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APPOINTMENTS

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Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan 36th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

March 8, 2021

The Honorable Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña Guam, 96910

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Jesse U. Baletto

Håfa Adai Chairperson Barnes:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the Executive Appointment of Jesse U. Baletto to serve as a *Member (General Public Representative) of the Guam Board of Social Work to serve a term of three (3) years; December 10, 2019 to December 9, 2022 to fill the seat of Mae Fe Muyco, whose term has expired, and which was referred to the Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture.*

Committee votes are as follows:

<u> 5 </u>	TO CONFIRM
<u> 0 </u>	TO NOT CONFIRM
<u> 0 </u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u> 0 </u>	TO ABSTAIN
<u> 0 </u>	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:

March 8, 2021

5:01 P.M.

Sincerely,

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

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Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Jesse U. Baleto

As a Member (General Public Representative) of
the Guam Board of Social Work

To serve a term length of three (3) years;
December 10, 2019 to December 9, 2022, to fill the
seat of Mae Fe Muyco, whose term has expired.

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March 8, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on the Appointment of Jesse U. Baleto

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Jesse U. Baleto** to serve as a *Member (General Public Representative) of the Guam Board of Social Work. To serve a term of three (3) years; December 10, 2019 to December 9, 2022. To fill the seat of Mae Fe Muycó, whose term has expired.*

This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimonies & Supporting Documents
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

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January 21, 2021

MEMO

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: Referral of Appointment

Buenas yan Háfa adai,

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment:

Appointee: Jesse U. Baleto

Position: Member (General Public Representative), Guam Board of Social Work

The appointee's nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature's website at <http://guamlegislature.com/index/messages-and-communications/>. Please refer to the follow document:

"36GL-21-0079 – Office of the Governor of Guam – Appointment and Supporting Documents for Jesse U. Baleto, Member (General Public Representative), Guam Board of Social Work."

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to the **Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture, chaired by Speaker Therese M. Terlaje.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

January 14, 2021

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Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guāhan
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagatna, Guam 96932

-01- 19 2021

Time: 4:30pm
Received: [Signature]

RE: Board Appointment

Dear Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the local laws applicable to the following position, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents for:

APPOINTEE: Jesse U. Baletto

POSITION: Member (General Public Representative)
Guam Board of Social Work

TERM LENGTH: **Three (3) Years; December 10, 2019 to December 9, 2022**
To fill the seat of Mae Fe Muyco, whose term has expired.

The appointment is subject to the consent of *I Liheslaturan Guāhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Senseramente.

Handwritten signature of Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero.

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hāgan Guāhan
Governor of Guam

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

January 14, 2021

Jesse U. Baleto



Dear Ms. Baleto:

Pursuant to my authority under 10 GCA § 122306, I am appointing you to serve as a

MEMBER, GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

General Public - Representative

Term Length: Three (3) Years; December 10, 2019 to December 9, 2022

To fill the seat of Mae Fe Muyco, whose term has expired.

Appointing you to this position comes with great responsibility because you will have a vital role to perform which will place many demands on your time and energy. Integrity and honesty are virtues that I prioritize for my Administration to exemplify, and I know that you will do the same while in service to the people of Guam. Your responsibilities shall be significant and consequential. I trust that you will fulfill your duties and set a standard for others to follow.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time will be spent in a manner to improve the island of Guam.

This appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Weakley of the Governor's Office at 473-1131.

Senseramente,

Handwritten signature of Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero.

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hågan Guåhan

Governor of Guam

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam
Chairperson, Guam Board of Social Work
Administrator, HPLO

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM
Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet

The following information is required for submission to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

NOMINEE INFORMATION

<i>Last Name</i> BALETO	<i>First Name</i> JESSE	<i>Middle Initial</i> U
<i>Mailing Address</i> [REDACTED]		<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>
<i>City</i> [REDACTED]	<i>State</i> [REDACTED]	<i>Zip Code</i> [REDACTED]
<i>Phone</i> [REDACTED]	<i>E-mail Address</i> [REDACTED]	
<i>Position to which Appointment is Made</i> Member, Guam Board of Social Work		
<i>Are you a citizen of the United States?</i> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If no, are you authorized to work in the United States?</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

EDUCATION

<i>SCHOOL (Name, City and State)</i>	<i>DATES OF ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>TYPE OF DEGREE</i>	<i>YEAR EARNED</i>
<i>High School</i> Father Duenas Memorial School, GU	1981 - 1983	High School Diploma	1983
<i>College</i> Western Washington University	1984 - 1987	BA	1987
<i>Graduate School</i> University of Hawaii at Manoa	1996 - 1998	MSW	1998
<i>Other Degree</i>			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center Government of Guam	Position Title Clinical Supervisor
	Dates Held

Previous Employer and Mailing Address American Medical Center Behavioral Health Services	Position Title Lic Prof Counselor and Reg Play Therapist
	Dates Held 10/16 -Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center I Famagu'on-ta/CASD Government of Guam	Position Title Psychiatric Social Worker II
	Dates Held 11/2014 - 11/2019

Previous Employer and Mailing Address South Bay Adult Health Center Chula Vista, CA	Position Title Medical Social Worker
	Dates Held 10/07 - 1/2012

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Child Adolescent Services Division Government of Guam	Position Title Psychiatric Social Worker I
	Dates Held 11/1999 - 1/2006

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name DPHSS (CPS Unit)		Position Title Social Worker II
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held 9/1992 - 10/1999

Agency or Department Name DPHSS (Bureau of Social Services)		Position Title Social Worker I
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held 5/1991 - 9/1992

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

<i>Agency or Department Name</i> HI Department of Human Services		<i>Position Title</i> Graduate Student Intern	
<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Dates Held</i> 8/1996 - 5/1997	

<i>Agency or Department Name</i>		<i>Position Title</i>	
<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Dates Held</i>	

TRAINING

<i>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Play Therapy Education series Training	On-going
Live/Virtual Training related to Mental Health Service	On-Going

AWARDS

<i>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</i>

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

<i>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</i>
Member, National Association of Social Workers, 1996 - Present Member, Association of Individual, Marriage & Family Therapist, 2014 - Present Member, Association of Play Therapy, 2016 - Present

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:

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MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE

OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes No If so, please specify in detail: _____

Address of the Court: _____

Date(s) of Conviction: _____

Specific Infraction Committed: _____

(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes No If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?

Yes No

(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?

Yes No If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.

Jesse U. Baleto 
Print Name and Signature

1/14/21
Date



SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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Fax (671) 472-2856

DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Court

Name: **JESSE UNSIOG BALETO**

SS#:

ID# **GU DL#**



Date of Birth:



CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

Criminal Cases:

- A. No Case Found
- B. 1. Criminal Case No.
- 2. Criminal Case No.
- 3. Criminal Case No.
- 4. Criminal Case No.
- 5. Criminal Case No.

Civil Cases:

- A. No Case Found
- B. 1. Civil Case No.
- 2. Civil Case No.
- 3. Civil Case No.
- 4. Civil Case No.
- 5. Civil Case No.

Criminal Record: Page 1 of 1

Civil Record: Page 1 of 1

Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and local/federal holidays. Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.

Dated: 01/13/2021

DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Court

BY: **RODNEY-JOE P MANIBUSAN**
Deputy Clerk



The absence of an original Court Seal invalidates this document

Prepared By: **RJPM**



**Government of Guam
GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION
P.O. Box 23909
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921**



January 13, 2021

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Jesse Unsiog BALETO		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT#:	[REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/>	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

*****NOTHING FOLLOWS*****

THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

By Direction: BARBIE

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.
REVISED 04/26/19

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police**

Jesse U. Baletto



OBJECTIVE

To obtain a social work position providing a high standard of quality care to clients drawing from my professional experience and knowledge base to help enhance the lives of those faced with life challenges and difficulties.

EDUCATION

- | | |
|---|------|
| Master's Degree in Social Work,
University of Hawaii at Manoa,
Honolulu, Hawaii | 1998 |
| Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology,
Western Washington University,
Bellingham, Washington | 1987 |

Credentials:

Licensed by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to practice *Individual, Marriage & Family Therapy (License No. LPC 087)*.

Registered Play Therapist (T4192, Association of Play Therapy)

MEMBERSHIP

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| Member of the National Association of Social Workers | 1996 - Present |
| Association of Individual, Marriage, & Family Therapist | 2014 - Present |
| Member of the Association of Play Therapy | 2016-Present |

Experience

Clinical Supervisor, Project LINC, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center.

Provide clinical oversight for the designated Behavioral Health Services Program staff. Provide individual and group clinical supervision in accordance with departmental and field standards and guidelines to licensed and unlicensed Behavioral Health Staff in various environments and modalities. The emphasis of the Behavioral Health services is multi-faceted and includes meeting of clinical benchmarks for quality care and productivity, ensuring proper care is being provided in accordance with program contracts, providing ongoing clinical and administrative staff development and program planning. Duties may include establishing of clinical practice policy, case conferencing, creating and reviewing clinical documentation as needed and monthly chart auditing. Collaboration with other departments is a vital component for the Behavioral Health Clinical Supervisor.

- Coordinated, participated and represented agency in scheduled family court hearings, multi-disciplinary treatment team meetings, educational and community resource referrals/meetings for assigned cases.
- Developed service plan agreements that included clients in the decision-making process that were outcome-based agreements.
- Participated in a rotational on-call schedule for emergency intake services and referrals.

Graduate Student Intern

August 1996- May 1997

*Kapiolani Child Protection Center,
Kapiolani Children's Hospital
Honolulu, Hawaii.*

- Participated in multidisciplinary team case reviews regarding alleged child abuse and neglect cases referred by the hospital and the Department of Human Services.
- Provided individual psychotherapy for a member of the client family system.
- Co-facilitated a peer mentor group for children placed in long-term foster care.
- Maintained clinical records and participated in clinical supervision.

Graduate Student Intern

August 1996-May 1997

*Department of Human Services,
JOBS program
Honolulu, Hawaii.*

- Performed case assessments on clients to evaluate employment marketability.
- Developed client-centered service plan agreements for clients targeting objectives to overcome barriers to employment.
- Evaluated and coordinated referrals for clients to various community resources based on client needs, objectives and goals.
- Participated in clinical supervision.

Social Worker I

May 1991 - September 1992

*Department of Public Health and Social Services,
Bureau of Social Services,
Case Management Unit,
Hagatna, Guam.*

- Provided case management and support services to maltreated children and their families.
- Developed client-centered service plan agreements.
- Provided client advocacy to ensure legal access and procurement of needed services with continued collaboration with professionals from child serving agencies.
- Attended, represented agency, participated and coordinated family court hearings, treatment team meetings, individual educational plan meetings and home visits related to assigned cases.



Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

FIRST NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 AT 5:30PM

1 message

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 15, 2021 at 4:51 PM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

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February 15, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and CulturE

Subject: **FIRST NOTICE of Virtual Public Hearing** – Monday, February 22, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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Please email senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com or call 472-3586, if you would like to register to provide live testimony on the agenda items **no later than February 19, 2021** and/or require any special accommodations or further information. Written testimony can also be submitted via email to senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com.

The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60.4. Please note that for Docomo customers without set top boxes, the broadcast channel is now 112-4. The hearing will also stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed at http://www.guamlegislature.com/live_feed.htm. A recording of the hearing will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the hearing.

We look forward to your participation!

