

Regular Session Meeting, Friday, September 6, 2019 at 12:00 PM

at the Terlaje Professional Building, 194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 209 Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room, Hagatna, Guam.

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CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES
On Sep. 9, $1 was worth:

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51.865 PHP₱	106.92 JPY¥	1,196.95 KRW₩	31.238 TWD NT$	7.1163 CNY¥	1.4602 AUD A$	0.9067 EUR €

GCC celebrates renovated building



BUILDING 100: *A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Friday at the Guam Community College for the newly renovated and expanded Building 100, which will house the Criminal Justice Department, the GCC General Education Program and the Office of Accommodative Services. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the GCC Capital Improvement Fund are the combined funding sources for construction of the $4.5 million project.*

Norman M. Taruc/The Guam Daily Post

States start antitrust probes of tech firms

(Reuters) – Two groups of U.S. state attorneys general on Friday announced separate antitrust probes of large tech companies such as Alphabet's Google and Facebook.

The first probe, led by New York and including seven other states and the District of Columbia, focuses on Facebook. The second, announced by Texas and likely to include up to 40 other states, did not specify the targets among large tech companies but was expected to center on Google.

Once lauded as engines of economic growth, the companies in social media, Internet search, e-commerce and other digital technologies have increasingly been on the defensive over lapses such as privacy breaches and their outsized market influence.

Politicians including President Donald Trump, consumers, other firms and regulators have criticized that power.

"I'm launching an investigation into Facebook to determine whether their actions endangered consumer data, reduced the quality of consumers' choices or increased the price of advertising," New York Attorney General Letitia James tweeted.

"The largest social media platform in the world must follow the law," she said.

The Facebook probe will include New York, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and the District of Columbia.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office said it was leading an investigation of large tech companies but did not name them.

That probe, likely to include more than 40 state attorneys general, is expected to focus on Google, sources familiar with the matter told Reuters. A second source previously said that the Google investigation would look at the intersection of privacy and antitrust.

Google's parent Alphabet said on Friday the Department of Justice in late August requested information and documents related to prior antitrust probes of the company. The company added in a securities filing that it expects similar investigative demands from state attorneys general, and that it is cooperating with regulators.

On the federal level, the Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission are probing Facebook, Google, Apple and Amazon, also for potential violations of antitrust law.

Will Castleberry, Facebook's vice president for state and local policy, said after the New York announcement that the company would work constructively with state attorneys general.



THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION
Notice of Meeting

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At 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2019, Bell Tower, 710 W. Marine Corps Dr., Suite 201, Hagåtña Guam. For special accommodations, call Eric Miller/ADA Coordinator at 647-1855.

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Guam Ancestral Lands Commission

The Guam Ancestral Lands Commission Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**, Department of Land Management conference room, 3rd Floor of the ITC Building 590 S. Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning. The agenda may be viewed at the following link:

http://dlm.guam.gov/announcements-2/

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