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Mon, Feb 15, 2021 at 5:49 PM

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February 15, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and CulturESubject: **CORRECTED FIRST NOTICE of Virtual Public Hearing** – Monday, February 22, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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Trump acquitted; 7 Republicans vote guilty

By Jennifer Haberkorn and Evan Halper
Los Angeles Times

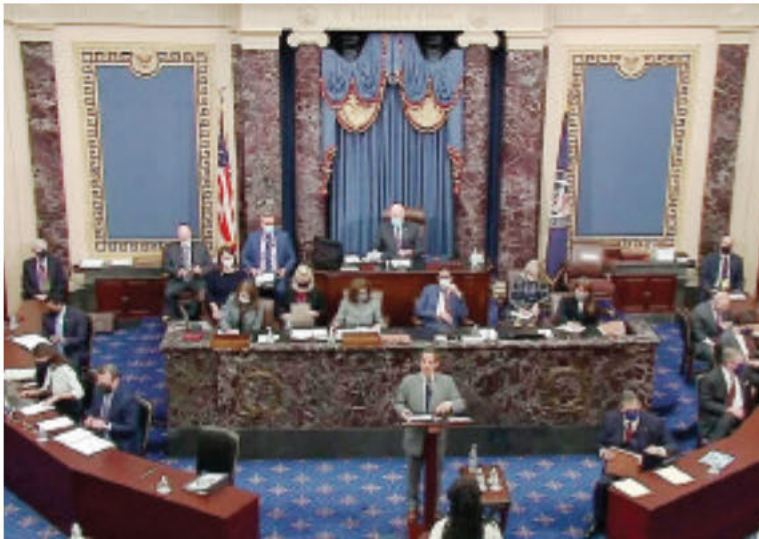
WASHINGTON – The Senate voted Saturday to acquit former President Donald Trump for inciting the insurrection at the Capitol last month, marking the end of his second impeachment trial.

Seven Republican senators broke ranks to support conviction. The 57-43 vote fell far short of the 67 votes needed for conviction, but it was the most bipartisan guilty vote in a presidential impeachment trial and exposed the fractures in a Republican party divided over its future.

The Republicans who voted for conviction were Sens. Richard Burr of North Carolina, Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Mitt Romney of Utah, Ben Sasse of Nebraska and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania.

Trump is the first president to be impeached twice and his trial was the first in American history of a former president. The House impeached him last month on a charge of inciting the insurrection Jan. 6, when a violent mob of his supporters ransacked the Capitol. The riot left five people dead, including a police officer.

“The president of the United States summoned this mob, assembled the mob, and lit the flame of this attack,” Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., the leader impeachment manager, argued in his closing arguments, imploring the Senate to vote for conviction. “This trial, in the final analysis, is not about



OPENING ARGUMENT: U.S. House lead impeachment manager Rep. Jamie Raskin (D MD) begins the managers' opening argument in the impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump, on charges of inciting the deadly attack on the U.S. Capitol, on the floor of the Senate chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021. U.S. Senate TV/Handout via Reuters

Donald Trump. The country and the world know who Donald Trump is. This trial is about who we are.”

In their closing arguments as they did during the five-day trial, House Democrats played a collection of videos that showed the graphic violence stemming from the rioters Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, including heretofore confidential security footage that revealed how close the rioters came to lawmakers and staff.

The videos — some filmed just steps from where the trial took place — provided an emotional punch to their case.

Trump's attorneys countered that the former president had done nothing wrong, and that his speech was protected by the First Amendment and that Trump's often pugilistic rhetoric was not meant to be taken literally.

“There was no evidence Mr. Trump intended his words to incite violence,” Michael van der Veen told senators in his closing argument. “The violence was preplanned and premeditated by a group of independent actors... His words weren't what set this into motion.”

Most Republicans agreed, arguing that the Constitution didn't even allow

the Senate to hear the trial because Trump is now a private citizen, a sentiment that many legal experts disputed.

Even with Trump's final fate widely known, the final day of arguments was a roller coaster of political drama. Democrats built an unexpected surge of momentum after winning a vote allowing them to depose a Republican congresswoman who threatened damning testimony against Trump — only to quickly slam on the breaks.

Facing the potential for a drawn out fight over what other witnesses could testify, Democrats balked. They instead brokered a deal to place into the record a statement from Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler of Washington. It said that House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) had told lawmakers he called Trump during the insurrection pleading for the former president to tell the rioters to stand down, and the president did not act, suggesting to McCarthy that the mob was more loyal to him.

Actual testimony from Beutler had the potential to be much more damaging for Trump and his supporters, and Democratic party activists expressed exasperation that the impeachment managers stood down. But they were weighing the damage that would be inflicted on Republicans with the political toll their own party's agenda would endure in Congress through a prolonged trial. President Biden is eager to move past the impeachment so Congress can focus on confirming his nominees and passing a large COVID-19 relief package. A prolonged trial would have stymied that agenda.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Date: **Thursday, February 25, 2021**
Time: **6:00 p.m.**
Place: **Dededo Senior Center**

App No. 2020-10A/B, Dolores P. Sablan.; Zone Change from "R-2" to "M-1" zone to allow permitted uses in a light industrial zone and uniform zoning with existing adjacent industrial zoned lots in Ukudu, Basic Lot Nos. 5035 and 5036, excluding Lots 5036-5 & portion of Lot 5036-3, Dededo.

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McConnell: Trump 'morally responsible' for Capitol riot

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell called Donald Trump “practically and morally responsible” for his supporters' deadly attack on the Capitol, only moments after voting to acquit the Republican former president on an impeachment charge of inciting the melee.

The top Senate Republican explained the unexpected turnabout at the end of a five-day impeachment trial, by declaring it unconstitutional to convict Trump of misconduct now that the former president has left office and become a private citizen.

The Senate earlier in the week found that the trial was constitutional in a 56-44 vote.

“There is no question that President Trump is practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of the day,” said McConnell, who along with the rest of the Congress and former Vice President Mike Pence fled

the mob that descended on the Capitol on Jan. 6.

“The people who stormed this building believed they were acting on the wishes and instructions of their president,” McConnell said in a speech on the Senate floor.

The remarks came soon after the 100-seat chamber acquitted Trump on a single charge of inciting insurrection in a 57-43 vote that failed to reach the 67-vote threshold necessary for conviction. Seven Senate Republicans joined Democrats to vote for conviction.

The House of Representatives had impeached Trump on Jan. 13, a week before he left office.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi denounced the senators who made Trump's acquittal possible as a “cowardly group of Republicans” and blamed McConnell for not allowing the

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Fri, Feb 19, 2021 at 10:05 AM

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From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson
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Report: 'Stark rise' in LGBTQ hate speech from lawmakers, politicians

By Muri Assunção
New York Daily News

Last year saw an alarming increase in abuse and hate speech against LGBTQ and intersex people in Europe and Central Asia, according to an LGBTQ+ rights advocacy group. And a great part of it came from lawmakers and politicians across the two continents.

On Tuesday, ILGA-Europe released its annual publication documenting legal, political and social developments in 54 countries in Europe and Central Asia

The group, a coalition of more than 600 LGBTQ and intersex rights organizations, found that politicians in 17 countries in the region — including Italy, Finland and Estonia — verbally attacked LGBTQ+ people last year.

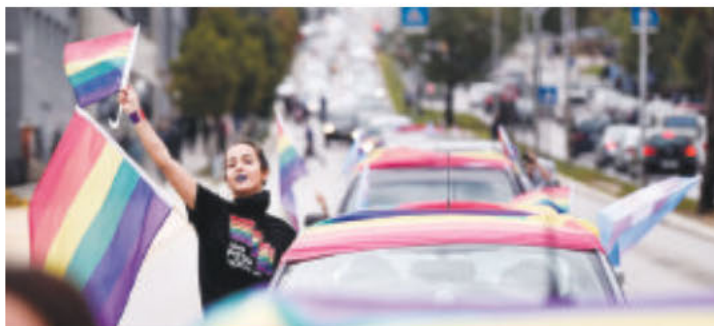
The report, which analyzed data from January to December, found increasing animosity toward sexual orientation and gender identity minorities. And given the unprecedented global crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the LGBTQ and intersex communities were at an even greater risk in 2020 than in previous years.

"Our Annual Review shows that the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted all of the gaps in terms of lived realities of LGBTI people across Europe and Central Asia," Evelyne Paradis, the group's executive director, said in a statement.

"In reports from country after country, we see a stark rise in abuse and hate speech against LGBTI people; many of whom became vulnerable to homelessness have been forced to move back into hostile family and community situations," she said.

Minorities used as 'scapegoats'

Paradis added that the current health crisis has led to a "resurgence of authorities and officials using LGBT people as scapegoats while authoritarian regimes are empowered to



PRIDE PARADE: A girl waves rainbow flags as she takes part in a pride parade in Pristina, Kosovo, on Oct. 12, 2020, demanding "freedom" and "equal rights" in a Muslim majority country with little tolerant views on sexuality.

Armend Nimani/AFP via Getty Images/Tribune News Service

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— Evelyne Paradis,
executive director, ILGA-Europe

isolate and legislate without due process.”

That could be seen in the substantial rise in anti-LGBTQ+ speech, coming from both the public and officials channels, as reported in the ILGA-Europe Annual Review.

Verbal attacks by politicians "on LGBTI people has grown sizeably and spread in countries including Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Moldova, North Macedonia, Poland,

Russia, Slovakia, and Turkey," according to the report.

In some countries, such as Belarus, Greece, Slovakia, Turkey and Ukraine, religious leaders have been responsible for the spread of hate speech, with many leaders directly blaming the minority communities for the deadly pandemic.

The organization also found that hate speech on social media has increased in Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Malta, Montenegro, Russia and Turkey, and in the general media in Slovenia and Ukraine.

The issue continues to proliferate in the media in the U.K., Spain, Georgia, Ireland, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania and Slovakia.

The trend has been noticeable in many countries, the group said, leading some institutions to discuss ways to regulate online hate speech.

"We have to acknowledge how fragile the situation is for LGBTI people across Europe and Central Asia," Paradis added.

The organization is calling for "bold and decisive action at multiple levels, so that the human rights of LGBTI people in all their diversity will continue to advance across the region, and the promise of equality will be experienced in their lived realities."

Biden makes first phone call to Israel leader after delay

By Rami Ayyub
and Matt Spetalnick
Reuters

TEL AVIV/WASHINGTON — U.S. President Joe Biden made a long-awaited first phone call to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday after a delay that had seen Washington deny it was snubbing Israel's leader.

There had been speculation that the Democratic president was signaling displeasure over Netanyahu's close ties with former President Donald Trump, who called the right-wing leader two days after his inauguration in 2017.

Biden has spoken with about a dozen other world leaders since taking office on Jan. 20. The White House had said that Netanyahu, who differs with Biden on some Middle East issues such as Iran, would be the first regional leader he would call.

The delay in the traditional courtesy call was also widely regarded by analysts as a sign that Biden did not want to be seen boosting Netanyahu ahead of Israel's March 23 elections.

Some said it could foreshadow chillier relations if Netanyahu wins re-election, but there were no immediate signs of tensions in relatively bland accounts of the call released by the two governments.

"It was a good conversation," Biden told reporters in the Oval Office where he was meeting U.S. labor leaders.

Biden and Netanyahu spoke for about an hour on issues including the "Iranian threat" and Israel's budding relations with Arab and Muslim countries, Netanyahu's office said in a statement. "The two leaders noted their longstanding personal connection," it added.

The White House said they discussed, among other issues, the need for "continued close consultation" on Iran.

Biden told Netanyahu he intends to strengthen defense cooperation with Israel and stressed his support for normalization of relations with its neighbors. He also "underscored the importance" of working toward peace between Israelis and Palestinians, the statement said.

The White House had denied that the delay in a Biden call was meant to disrespect Netanyahu, with spokeswoman Jen Psaki saying last week that it was "not an intentional diss."



Benjamin Netanyahu

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PUBLIC NOTICE

For: **Regular Board Meeting**
Date: **Friday, February 26, 2021**
Time: **12:00 Noon**
Place: **GGRF Conference Room**

Agenda will be made available prior to the meeting. For individuals requiring special accommodations, please contact 475-8900/01.

/s/ Paula M. Blas, Director
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**Notice of Confirmation Hearing on Appointment to Guam Board of Social Work:
Monday, February 22, 2021**

1 message

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>
To: jesse.baleto@gbhwc.guam.gov

Mon, Feb 15, 2021 at 6:06 PM

February 15, 2021

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:Jesse U. Baleto, Appointee
Guam Board of Social Work
jesse.baleto@gbhwc.guam.gov**Subject:** Virtual Confirmation Hearing for appointment to Guam Board of Social Work- Monday, February 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.*Håfa Adai* Mr. Baleto:

Congratulations on your appointment to serve as a Member of the Guam Board of Social Work for a term length of three (3) Years; December 10, 2019 to December 9, 2022, to fill the seat of Mae Fe Muyco, whose term has expired.

Your Confirmation Hearing has been scheduled for **Monday February 22, 2020 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** utilizing the Guam Legislature's Zoom Video Conferencing Platform. Your appointment is the second item on the agenda, as follows:

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- Appointment of Nonito V. Blas to serve as a Member, Guam Land Use Commission for a term length of Five (5) Years; March 22, 2020 to March 21, 2025, to fill the seat of Conchita Bathan, whose term has expired.

The Committee looks forward to your testimony and would like to encourage you to invite family, friends, and/or colleagues to provide oral or written testimony in support of your appointment. **Individuals wishing to provide live testimony must contact our office via email at senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com or call 472-3586 to register before COB on Friday, February 19, 2021.**

The hearing will take place utilizing the Zoom video conference platform. The meeting login link will be sent to you via email as soon as received by our MIS Division. The Guam Legislature Virtual Hearing Guidelines are included with this letter. Please contact our office at 472-3586 or via email, with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,
Charissa L. Manibusan
Committee Director

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5:30 PM

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A recording of the hearing will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the hearing.

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We look forward to your participation! *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

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Date: **Monday, February 22, 2021**

Time: **5:30 PM**

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Subject: Written testimony on behalf of Jesse U. Baleto, Appointee as a Member, (General Public Representative), Guam Board of Social Work for a term length of Three (3) Years; December 10, 2019 to December 9, 2022.

Håfa Adai Honorable Therese M. Terlaje,

I am pleased to submit this written testimony in support of Mr. Jesse U. Baleto to be nominated as a Member for Guam Board of Social Work. I have known Mr. Baleto as both a colleague and a dear friend who I value his judgement and clinical expertise. Mr. Baleto had the honor for working in the Social Work field for over 20 years in various platforms by addressing social issues, working with the most vulnerable populations, and providing direct care to those who are in need of treatment to name a few. As a practitioner, he is guided by the Social Work Ethics and his licensing body.

Mr. Baleto will be a great asset to the Social Work community with his involvement in the Guam Board of Social Work. He is diligent and dedicated to the profession and has a sincere love for the people of Guam. I am confident that he will do great in his role by guiding and strengthening the profession moving forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is needed. I can be reached at (671) [REDACTED] or jennifer.cruz@gbhwc.guam.gov.

Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us ma'åse,



Jennifer Lynn L. Cruz

February 19, 2021

Dear Senator Therese M. Terlaje,

Chair of Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Perseveration, and Justice

I am honored to write this letter on behalf of Jesse Unsiog Baletto, an outstanding leader and champion of disenfranchised youth, for membership on the social work board. I've known Jesse for 20 years, first in our professional capacities and not long after, as a personal friend I look up to for his inspiring and self-motivated personality.

I met Jesse through my work as a social worker at the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, formally known as the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (GBHWC). I discovered that he offered an array of therapeutic services for children and adolescents in which he provided evidence-based treatment for the children and families. After witnessing many transformations with young people, I often refer children to Jesse.

After closely working with him for fifteen years in the Child-Adolescent Services Division, Jesse is passionate about introducing challenged young people to the outdoors. He co-facilitated the summer program for children and adolescence that were identified as serious emotional disturbed (SED), established groups for traumatic youth, facilitated groups using play-based approaches in treatment that were effective for addressing emotional dysregulation, co-lead art of healing project, co-lead Christmas Cheer activities for children and families, and contributed to many others projects at GBHWC.

Jesse has a strong work ethic, and he is reliable, committed, dedicated, and has sound clinical judgment working with youth with SED. He is one out of five play registered therapists on the island and continually contributes to our youth with mental health issues in our community. He is firm with his boundaries and establishes rapport quickly with children and families. Jesse's kind-hearted and friendly demeanor makes him a delight to work with, and in every encounter with Jesse, I have been impressed by his sound ideas, open mind, and positive attitude.

I am confident that the social work board will benefit significantly from Jesse's professional caliber and outstanding character as a member of the board. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about Jesse's qualifications.

Sincerely,

Nadine T. Cepeda, M.A. LMFT, LMHC, LPC, CASC III, IC&RC

Lead District School Psychologist, Guam Department of Education

Sandra F. Bordallo



February 17, 2021

Ms. Therese Terlaje
Speaker 36th Guam Legislature
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Hafa Adai Speaker Terlaje,

It is a pleasure to write a letter of support on behalf of Mr. Jesse Baleto as a candidate for “Member Representative” Guam Board of Social Work. I have known Mr. Baleto for about five years as a colleague in the field of social work, and the counseling profession, as well as a good friend.

Mr. Baleto has over twenty years of social work and counseling experience. His institutional knowledge, skills and abilities are an asset to any organization, and he would be perfect for the position of member representative.

I am confident that his skills and abilities will make him a valuable contributor to the Board of Social Work. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions.

Respectfully,

Sandra F. Bordallo
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February 18, 2021

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Subject: Guam Board of Social Work
Applicant to the Board, Jesse U. Baletto, MSW, LPC, RPT

Greetings! ~ Chairperson, Senator Terlaje, and
Members of the Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture:

Buenas yan Hafa dai. It is with much pleasure that formally support, Mr. Jesse U. Baletto's application to serve as a member on the Guam Board of Social Work. The Guam Board of Social Work, a regulatory board, is responsible for licensing social workers at all practice levels in Guam.

I believe that Mr. Baleto is an ideal candidate because he has the appropriate academic background, clinical service practice experience, and cultural awareness and sensitivity to serve in this regulatory capacity.

In 1998, Mr. Baleto earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from University of Hawaii at Manoa in Honolulu, Hawaii. He also possesses a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, earned from Western Washington University, in Bellingham, Washington, in 1987.

His familiarity and commitment to professional standards are evidenced in his membership with relevant professional organizations such as the National Association of Social Workers [1996 – Present], the Association of Individual, Marriage, & Family Therapist [2014 – Present], and the Association of Play Therapy [2016-Present].

He holds a couple of professional credentials such as a Licensed Professional Counselor (*LPC - 087*) by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners and is a *Registered Play Therapist (RPT-4192)* by the Association of Play Therapy, Inc. Currently, he is awaiting licensure from the Guam Board of Social Work as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Mr. Baleto's clinical practice experience has also spanned thirty years, from 1991 to 2021. His more recent positions have been within the public and private sectors. His current position is both clinical and supervisory as he is the Clinical Supervisor for Project LINC, housed in the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center. He is also employed on a part-time basis as a Licensed Professional Counselor and Registered Play Therapist at American Medical Center's, Behavioral Health Services. Previously, Mr. Baleto was employed as a Psychiatric Social Worker II, for five years, from November 2014 to November 15, 2019, in a program called *I Famagu'on-ta*, also within Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center.



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Prior to this, Mr. Baletto has been in direct services on both Guam and in the U.S. mainland. In addition to paid positions, he also garnered work experience in various internship capacities.

It is my understanding that Mr. Baletto is a good candidate to the Guam Board of Social Work because he has the professional criteria needed to guide the development of the Social Work community here on the island. His work both locally and abroad, have provided him with the framework to safeguard cultural practice elements while weaving in those practices and values that are evident in the current service landscape. I support the nomination of Mr. Jesse U. Baletto to the Guam Board of Social Work.

In closing, I thank you for your time and attention to this nomination. If there is anything else I can do to be of service, I can be reached at 633-4424 or by email at lperez@ihpmedicalgroup.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilli Ann Perez, PhD", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lilli Ann Perez, PhD

Behavioral Health Provider

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February 22, 2021

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Re: Letter of Support for Mr. Jesse Baleto

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

I write this letter in support of Mr. Jesse Baleto's nomination as a member representative to the Guam Board of Social Work. I have known Mr. Baleto for over 10 years as a colleague in the field of counseling and social work. We also served together as board members for the Association of Individual, Marriage and Family Therapists of Guam and have been involved in various non-profit, community activities.

Mr. Baleto has over 30 years of experience working in the field of social work. He started his early career with Sanctuary and Child Protective Services where his work with children and adolescents was very impactful. Mr. Baleto then attained a Masters' degree in Social Work and returned home to Guam to use his knowledge and education helping children and families with Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, I Famaguon'ta. He is one of three certified child play therapists on island and his work has been invaluable to the field.

In addition to his extensive experience and education, Mr. Baleto's institutional knowledge and the motivation to get things done are an asset to an organization such as the Guam Board of Social Work. His analysis of policy and process as well as his assessment of procedures will help the Board move forward with licensing and other mandates. Mr. Baleto's ethics and integrity are unmatched, traits that are essential.

In these uncertain times with the threat of economic survival, the grief of losing loved ones and inability to experience closure, the trauma of a drug epidemic and violence to our most vulnerable population of women and children; we really could use skilled and licensed social workers. And I am confident that Mr. Baleto is more than capable of contributing to helping develop and foster this next generation of social workers.

Respectfully,

Lisa V. Baza, PhD, LPC, LMFT, LMHC

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§ 122206. Licensure by Endorsement/Reciprocity.

The Board may issue a nursing home administrator's license to any person who holds a current license as a nursing home administrator from another U.S. jurisdiction; provided, that the standards for licensure are equivalent to those prevailing on Guam, and the applicant meets the qualification and payment of the required fee.

§ 122207. Courses of Instruction and Training.

The Board shall make provisions for courses and training on Guam for interested applicants to meet the requirements of this Chapter.

§ 122208. Present Administrators.

Persons who, on the effective date of this Chapter, have been actively engaged as a Nursing Home Administrator for at least two (2) years next preceding such effective date, but do not meet the requirements in force pursuant to this Article, shall be issued a temporary license without evidence of satisfactory completion of a course of instructions, training and without examination, but any such licenses shall expire no later than June 30, 2001.

§ 122209. Renewal of License.

The Nursing Home Administrator 's license shall be valid for two (2) years, nontransferable, and shall be renewed biennially thereafter on or before September 30th on forms provided by the Board and payment of the fee.

**ARTICLE 23
SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE ACT**

SOURCE: The Article was added by P.L. 31-250:1 (Dec. 26, 2012).

- § 122301. Legislative Intent.
- § 122302. Definitions.
- § 122303. Guam Board of Social Work.
- § 122304. Board Composition.

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- § 122305. Qualifications of Board Members.
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- § 122307. Terms of Office.
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- § 122310. Board Meetings.
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- § 122313. Duties, Powers, and Authority.
- § 122314. Social Work Licensing Program.
- § 122315. Limitations of Scope of Practice.
- § 122317. Exemptions.
- § 122318. Exceptions.
- § 122319. Licensing Requirements.
- § 122320. Reciprocity and Endorsement.
- § 122321. Application for Examination.
- § 122322. Examination for License.
- § 122323. Issuance of License.
- § 122324. Renewals.
- § 122325. Requirement.
- § 122326. Revocation, Suspension, Denial, or Condition of Licenses; Fines.
- § 122327. Prohibited Acts; Penalties.
- § 122328. Consumer Right of Action.
- § 122329. Privileged Communication.
- § 122330. Creation of Revolving Fund.
- § 122331. Standards of Practice / Code of Conduct.

§ 122301. Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of this Act to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by and through the effective control and regulation of the practice of social work; the licensure of social workers; the licensure, control, and regulation of persons, in or out of this territory that practice social work within the territory.

§ 122302. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases are defined to mean:

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(a) Board shall mean the Guam Board of Social Work.

(b) Practice of Baccalaureate Social Work means the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or bio-psycho-social functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Baccalaureate Social Work is basic generalist practice that includes assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, case management, information and referral, counseling, supervision, consultation, education, advocacy, community organization, and the development, implementation, and administration of policies, programs, and activities.

(c) Practice of Master's Social Work means the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or bio-psycho-social functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Master's Social Work practice includes the application of specialized knowledge and advanced practice skills in the areas of assessment, treatment planning, implementation and evaluation, case management, information and referral, supervision, consultation, education, advocacy, community organization, and the development, implementation, and administration of policies, programs, and activities. Under supervision as provided in this Act, the practice of Master's Social Work may include the practices reserved to Clinical Social Workers.

(d) Practice of Clinical Social Work is a specialty within the practice of Master's Social Work, and requires the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or bio-psycho-social functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities. The practice of Clinical Social Work requires the application of specialized clinical knowledge and advanced clinical skills in the areas of assessment; diagnosis

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and treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders, conditions, and addictions; and evaluation. Treatment methods include the provision of individual, marital, couple, family and group counseling and psychotherapy. The practice of Clinical Social Work may include private practice and the provision of clinical supervision.

(e) Social work practice means the professional application of social work values, principles, ethics and techniques in the following areas:

(1) information, resource identification, referral services, mediation services, advocacy services and education of individuals, groups, couples and families;

(2) preparation and evaluation of assessments and development and implementation of social work service plans;

(3) case management, coordination, casework intervention and monitoring of social work service plans in the areas of personal, social or economic resources, conditions, or problems;

(4) administration and development of social service programs, policies, community organization, planning, implementation, and involvement in the evaluation of social systems and social policies;

(5) social work consultation and resource development;

(6) research through the formal design and methodology of data collection and the analysis and evaluation of data, social work programs, social systems and social policies;

(7) psychosocial assessment, diagnostic impressions, treatment of individuals, couples, families, and groups, prevention of psychosocial dysfunction, disability or impairment, including emotional, mental and behavioral disorders, and evaluation of practice effectiveness; and

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(8) clinical diagnosis or psychotherapy, or both, provided by a licensed clinical social worker. Social worker or S. W. means a person who has been issued a license as a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker, Licensed Master's Social Worker, or Licensed Clinical Social Worker to practice within the scope of practice as provided in this Article.

(f) Director shall mean the Director of Public Health and Social Services. Exemption shall mean not required to obtain licensure in order to practice social work as of the date of the passage of this law. Exception shall mean able to obtain a social work license through waiving certain requirements as stated in this law.

2015 NOTE: Subsection designations (a) through (f) were added to adhere to the Compiler's alpha-numeric scheme pursuant to 1 GCA § 1606.

§ 122303. Guam Board of Social Work.

The Board provides a framework for developing rules, which effectively responds to the regulatory needs of social work licensure. The Board shall have all the duties, powers, and authority specifically granted by or necessary for the enforcement of this Article, as well as other duties, powers, and authority as may be granted it from time to time by applicable law.

§ 122304. Board Composition.

The Board shall be composed of five (5) members, one (1) of whom shall be a representative of the public. The remaining four (4) members shall be social workers, one (1) of whom shall be a member and representative of the National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter. The Board shall elect from its members a Chairperson and such other officers, as it deems appropriate and necessary to the conduct of its business. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall be responsible for the performance of all of the duties and functions of the Board required or permitted by this Act. Each additional officer elected by the Board shall perform those duties customarily associated with the position, and such other duties as

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assigned from time to time by the Board. A quorum must be present to conduct a board meeting. The vote of the majority present shall constitute an official action of the Board. The majority vote shall consist of half of the vote plus one (1) of those members present. Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

§ 122305. Qualifications of Board Members.

(a) Board members who are social workers shall at all times:

(1) be a resident of Guam;

(2) be currently licensed and in good standing to engage in the practice of social work on Guam or be eligible for licensure within thirty (30) days of the passage of this Act;

(3) at the time of appointment have been actively engaged in the social work profession; and

(4) have at least three (3) years of experience in the practice of social work.

(b) The public member of the Board shall be a resident of Guam who has attained the age of majority, and shall not be, nor shall ever have been a Baccalaureate Social Worker, Licensed Master's Social Worker, or Licensed Clinical Social Worker, or the spouse thereof. The public member shall not ever have had any material financial interest in the provision of social work services or who has engaged in any activity directly related to the practice of social work.

§ 122306. Appointment.

I Maga'lahaen Guåhan shall appoint the members of the Board, and shall be confirmed by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

§ 122307. Terms of Office.

(a) Members of the Board shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, except members of the Board who are appointed to fill vacancies which occur prior to the expiration of a former member's full term, who shall serve the unexpired portion of

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such term. The terms of the members of the Board shall be staggered, so that the terms of no more than three (3) members shall expire in any year. Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.

(b) No member of the Board shall serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms. The completion of the unexpired portion of a full term shall not constitute a full term.

2017 NOTE: Subsection designations added pursuant to the authority of 1 GCA § 1606.

§ 122308. Vacancies.

Any vacancy which occurs in the membership of the Board for any reason, including expiration of term, removal, resignation, death, disability or disqualification, shall be filled by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* in the manner prescribed by § 122306.

§ 122309. Removal.

(a) A Board member may be removed pursuant to the procedures set forth in Subsection (b) herein, upon one (1) or more of the following grounds:

(1) the refusal or inability for any reason of a Board member to perform the duties as a member of the Board in an efficient, responsible, and professional manner;

(2) the misuse of office by a member of the Board to obtain pecuniary or material gain or advantage personally or for another through such office;

(3) the violation by any member of the laws governing the practice of social work; or

(4) for other just and reasonable causes as determined solely by the Board pursuant to applicable law.

(b) Removal of a member of the Board shall be in accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Law of Guam, or other applicable laws.

§ 122310. Board Meetings.

The Board shall meet regularly at a time and place decided by the Board, or as decided by the Chairperson. A special

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meeting may be called at the discretion of the Chairperson. All meetings, whether regular or special, shall be announced and notice thereof given in accordance with the Open Government Law.

§ 122311. Personnel.

The Department of Public Health and Social Services shall be the Department responsible for the implementation of this Act. The Director shall provide such office space, staff, supplies, equipment, vehicle and assistants as may be necessary for the work of the Board, including the execution and enforcement of this Chapter. The Attorney General shall provide legal services to the Board without a fee.

§ 122312. Rules and Regulations.

The Board shall be authorized to adopt and enforce rules and regulations to carry into effect the provisions of this Act, and shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance with 5 GCA, Chapter 9, the Administrative Adjudication Law, Rule Making Procedures.

§ 122313. Duties, Powers, and Authority.

(a) The Board shall be responsible for the control and regulation of the practice of social work, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) the licensing by examination or by licensure transfer of applicants who are qualified to engage in the practice of social work under the provisions of this Article;

(2) the renewal of licenses to engage in the practice of social work;

(3) determining the appropriate fees for licensing, licensing renewal, and other forms of regulation;

(4) the establishment and enforcement of compliance with professional standards of practice and rules of conduct of social workers engaged in the practice of social work and consistent with the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics;

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(5) the enforcement of those provisions in the Act relating to the conduct or competence of social workers practicing in this territory, investigation of any such activities related to the practice of unauthorized practice of social work, and the suspension, revocation, or restriction of licenses to engage in the practice of social work;

(6) with probable cause that an applicant or licensee has engaged in conduct prohibited by this Act or a statute or rule enforced by the Board, the Board may issue an order directing the applicant or licensee to submit to a mental or physical examination or chemical dependency evaluation. For the purpose of this Section, every applicant or licensee is considered to have consented to submit to a mental or physical examination or chemical dependency evaluation when ordered to do so in writing by the Board, and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of the examiner's or evaluator's testimony or reports on the grounds that the testimony or reports constitute a privileged communication;

(7) the collection of professional demographic data;

(8) the issuance and renewal of licenses of all persons engaged in the practice of social work;

(9) the evaluation of non-social work degree holders who submit a written request for exemption from social work licensure as prescribed in this law, determination of whether or not exemption should be granted, and the granting of a Certificate of Exemption to applicant within eighteen (18) months of the passage of this law;

(10) the evaluation of non-social work degree holders who submit a written request for exception from the requirements of social work licensure as prescribed in this law, the determination of whether or not an exception should be granted; and the granting of said exceptions within eighteen (18) months of the passage of this law; and

(11) the inspection of any licensed person at all reasonable hours for the purpose of determining if any provisions of the laws governing the practice of social work are being violated. The Board, its officers, inspectors, and

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representatives shall cooperate with all agencies charged with the enforcement of the laws of this territory relating to the practice of social work.

(b) The Board shall have such other duties, powers, and authority as may be necessary to the enforcement of this Act and to the enforcement of Board rules made pursuant thereto, which shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) The Board may join such professional organizations and associations organized exclusively to promote the improvement of the standards of the practice of social work for the protection of the health and welfare of the public and/or whose activities assist and facilitate the work of the Board;

(2) The Board may receive and expend funds, in addition to its annual appropriation, from parties or other entities, to include, but not limited to, grants and/or awards provided that:

(A) such funds are awarded for the pursuit of a specific objective which the Board is authorized to accomplish by this Article, or which the Board is qualified to accomplish by reason of its jurisdiction or professional expertise;

(B) such funds are expended for the pursuit of the objective for which they are awarded;

(C) activities connected with or occasioned by the expenditures of such funds do not interfere with the performance of the Board's duties and responsibilities and do not conflict with the exercise of the Board's powers as specified by this Act; and

(D) such funds are kept in a separate account, and an annual audit report relative to the receipt of such grants and/or awards and the expenditure of such funds is performed.

(c) The Board may establish a Bill of Rights for clients concerning the services a client may expect in regard to social work services.

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(d) Any investigation, inquiry, or hearing which the Board is empowered to hold or undertake by or before any member or members of the Board, and the finding or order of such member or members shall be deemed to be the order of said Board when approved and confirmed.

(e) The Board shall report to the Attorney General of Guam any violation of this Article, which is deemed violative pursuant to criminal statutes of Guam to cause appropriate proceedings to be instituted in the proper court in a timely manner and to be prosecuted in the manner required by law.

(f) The Board shall have the power to subpoena and to bring before it any person and to take testimony either orally or by deposition, or both, in the same manner as prescribed in civil cases in the courts of this territory. Any member of the Board, hearing officer, or administrative law judge shall have the power to administer oaths to witnesses at any hearing, which the Board is authorized to conduct, and any other oaths authorized in any Act administered by the Board.

(g) The Board shall establish and collect fees from every applicant for the services it performs. The fees shall be established through rules and regulations pursuant to 5 GCA, Chapter 9, the Administrative Adjudication Law, Rule Making Procedures.

(h) In addition to the fees specifically provided for, the Board may assess additional reasonable fees for services rendered to carry out its duties and responsibilities as required or authorized by this Act or rules adopted hereunder. Such services rendered shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) issuance of duplicate certificates or identification cards;
- (2) mailing lists, or reports of data maintained by the Board;
- (3) copies of any documents;
- (4) certification of documents;
- (5) notices of meetings;

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- (6) licensure transfer;
- (7) examination administration to a licensure applicant;
- and
- (8) examination materials.

§ 122314. Social Work Licensing Program.

There is hereby established within the Department of Public Health and Social Services, to be administered by the Board, a social work licensing program that shall recognize the “Licensed Bachelor Social Worker” or “L.B.S.W.”, the “Licensed Master’s Social Worker” or “L.M.S.W.”, and the “Licensed Clinical Social Worker” or “L.C.S.W.”.

§ 122315. Limitations of Scope of Practice.

In accordance with the definition of the practice of social work there shall be limitations on the scope of the practice of social work as follows:

- (a) The “Licensed Bachelor Social Worker” or “L.B.S.W.” may perform duties as defined in § 122302, and as defined in Subsections (a) to (d) of the definition of the practice of social work in said Section in an agency setting under supervision;
- (b) The “Licensed Master’s Social Worker” or “L.M.S.W.” may perform duties as defined in § 122302, and as defined in Subsections (a) to (g) of the definition of the practice of social work in said Section; and
- (c) The “Licensed Clinical Social Worker” or “L.C.S.W.” may perform duties as defined in § 122302, and as defined in Subsections (a) to (h) of the definition of the practice of social work in said Section. § 122316. License Required. No person shall purport to be a “social worker”, “Licensed Bachelor Social Worker”, “Licensed Master’s Social Worker”, “Licensed Clinical Social Worker”, or use the letters “S.W.”, “L.B.S.W.”, “L.M.S.W.”, or “L.C.S.W.”, in connection with the person’s name, or engage in the practice of social work as defined in this Article without meeting the applicable requirements and holding a license

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as set forth in this Article or holding a Certificate of Exemption from the Board. For those granted a Certificate of Exemption, the person is prohibited from using any of the letters indicated in this Section, irrespective of their job title.

2015 NOTE: Subsection designations (b) and (c) were altered from numerals to lowercase letters to adhere to the Compiler's alpha-numeric scheme pursuant to 1 GCA § 1606.

§ 122317. Exemptions.

Exemptions may be granted to non-social work degree holders who are employed with the job title "social worker" or any derivative thereof. Those granted a Certificate of Exemption by the Board would be allowed to remain in their social work positions without a social work license. Persons may apply for a Certificate of Exemption within six (6) months of the promulgation of the rules and regulations. The Certificate of Exemption shall be effective indefinitely throughout the course of the person's professional career.

(a) A Certificate of Exemption is granted to any person employed with the job title "social worker" or any derivative thereof who possesses a Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD level degree that is not in the field of social work as of the date of the enactment of this Act, but if he wishes to continue employment with the job title "social worker", he may obtain a Certificate of Exemption from the Board by providing the following:

(1) a written request for exemption from licensure;

(2) a written declaration that they are individuals in good standing based on satisfactory employment performance evaluations and with no ethical complaints in the course of their employment with the job title "social worker";

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(3) sign a declaration statement that they will abide by the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics; and

(4) submit three (3) letters of verification; one (1) from their current employer acknowledging that he/she is an individual in good standing, and is highly recommended for employment with the job title, “social worker”.

(b) Licensure shall not be required of:

(1) any licensed person doing work within the scope of practice or duties of the person’s profession that overlaps with the practice of social work ; provided the person does not purport to be a social worker;

(2) any person employed by a federal, state, or government agency in a social worker position, but only at those times when that person is carrying out the duties and responsibilities as a social worker (i.e. social workers responding to natural disasters) for up to six (6) months, or extension as certified by the Board, and holds a social work license in another U.S. state or jurisdiction;

(3) any student enrolled in an accredited educational institution in a recognized program of study leading toward attainment of a degree in social work; provided, that the student’s activities and services are part of a prescribed course of study supervised by the educational institution and the student is identified by an appropriate title such as “social work student”, “social work intern”, or any other title which clearly indicates the student’s training status;

(4) any person who is a member of a mental health professional not requiring licensure; provided, that the person functions only within the person’s professional capacities; and provided further that the person does not purport to be a social worker;

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(5) any person teaching, lecturing, consulting, or engaging in research in social work insofar as the activities are performed as part of or are dependent upon employment in a college or university; provided, that the person shall not engage in the practice of social work outside the responsibilities of the person's employment;

(6) any person who is a duly recognized member of the clergy; provided, that the person functions only within the person's capacities as a member of the clergy; and provided further that the person does not purport to be a social worker;

(7) any person who is obtaining supervised clinical experience for licensure as a psychologist, marriage and family therapist, or as another licensed professional; provided, that the person's title indicates a trainee status; and provided further that the person does not purport to be a social worker;

(8) any person in the process of obtaining three thousand (3,000) hours of post Master's clinical social work experience under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker or an individual identified in § 122302 to qualify for a license as a licensed clinical social worker; and provided that the person calls oneself a clinical social worker intern and is supervised while performing clinical diagnosis and psychotherapy.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 31-250:1 (Dec. 26, 2012). First paragraph amended by P.L. 32-167:2 (June 24, 2014), and P.L. 33-119:2 (Feb. 3, 2016). First paragraph amended by P.L. 34-156:2 (Dec. 28, 2018).

§ 122318. Exceptions.

An exception is granted to any person meeting the following conditions:

(a) a person who is employed or has retired with the job title "social worker" or any derivative thereof and possesses a Bachelor's, Master's, or Ph.D. degree in the field of social work from an accredited or unaccredited social work degree program as of the date of passage of this law. Those granted exceptions

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must obtain a social work license within six (6) months of the promulgation of the rules and regulations;

(b) a person who self-identifies as a social worker and possesses a Bachelor's, Master's, or Ph.D. degree in the field of social work from an accredited or unaccredited social work degree program upon enactment of this Act. Those granted exceptions must obtain a social work license within six (6) months of the promulgation of the rules and regulations; and

(c) a person who possesses a non-social work degree, but possesses a degree in a related social science, to include degrees such as psychology, sociology, counseling, human relations and human services, political science, criminal justice, and any other degrees as approved by the Board; and who self-identifies as a social worker may apply for an exception to obtain social work licensure meeting the following requirements:

(1) provide a written request for exception from licensure requirements to the Board;

(2) provide a written declaration that they are individuals in good standing based on satisfactory employment performance evaluations and with no ethical complaints in the course of their employment with the job title "social worker;"

(3) sign a declaration statement that they will abide by the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics;

(4) submit three (3) letters of verification, to include one (1) from their current employer acknowledging that he/she is an individual in good standing, and is highly recommended for employment with the job title, "social worker;" and

(5) obtain fifty (50) continuing education units (CEU) or certified training contact hours approved by the Social Work Board in the field of social work to include the following: the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or bio-

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psychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities; and training in the social work Generalist Practice Model that includes assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, case management, information and referral, counseling, supervision, consultation, education, advocacy, community organization, and the development, implementation, and administration of policies, programs, and activities. The fifty (50) CEUs or certified training contact hours shall have no time or date limitations.

(d) All persons qualified for exceptions do not need to take the appropriate licensure examination, but must conform to all other requirements consistent with the appropriate level of licensure as prescribed in the law. Exceptions may only be granted by the Board up until six (6) months of the promulgation of the rules and regulations.

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§ 122319. Licensing Requirements.

Every applicant for a license as a social worker shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant meets the following requirements:

(a) For the Licensed Bachelor Social Worker (L.B.S.W.), the applicant must:

(1) hold a Bachelor's degree from a college or university in a social work program accredited by or deemed to be equivalent to a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; and

(2) have passed the basic level national examination given by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB).

(b) For the Licensed Master's Social Worker (L.M.S.W.), the applicant must:

(1) hold a Master's degree from a college or university in a social work program accredited by or

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deemed to be equivalent to an accredited program by the Council on Social Work Education or a doctoral degree from a doctoral degree program in social work accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or a comparable regional accreditation body; and

(2) have passed the intermediate higher-level national examination given by the Association of Social Work Board (ASWB) or has been credentialed by the Association of Certified Social Workers (ACSW).

(c) For the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (L.C.S.W.), the applicant must:

(1) meet the educational requirements in Subsection (b) of this § 122319;

(2) have passed the clinical level national examination given by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB); and

(3) have provided evidence of successful completion of at least three thousand (3,000) hours of post masters clinical social work experience under the supervision, and completed within no fewer than two (2) years, but within no more than five (5) years. Clinical social work experience shall include a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours of assessment, clinical diagnosis and psychotherapy; no more than a maximum of nine hundred (900) hours of client-centered advocacy, consultation, and evaluation; and at least one hundred (100) hours of direct face-to-face supervision. At least sixty (60) of the one hundred (100) hours of direct face-to-face supervision shall have been individualized supervision, and the remaining forty (40) hours may have been under small group (up to six (6) supervisees) supervision; provided, that the supervisor shall have been a licensed clinical social worker with at least four thousand five hundred

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(4,500) hours of post masters clinical social work experience.

(d) For the first five (5) years upon enactment of this Act, the following individuals shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of a supervisor:

(1) a person with a master's degree in social work with at least four thousand five hundred (4,500) post masters clinical social work experience; or

(2) an individual who is a Diplomate in Clinical Social Work (DCSW) or holds a Board Certified Diplomate Certification (BCD); or a board certified psychiatrist, psychologist, or advanced practice registered nurse who has a minimum of four thousand five hundred (4,500) hours of post masters clinical experience in assessment, clinical diagnosis, and psychotherapy.

(e) Supervision shall have occurred in an agency setting that provided clinical diagnosis and psychotherapy.

(f) An applicant who submits evidence of certification as a Qualified Clinical Social Worker (QCSW) or Diplomate in Clinical Social Work (DCSW) by the National Association of Social Workers or as a Board Certified Diplomate by the American Board of Examiners shall be deemed to have satisfied the experience requirements of this Section.

§ 122320. Reciprocity and Endorsement.

(a) The Board may enter into reciprocity agreements with other states and issue a license to a social worker who has been licensed in that state; provided, that the requirements for a license in the state in which the applicant is licensed are deemed by the Board to be equal to or greater than the current requirements for a license in this territory.

(b) The Board may issue a license by endorsement by honoring a passing score on the examination of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB); provided that at a minimum, the applicant meets the other requirements and the passing score

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is from the examination category that is required for licensed in this territory and the other state uses for its license.

§ 122321. Application for Examination.

(a) Any person eligible for licensure who wishes to be licensed shall apply for examination to the Board at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the examination, upon a form and in the manner that the Board shall prescribe;

(b) Any application to the Board shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee; and

(c) A person who applies for an examination may apply for reexamination.

§ 122322. Examination for License.

(a) Each applicant for licensure shall take and pass a national examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) in accordance with procedures and standards prescribed by the Board.

(b) Applicants for the “Licensed Clinical Social Worker” or “L.C.S.W.” license who have passed the L.C.S.W. examination administered by the Association of Social Work Boards before the enactment of this Act shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirement of this Article.

(c) The applicant shall pay the examination fee directly to the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB).

§ 122323. Issuance of License.

The Board shall issue a license to any person who meets all licensure requirements, to include payment of the appropriate fees.

§ 122324. Renewals.

Every license issued under this Act shall be renewed every two (2) years on or before the date set forth by the Board.

§ 122325. Requirement.

A licensee must complete at least thirty (30) hours of approved programs of continuing education units in the two (2)

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year period that should be completed at the time of license renewal.

(a) A Program of Continuing Education must contain at least one (1) of the following content areas related to social work practice:

- (1) Theories and concepts of human behavior in the social environment;
- (2) Social work practice, knowledge and skills;
- (3) Social work research, programs, or practice evaluations;
- (4) Social work management, administration or social policy;
- (5) Social work ethics; and
- (6) Other areas approved by the Board deemed important and relevant to current social work practice.

(b) The following amount of continuing education hours must be earned in the following program areas:

- (1) six (6) education hours addressing social work ethics, and must be completed through courses offered by NASW;
- (2) four (4) education hours addressing cultural competency, specific to the diverse population of Guam; and
- (3) two (2) education hours in the area of working with persons with disabilities.

(c) Continuing education hours must be earned in at least two (2) of the following academic course work:

- (1) Courses and seminars given by an Accredited Program of Social Work;
- (2) Postgraduate courses from a university, college, or other institution of higher education, in a field other than social work, upon proof that the course is relevant to social work practice and with the

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approval of the Board;

(3) Undergraduate courses from a university, college or other institution of higher education, upon satisfaction of the Board that such course updates or enhances the licensee's social work competence;

(4) Correspondence work, televised courses, audio/visual, videotapes, on-line, and other forms of self-study upon approval of the Board, shown to update or enhance social work competence. Under no circumstances shall more than five (5) hours from this category be acceptable as continuing education for each renewal cycle;

(5) Continuing education presentations of national, international, regional, or sub-regional conferences or association meetings relevant to social work practice;

(6) Workshops or institutes, including approved workshops at conventions relevant to social work practice from approved providers;

(7) Public or private agency staff development programs from approved providers that contribute to the enhancement of social work practice or knowledge that are not primarily procedural or administrative.

(d) The Board shall have the final approval of the content areas for designating a program as a Program of Continuing Education. The Board may determine an Approved Provider of Continuing Education, after receipt of an application as set forth by the Board, accompanied by an applicable fee, which demonstrates the following:

(1) Programs to be provided will meet guidelines as determined by the Board, and will be presented by competent individuals as documented by appropriate academic training, professional licensure or certification, or professionally recognized experience;

(2) An identified licensed social worker will be involved in program planning and review;

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(3) Appropriate documents will be maintained and provided to the Board upon request, including presenter qualifications, learning objectives, content outlines, attendance records, and completed evaluation forms;

(4) Compliance with all other applicable laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(5) Attendees will be provided a certificate of completion, which includes the provider number.

(e) Upon enactment of this Act, the Board shall convene an adhoc committee, with no more than five (5) members as appointed by the Chair, which may include non-members of the Board to compile a list of any additional continuing education units and/or hours not identified in this Chapter with the final approval by the Board.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 31-250:1 (Dec. 26, 2012).

2012 NOTE: The last paragraph was designated as subsection (e) by the Compiler pursuant to authority granted by 1 GCA § 1606..

§ 122326. Revocation, Suspension, Denial, or condition of Licenses; Fines.

(a) In addition to any other acts or conditions provided by law, the Board may refuse to renew, reinstate, or restore; or may deny, revoke, suspend, or condition in any manner any license; or fine any exempt government employee or any one (1) or more of the following acts or conditions on the part of the applicant, licensee or exempt person:

(1) failing to meet or maintain the conditions and requirements necessary to qualify for the granting of a license;

(2) being addicted to, dependent on, or being a habitual user of a narcotic, barbiturate, amphetamine, hallucinogen, opium, or cocaine, or other drugs or derivatives of a similar nature;

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(3) engaging in the practice of social work while impaired by alcohol, drugs, or mental instability;

(4) procuring a social work license through fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit;

(5) aiding and abetting an unlicensed person to directly or indirectly use the title “social worker” or engage in the practice as a “Licensed Bachelor Social Worker”, “Licensed Master’s Social Worker” or “Licensed Clinical Social Worker”;

(6) engaging in professional misconduct, incompetence, gross negligence, or manifest incapacity in the practice of social work;

(7) engaging in conduct or practice contrary to the National Association of Social Worker’s Professional Code of Ethics;

(8) failing to comply, observe, or adhere to any law in a manner such that the Board deems the applicant or holder to be an unfit or improper person to hold a social work license;

(9) revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action by another state or federal agency against the licensee or applicant for any reason provided by this Section;

(10) having a criminal conviction, whether by nolo contendere or otherwise, of a crime directly related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the social work profession;

(11) failing to report in writing to the Board any disciplinary decision issued against the licensee or the applicant in another jurisdiction within thirty (30) days of the disciplinary decision;

(12) employing, utilizing, or attempting to employ or utilize at any time any person not licensed who purports to be or engages in practice as a Social Worker, Licensed Bachelor Social Worker, Licensed Master’s Social Worker, or Licensed Clinical Social Worker;

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(13) engaging in the practice of social work beyond the scope of the person's license; or

(14) violating this Chapter or any rules adopted pursuant thereto.

(b) The Board may determine on a case-by-case basis to give a license to an applicant who has been convicted of a crime; provided the following is met:

(1) the applicant must provide proof that he/she has made efforts to rehabilitate himself/herself and become positive, productive members in the community; and

(2) if one was convicted of a crime ten (10) or more years before the date of application or the date of license renewal, the Board may automatically administer the license.

(c) Any licensee who violates this Section may also be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per violation.

(d) The Board shall have the authority to investigate, prosecute, and conduct administrative hearings regarding exempt government employees.

(e) The Board may defer action with regard to an impaired licensee who voluntarily signs an agreement, in a form satisfactory to the Board, agreeing not to practice social work and to enter an approved treatment and monitoring program in accordance with this Section; provided, that this Section shall not apply to a licensee who has been convicted of, pleads guilty to, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a felonious act or an offense relating to a controlled substance in a court of law of the United States or any other state, territory, or country, or a conviction related to sexual misconduct. A licensee who is physically or mentally impaired due to mental illness or addiction to drugs or alcohol may qualify as an impaired social worker and have disciplinary action deferred and ultimately waived only if the Board is satisfied that such action will not endanger the public and the licensee enters into an agreement with the Board for a treatment and monitoring plan approved by the Board, progresses satisfactorily in such treatment and

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monitoring program, and complies with all terms of the agreement and all other applicable terms of this Section.

(f) Failure to enter such agreement or to comply with the terms and make satisfactory progress in the treatment and monitoring program shall disqualify the licensee from the provisions of this Section, and the Board may activate an immediate investigation and disciplinary proceeding. Upon completion of the rehabilitation program in accordance with the agreement signed by the Board, the licensee may apply for permission to resume the practice of social work upon such conditions as the Board determines necessary.

§ 122327. Prohibited Acts; Penalties.

No person shall:

(a) use in connection with the person's name any designation tending to imply that the person is a Social Worker, Licensed Bachelor Social Worker, Licensed Master's Social Worker, or Licensed Clinical Social Worker, unless the person is duly licensed and authorized under this Chapter;

(b) represent oneself as a Social Worker, Licensed Bachelor Social Worker, Licensed Master's Social Worker, or Licensed Clinical Social Worker during the time the person's license issued under this Chapter is forfeited, terminated, suspended, or revoked;

(c) perform clinical diagnosis or psychotherapy, unless the person is a licensed clinical social worker; or

(d) engage in autonomous and independent clinical social work practice without being licensed as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

(e) Any person who is in violation of any of the acts pursuant to this Article shall be subject to a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), and each day's violation shall be deemed a separate offense. The Board shall determine the revocation of any license issued by the Board in consideration of the severity of the violation and severity of the prohibited acts.

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§ 122328. Consumer Right of Action.

Any person who suffers damage as a result of a violation of this Article shall be entitled to injunctive relief restraining further violations and may sue to recover damages in any circuit court of the territory and, if successful, shall recover three (3) times the actual damages or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), whichever is greater. In any action brought under this Act, the prevailing party shall be entitled to the recovery of costs of suits, including reasonable attorney's fees.

§ 122329. Privileged Communication.

(a) No social worker shall disclose any information acquired or provided by a client or from persons consulting the social worker in a professional capacity, except that which may be voluntarily disclosed under the following circumstances:

(1) in the course of formally reporting, conferring or consulting with administrative superiors, colleagues or consultants who share professional responsibility, in which instance all recipients of such information are similarly bound to regard the communication as privileged;

(2) with the written consent of the person who provided the information;

(3) in case of death or disability, with the written consent of a personal representative, other person authorized to sue, or the beneficiary of an insurance policy on the person's life, health or physical condition;

(4) when a communication reveals the intended commission of a crime or harmful act, and such disclosure is judged necessary by the social worker to protect any person from a clear, imminent risk of serious mental or physical harm or injury, or to forestall a serious threat to the public safety; or

(5) when the person waives the privilege by bringing any public charges against the licensee.

(b) When the person is a minor under the laws of the territory of Guam and the information acquired by the social

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worker indicates the minor was the victim of or witness to a crime, the social worker may be required to testify in any judicial proceedings in which the commission of that crime is the subject of inquiry, and when the court determines that the interests of the minor in having the information held privileged are outweighed by the requirements of justice, the need to protect the public safety or the need to protect the minor.

(c) Any person having access to records or anyone who participates in providing social work services or who, in providing any human services, is supervised by a social worker, is similarly bound to regard all information and communications as privileged in accordance with this Section.

(d) Nothing shall be construed to prohibit a social worker from voluntarily testifying in court hearings concerning matters of adoption, child abuse, child neglect or other matters pertaining to children, the elderly, and physically and mentally impaired adults, except as prohibited under the applicable state and federal laws.

§ 122330. Creation of Revolving Fund.

There is hereby created the “Social Work Board Revolving Fund” (Fund) within the Health Professional Licensing Office of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, specifically for use by the Board. All such revenues, including fines, shall be deposited into the Fund. Such funds shall be appropriated continuously and shall be used by the Board only for administration and enforcement of this Act. All fees and charges shall be set by the Board pursuant to its budget needs and shall comply with 5 GCA, Chapter 9. A designated officer of the Board shall oversee the collection and disbursement of funds. The Office of Public Accountability, or its equivalent, shall audit the Fund annually with reports to be submitted to *I Maga’lahen Guåhan* and the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. The Fund shall not be subject to any transfer authority of *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

§ 122331. Standards of Practice / Code of Conduct.

(a) Standards of Practice.

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(1) Scope and Applicability. The standards of practice apply to all applicants and licensees. The use of the term social worker within these standards of practice includes all applicants and licensees.

(2) Purpose. The standards of practice constitute the standards by which the professional conduct of an applicant or licensee is measured.

(3) Violations. A violation of the standards of practice constitutes unprofessional or unethical conduct and constitutes grounds for disciplinary action or denial of licensure.

(b) General Practice Parameters.

(1) Client Welfare. Within the context of the specific standards of practice prescribed herein, a social worker shall make reasonable efforts to advance the welfare and best interests of a client.

(2) Self-determination. Within the context of the specific standards of practice prescribed herein, a social worker shall respect a client's right to self-determination.

(3) Non-discrimination. A social worker shall not discriminate against a client, student, or supervisee on the basis of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, religion, diagnosis, disability, political affiliation, or social or economic status. If the social worker is unable to offer services because of a concern about potential discrimination against a client, student, or supervisee, the social worker shall make an appropriate and timely referral. When a referral is not possible, the social worker shall obtain supervision or consultation to address the concern.

(4) Professional Disclosure Statement.

(A) A social worker shall effectively communicate through handouts or other means as appropriate for all clients and may display at the social worker's primary place of practice a statement that the client has the right to the following:

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(i) to expect that the social worker has met the minimal qualifications of education, training, and experience required by the law in that jurisdiction;

(ii) to examine public records maintained by the Board which contain the social worker's qualifications and credentials;

(iii) to be given a copy of the standards of practice upon request;

(iv) to report a complaint about the social worker's practice to the Board;

(v) to be informed of the cost of professional services before receiving the services;

(vi) to privacy as allowed by law, and to be informed of the limits of confidentiality;

(vii) to be free from being the object of discrimination while receiving social work service; and

(viii) to have access to records as allowed by law.

(B) Limited Access to Client Information. A social worker shall make reasonable efforts to limit access to client information in a social worker's agency to appropriate agency staff whose duties require access.

(C) A social worker receiving supervision related to practice shall inform the client that the social worker may be reviewing the client's case with the social worker's supervisor or consultant. Upon request, the social worker shall provide the name of the supervisor and the supervisor's contact information.

(c) Competence.

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(1) Continued Competence. A social worker shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to maintain continued competence in the practice of social work.

(2) Limits on Practice. A social worker shall limit practice only to the competency areas for which the social worker is qualified by licensure and training, experience, or supervised practice.

(3) Referrals. A social worker shall make a referral to other professionals when the services required are beyond the social worker's competence.

(4) Delegation. A social worker shall not assign, oversee or supervise the performance of a task by another individual when the social worker knows that the other individual is not licensed to perform the task or has not developed the competence to perform such task.

(d) Practice Requirements.

(1) Assessment or Diagnosis. A social worker shall base services on an assessment or diagnosis. A social worker shall evaluate on an ongoing basis whether the assessment or diagnosis needs to be reviewed or revised.

(2) Assessment or Diagnostic Instrument. A social worker shall follow standard and accepted procedures for deciding when and how to use an assessment or diagnostic instrument. A social worker shall inform a client of its purpose before administering the instrument and, when available, of the results derived therefrom.

(3) Plan. A social worker shall develop a plan for service, which includes goals based on the assessment or diagnosis. A social worker shall evaluate on an ongoing basis whether the plan needs to be reviewed or revised.

(4) Supervision or Consultation. A social worker shall obtain supervision or engage in consultation when necessary to serve the best interests of a client.

(5) Informed Consent.

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(A) Social workers shall provide services to clients only in the context of a professional relationship based, when appropriate, on valid informed consent. Social workers should use clear and understandable language to inform clients of the plan of the services, risks related to the plan, limits to services, relevant costs, reasonable alternatives, client's right to refuse or withdraw consent, and the time frame covered by the consent. Social workers shall provide clients with an opportunity to ask questions.

(B) If the client does not have the capacity to provide consent, the social worker shall obtain consent for the services from the client's legal guardian, or other authorized representative.

(C) If the client, the legal guardian, or other authorized representative does not consent, the social worker shall discuss with the client that a referral to other resources may be in the client's best interests.

(6) Records.

(A) A social worker shall make and maintain records of services provided to a client. At a minimum, the records shall contain documentation of the assessment or diagnosis; documentation of a plan; documentation of any revision of the assessment or diagnosis or of a plan; any fees charged and other billing information; copies of all client authorization for release of information; and any other legal forms pertaining to the client. These records shall be maintained by the licensee or agency employing the licensee under secure conditions and for time periods in compliance with applicable federal or state law, but in no case for fewer than seven (7) years after the last date of service.

(B) Where a social worker or social work practice ceases operations as a result of a suspension, retirement or death of the owner, sale or other cause, including insolvency, the licensee, or other individual

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responsible for supervising the disposition of the practice, shall make every effort to notify the clients of their right to retrieve current records for a period of six (6) months using all of the following methods:

- (i) notification in writing to the board;
- (ii) publication, at least weekly for one (1) month, in a newspaper whose circulation encompasses the major area of a practitioner's former practice, of a notice advising clients of the right to retrieve their records for a six (6) month period; and
- (iii) if applicable, a sign placed at the practice location informing clients of the right and procedures to retrieve their records.

(C) Should any client fail to retrieve the records within the six (6) month period and unless otherwise required by law, the responsible party shall arrange for the destruction of such documents in a manner to ensure confidentiality.

(7) Reports. A social worker shall complete and submit reports as required by law in a timely manner.

(8) Exploitation. A social worker shall not exploit in any manner the professional relationship with a client, student, or supervisee for the social worker's emotional, financial, sexual or personal advantage or benefit, nor shall the social worker use the professional relationship with a client, student, or supervisee to further personal, religious, political or business interests.

(9) Termination of Services. A social worker shall terminate a professional relationship with a client when the client is not likely to benefit from continued services or the services are no longer needed. The social worker who anticipates the termination of services shall give reasonable notice to the client. The social worker shall take reasonable steps to inform the client of the termination of professional relationship. The social worker shall provide referrals as

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needed or upon the request of the client. A social worker shall not terminate a professional relationship for the purpose of beginning a personal or business relationship with a client.

(e) Relationships with Clients and Former Clients.

(1) Personal Relationships With Clients. A social worker shall not engage in dual relationships with clients that compromise the well-being of the client, impair the objectivity and professional judgment of the social worker or increase the risk of client exploitation. When a social worker may not avoid a personal relationship with a client, the social worker shall take appropriate precautions, such as informed consent, consultation, or supervision to ensure that the social worker's objectivity and professional judgment are not impaired.

(2) Personal Relationships with Former Clients. A social worker may engage in a personal relationship, except as prohibited by subsection (e)(4), with a former client, if the former client was notified of the termination of the professional relationship. The social worker shall continue to consider the best interests of the former client, and shall not engage in a personal relationship with a former client if a reasonable social worker would conclude that the former client continues to relate to the social worker in the social worker's professional capacity.

(3) Sexual Contact With a Client. A social worker shall not engage in or request sexual contact as defined in subsection (e)(5), with a client under any circumstances. A social worker shall not engage in any verbal or physical behavior which a reasonable person would find to be sexually seductive or sexually demeaning. A social worker shall not sexually harass a client.

(4) Sexual Contact With a Former Client. A social worker who has provided clinical social work services to a client shall not engage in or request sexual contact as defined in subsection (e)(5), with the former client under any circumstances. A social worker who has provided other

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social work services to a client shall not engage in or request sexual contact as defined in subsection (e)(5), with the former client at any time if a reasonable social worker would determine that engaging in sexual contact with the client would be exploitative, abusive, or detrimental to the client's welfare. It is the responsibility of the social worker to assume the full burden of demonstrating that the former client has not been exploited or abused either intentionally or unintentionally.

(5) Sexual Contact Defined. Sexual contact includes, but is not limited to, sexual intercourse, either genital or anal, cunnilingus, fellatio, or the handling of the breasts, genital areas, buttocks, or thighs, whether clothed or unclothed, by either the social worker or the client.

(6) Business Relationship With a Client. A social worker shall not engage in any type of a business relationship with a client. Business relationships do not include purchases made by the social worker from the client when the client is providing necessary goods or services to the general public, and the social worker determines that it is not possible or reasonable to obtain the necessary goods or services from another provider.

(7) Business Relationship With a Former Client. A social worker may engage in a business relationship with a former client if the former client was notified of the termination of the professional relationship. The social worker shall continue to consider the best interests of the former client, and shall not engage in a business relationship with a former client if a reasonable social worker would conclude that the former client continues to relate to the social worker in the social worker's professional capacity.

(8) Prior Personal or Business Relationships. A social worker may engage in a professional relationship with an individual with whom the social worker had a previous personal or business relationship only if a reasonable social worker would conclude that the social worker's objectivity and professional judgment will not be impaired by reason of the previous personal or business relationship.

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(9) Social Worker Responsibility. A social worker shall be solely responsible for acting appropriately in regard to relationships with clients or former clients. A client or a former client's initiation of a personal, sexual, or business relationship shall not be a defense by the social worker for a violation of (e)(1) through (8).

(10) Others. Subsections (e)(1) through (9) also apply to a social worker's relationship with students, supervisees, employees of the social worker, family members or significant others of a client.

(f) Client Confidentiality.

(1) General. A social worker shall protect all information provided by or obtained about a client. "Client information" includes the social worker's personal knowledge of the client and client records. Except as provided herein, client information may be disclosed or released only with the client's written informed consent. The written informed consent shall explain to whom the client information will be disclosed or released and the purpose and time frame for the release of information.

(2) Release of Client Information Without Written Consent. A social worker shall disclose client information without the client's written consent only under the following circumstances:

(A) where mandated by federal or state law, including mandatory reporting laws, requiring release of client information;

(B) the social worker determines that there is a clear and imminent risk that the client will inflict serious harm on either the client or another identified individual. The social worker shall release only the information that is necessary to avoid the infliction of serious harm. The social worker may release this information to the appropriate authorities and the potential victim;

(C) the Board duly issues a valid subpoena to the

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social worker, as permitted by law.

(3) Release of Client Records Without Written Consent. A social worker shall release client records without the client's written consent under the following circumstances:

(A) a client's authorized representative consents in writing to the release;

(B) as mandated by federal or jurisdiction law requiring release of the records;

(C) the Board duly issues a valid subpoena for the records, as permitted by law.

(4) Limits of Confidentiality. The social worker shall inform the client of the limits of confidentiality as provided under applicable law.

(5) Minor Clients. In addition to the general directive in subsection (f)(4), a social worker must inform a minor client, at the beginning of a professional relationship, of any laws which impose a limit on the right of privacy of a minor.

(6) Third Party Billing. A social worker shall provide client information to a third party for the purpose of payment for services rendered only with the client's written informed consent. The social worker shall inform the client of the nature of the client information to be disclosed or released to the third party payor.

(7) Client Information to Remain private. A social worker shall continue to maintain confidentiality of client information upon termination of the professional relationship, including upon the death of the client, except as provided under applicable law.

(8) Recording/Observation. A social worker shall obtain the client's written informed consent before the taping or recording of a session or a meeting with the client, or before a third party is allowed to observe the session or meeting. The written informed consent shall explain to the

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client the purpose of the taping or recording and how the taping or recording will be used, how it will be stored and when it will be destroyed.

(g) Conduct.

(1) Impairment. A social worker shall not practice while impaired by medication, alcohol, drugs, or other chemicals. A social worker shall not practice under a mental or physical condition that impairs the ability to safely practice.

(2) Giving Drugs to a Client. Unless permissible by state law, a social worker shall not offer medication or controlled substances to a client, or accept these substances from a client for personal use or gain. The social worker may accept medication or controlled substances from a client for purposes of disposal or to monitor use. Under no circumstances shall a social worker offer alcoholic beverages to a client or accept such from a client.

(3) Investigation. A social worker shall comply with and not interfere with Board investigations.

(h) Representation to the Public. Advertising.

(1) Required Use of License Designation. A social worker shall use the license designation of LBSW, LMSW, LCSW, which corresponds to the social worker's license, after the social worker's name in all written communications related to social work practice, including any advertising, correspondence, and entries to client records.

(2) Information to Clients or Potential Clients. A social worker shall provide accurate and factual information concerning the social worker's credentials, education, training, and experience upon request from a client or potential client. A social worker shall not misrepresent, directly or by implication, the social worker's license level, degree, professional certifications, affiliations, or other professional qualifications in any oral or written communication or permit or continue to permit any

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misrepresentations by others. A social worker shall not misrepresent, directly or by implication, affiliations, purposes, and characteristics of institutions and organizations with which the social worker is associated.

(3) Licensure Status. Licensure status shall not be used as a claim, promise, or guarantee of successful service, nor shall the license be used to imply that the licensee has competence in another service. Public statements or advertisements may describe fees, professional qualifications and services provided, but they may not advertise services as to their quality or uniqueness and may not contain testimonials by quotation or implication.

(4) Display of License. A social worker shall conspicuously display a current license issued by the Board at the social worker's primary place of practice.

(i) Fees and Billing Practices.

(1) Fees and Payments. A social worker who provides a service for a fee shall inform a client of the fee at the initial session or meeting with the client. Payment must be arranged at the beginning of the professional relationship, and the payment arrangement must be provided to a client in writing. A social worker shall provide, upon request from a client, a client's legal guardian, or other authorized representative, a written explanation of the charges for any services rendered.

(2) Necessary Services. A social worker shall bill only for services which have been provided. A social worker shall provide only services which are necessary.

(3) Bartering. A social worker may not accept goods or services from the client or a third party in exchange for the social worker's services, except when such arrangement is initiated by the client, and is an accepted practice in the social worker's community or within the client's culture. It is the responsibility of the social worker to assume the full burden of demonstrating that this arrangement will not be detrimental or exploitative to the client or the professional relationship.

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(4) No Payment for Referrals. A social worker shall neither accept nor give a commission, rebate, fee split, or other form of remuneration for the referral of a client.

(j) Research.

(1) Informed Consent. When undertaking research activities, the social worker shall abide by accepted protocols for protection of human subjects. A social worker must obtain a client's or a client's legal guardian's written informed consent for the client to participate in a study or research project, and explain in writing the purpose of the study or research, as well as the activities to be undertaken by the client should the client agree to participate in the study or research project. The social worker must inform the client of the client's right to withdraw from the project at any time.

2015 NOTE: Subsection designations were altered to adhere to the Compiler's alpha-numeric scheme pursuant to 1 GCA § 1606.

**ARTICLE 24
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT ACT**

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- § 122401. Short Title.
- § 122402. Definitions.
- § 122403. Rules; Promulgation.
- § 122404. Qualifications for Licensure.
- § 122405. Application for Licensure; Requirements for Anesthesiologist Assistants.
- § 122406. Requirements for Approval of Training Programs.
- § 122407. Performance of Supervising Anesthesiologist.
- § 122408. Licensure; Registration of Anesthesiologist Assistant.
- § 122409. Performance of Anesthesiologist Assistant.
- § 122410. Registration of Anesthesiologist Assistant.



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Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture convened a virtual public hearing on February 22, 2021 at 5:30 PM utilizing *I Liheslatura's* Virtual Meeting Platform. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Jesse U. Baleto to serve as a Member (General Public Representative) of the Guam Board of Social Work, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on January 14, 2021, for three (3) years; December 10, 2019 to December 9, 2022, to fill the seat of Mae Fe Muyco, whose term has expired;
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on January 19, 2021;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this Committee for public consideration on January 21, 2021.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices for this Confirmation Hearing were disseminated via email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Monday, February 15, 2021 (5-Day Notice) and again on Friday, February 19, 2021 (48-Hour Notice). The notice was also published in the Guam Daily Post on Monday, February 15, 2021 & Friday, February 19, 2021.

Senators Present

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson
Senator Telo T. Taitague, Committee Member
Senator Joanne M. Brown, Committee Member
Senator James C. Moylan, Minority Leader
Senator V. Anthony Ada

Appearing before the Committee

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee

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Blue Ocean Medical Group

Lisa Baza, PhD, LPC, LMPT, LMHC

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The virtual public hearing was Called-to-Order at 5:32 PM. The appointment of Jesse U. Baleto, to serve as a member (General Public Representative) of the Guam Board of Social Work, was the first item on the agenda.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje:

Håfa Adai, we have two agenda items tonight, two appointments. One is the appointment of Jesse U. Baleto to serve as a member General Public Representative to the Guam Board of Social Work for a term length of three years to fill the seat of Mae Fe Muyco whose term has expired.

The second item on our agenda is the appointment of Nonito V. Blas to serve as a member of the Guam Land Use Commission for a term length of five years, to fill the seat of Conchita Bathan, whose term has expired.

I'd like to acknowledge the presence of my colleagues in this zoom hearing with us today, beginning with Senator Tony Ada, Senator Telo Taitague, and Senator Joanne Brown. Thank you, colleagues, for being here today.

So, we begin now with the appointment of Jesse U. Baleto to the Guam Board of Social Work, his appointment is for a term length of three years, beginning December 10, 2019 to December 9, 2022 to fill the seat of Mae Fe Muyco whose term has expired.

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Before we hear from the panel, I'd like to first read some of the mandates in law for the Guam Board of Social Work. The board shall be responsible for the control and regulation of the practice of social work, including, but not limited to the licensing by examination or licensure transfer of applicants; the renewal of licenses, determining the appropriate fees for licenses, the establishment and enforcement of compliance with professional standards of practice and the rules of conduct consistent with the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics; the enforcement of those provisions in the law relating to the conduct or competence of social workers practicing in this territory; the investigation of any such activities related to the practice of unauthorized practice of social work and the suspension, revocation, or restriction of licenses to engage in the practice of social work with probable cause that an applicant has engaged in conduct prohibited by this act or statute, or rule enforced by the board.

The board may issue an order directing the applicant or licensee to submit to a mental or physical examination or chemical dependency evaluations. Another duty of the board is to collect professional demographic data, to issue and renew licenses, to evaluate nonsocial work degree holders for exemption from social work licensure, and the inspection of any licensed person at all reasonable hours for the purpose of determining if any provisions of the laws governing the practice of social work are being violated. The board, its officers, inspectors, and representatives shall cooperate with all agencies charged with the enforcement of the laws and territories relating to the practice of social work.

We have several testimonies submitted today in support of Mr. Baleto's appointment. These include testimony from Nadine Cepeda, the Lead District School Psychologist, in the Guam Department of Education, from Sandra F. Bordallo MA, LPC, MAC, from Dr. Lilli Ann Perez, from Jennifer Lynn Cruz, BSW, from Dr. Lisa Baza, PhD, LPC, LMPT, LMHC. Mr. Baleto, I want to thank you for your willingness to accept this appointment and for being here today for your confirmation hearing. At this point, I'd like to turn the mic over to you, if there are any comments that you would like to present.

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: Good evening, *Håfa Adai* senators. Thank you for having me in the session comments. I think it's a great privilege to be a part of this body, the Guam Board of Social Work. It hasn't happened before. This is something new for our island. It helps to elevate our level of visibility in the community, gives us a lot of credit and it's in line with

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social work values, and that primarily is, in the work of service to people and particularly for Guam, our community. So, thank you.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you, Mr. Baleto. I reviewed your nomination packet and in there, you filled out an application stating your experience and that you have no conflicts or business conflicts. Part of your application shows that you are currently a Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, Clinical Supervisor for project L I N C and that you are currently a licensed professional counselor and regular play therapists at the American Medical Center from 2016 to the present and your career goes back, at least in social work and it looks like you started at the Public Health CPS unit in 1992 as a social worker I, became a psychiatric social worker with Guam Behavioral Health in 1999. Medical social worker in California in 2007 and back to Guam and back to Guam Behavioral Health as a Psychiatric Social Worker two in 2014.

So, I want to thank you for your service to Guam and in this profession, especially, we know that it takes a toll on everyone and you have to do extra to keep yourself healthy and able to handle the challenges that come with it. Do you believe that as a board member, and I'm asking you this because we are having issues of every board and the licensing board and their willingness and ability to enforce, amongst a very small community, their peers pretty much, to enforce the laws to be the disciplinary board. In fact, to go as far as revoking licenses when necessary investigating. I wanted to ask you if you feel like you can do this and this in our small community, and how would you approach that?

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: Thank you. It's a very delicate balance. Like you pointed out, it's a very small community. It's a growing community of professionals and with our emerging social work membership, it has become a challenge to establish the ethics that we're held by as a profession and meant to enforce. I'm not sure if we have very many cases where disciplinary actions were taken against others in the profession. But I feel pretty optimistic that we will be able to assert the ethics that were abound by. So yes, I have no qualms about restating what we're held by. I think, emphasizing what our ethical standards and our licensing board upholds is one way to be able to remind the professionals in the social work profession that there are standards that we are held to, and that we constantly are being reminded and training is so key to preventing any infractions or dilemmas, social or ethical dilemmas.

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Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: You're appointed as the general public representative. So you do have connections with a government agency and also with a private clinic, but the board is overseeing social workers in all parts of the public and private services and such. Do you think any of your involvement with either the agency or with the clinic would impede your ability to be impartial when deliberating those in other clinics, or other agencies or even your own agencies, in your own clinic?

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: Like we pointed out earlier, our community is small and so there's a lot of overlap. There's a lot of multiple relationships that many of us have with each other. So, that's part of the reality of being in a small community and at the same time, there are professional expectations that are established that I think people in the community understand and so having to enforce that or remind people, I think that there's a clear understanding that there's a duality in our role.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you, I'm going to turn it over now to Senator Ada.

Senator V. Anthony Ada: Thank you, Madam Chair. *Håfa adai* Mr. Baleto, how are you doing?

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: Good, *Håfa adai*. Thank you.

Senator V. Anthony Ada: Thank you for answering the call of the Governor to be a board member of the Guam Board of Social Workers. My question is to you, I know that you will be appointed for the next three years. What would you like to accomplish during your term on the board?

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: Really to be efficient at processing licenses that will be provided to a lot of the professionals out there. I know it's been a challenge to award these licenses and I'm hoping that the team that I will be a part of recognizes the urgency in trying to move towards having as many of our professionals licensed as possible. So, it's a big challenge, there's a lot of questions and I know members have come and gone and it's really hard to reestablish your team every so many years. But I think that the members that are there have a commitment to moving that forward. So yes, I do.

Senator V. Anthony Ada: Yeah. You mentioned the challenge twice. So, that just brings me to my next question as to what would you like? I mean, is there something currently in

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statute or parts of rules and regulations that you'd like to see or work towards to change to improve the process to getting more social workers licensed on the island?

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: I think the biggest challenge is establishing our fee schedules. That has been an issue being discussed in so many different forums. So, I hope that can be established, hopefully by the end of this year, if not earlier. So that, I think that is one objective that the board will work really hard towards as far as I know.

Senator V. Anthony Ada: Oh, that's good to hear. So, I'm glad that you'll be able to work on what the challenges are at this point in time, working on the board and working with your board members to tackle that challenge. I look forward to seeing you more in the future bringing down these issues to the legislature and bringing it up to the Chairwoman so that she'll be able to address it. We'll be able to work together and ensure that moving forward we can have, like you said, more social workers licensed, but addressing the issues that are challenging, that tough hurdle there of the fee schedules and such. I look forward to working with you and look forward to your appointment on our next session. If that be possible, Madam Chair to move this appointment forward and get you on the board so that we can be able to work together. That's all I have. Madam Chair. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Baleto. You have my support.

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: Thank you.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you, Senator Ada. I'll now like to call on Senator Telo Taitague

Senator Telo T. Taitague: *Buenas* and good evening, Mr. Baleto. Thank you so much for stepping up to the plate. I think that it deserved my being here today if you're willing to serve in this capacity, that I'd be here today to say thank you for doing this. Reading through your responsibilities on the board and your social worker, it's very extensive. The number of rules, regulations for examiners license application for license just solely on social working alone is amazing. I mean, anyone sitting on the Chiropractic Board probably won't have it so much. It is quite lengthy going through, this whole entire document on social workers. The good Senator Ada had asked a question about what you're going to do, and I greatly appreciate that. But I do have a question for you. There was one part in the legislation or not the legislation, but the Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 12 that says here,

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the collection, that the board is responsible for the collections of professional demographic data. Mr. Baleto, what does that mean exactly? Would you know? I know you're just getting your feet wet. Like I said, it's how many pages of just social worker stuff. I know you can't memorize it all. But do you know exactly what that means?

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: I think in part, it is for those individuals that come from social work schools. On Guam, we have assigned people with various degrees that are related to social work that are working in the field that have been working for many years. They come from different training backgrounds. So, I think that's the real key to being able to gather who are the people that come from the schools of social work and who are those that come from related fields. That's key to being able to see trends that the community is needing or what the trends are that we're needing, a particular need for our community.

So that's one, age. I think it's important. Right? We have those people that have been in the field for many years and probably looking towards retirement. So, who are the people that are going to fill in their positions? So that's part of the information that we're going to be gathering. Then what is the length of service that people stay in the profession? I think that's really key because we're in so many different areas of human services. Some lend themselves to less stressful careers and others where it's high, high levels of stress. Or, what are those areas? How do we meet those needs? If we can and if we can't, how do we go about it?

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Wow, thank you for that. It looks like it's an area that's very important and to have moving forward. So, whatever assistance that can be given and I know that you're allowed to be collecting some kind of fee. So sometimes, collections of data costs money to provide that data bank and get that going. So, I wish you the very best. Particularly that one caught my eye. And you're right, there's so many different services in social workers that you were mentioning, and that's probably hence the extensive part of the medical practices. It's just very extensive and that leads me to that next question. Is there a shortage of social workers on the Island?

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: I think, there are two parts to that, yes and no. The School of Social Work is producing students that come into entry level positions and are responding to the need and then, there is an average time. I think generally that people stay in the profession as I pointed out a little earlier. So, maybe that's where the gap lies. People enter

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but don't make it their career, their lifelong career. So, that's probably where maybe the gaps may lay. And then demographics, I don't know what data that is collected to sort of support. The statement that there is a shortage and if there is a shortage, what does that mean? Is it in child welfare? Is it in the mental health field? Is it in the drug and alcohol field? Is it in the correctional facility? So, I think all these are data-driven. That's why I think demographics is really important to gather; so that we can be able to fill in where we don't know where the gaps are.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Very good, Jesse. Yeah. I really greatly appreciate your answers and those answers just gave me a lot of confidence in my support for you in this position. So, you have my support Jesse. I greatly appreciate it and my door's always open if there's anything I can do to assist you. You're doing a good job where you're going. So, thank you so much.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you Senator Taitague, I will now recognize Senator Brown.

Senator Joanne M. Brown: Thank you very much Madam Speaker and certainly thank you as well Mr. Baleto for stepping up to be appointed to this role here, to serve on the Guam Board of Social Work. I also appreciate the questions from my previous colleagues, Senator Ada, Senator Telo with the questions that they had. Mr. Baleto you mentioned that obviously there's some areas of social work that are a little more stressful than others and I just wanted to get your feedback now, certainly with your expertise and your experience. Where do you think is the most challenging area of social work that we're experiencing now in our community?

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: That's really, I think a loaded question. There's so many. There's a lot of overlap in the different fields of social work in education, right? It's not just education. There are mental health concerns within the Department of Education and then in child welfare. That area is a real specialized area and highly stressful because of the heavy legal aspect. That's a really tough one for me to answer because each area carries a unique set of burdens and a unique set of skill sets and I can't really say one area is more stressful than the other, because all are equally in high demand for competency and for dedication. So, I think the whole field embodies a high level of stress. I think a lot of times that's balanced out by the support that we get, not only from our leaders, but from our

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community. So, I don't know if that makes any sense. That's a really tough question. I tried to evaluate what those areas are. I think my field, in the field of mental health specifically, children's mental health is very, very stressful, very demanding and equally rewarding.

Senator Joanne M. Brown: Do you see any trends? I mean, certainly I know a little more services are available to children, for example, and others in our community than probably during our time growing up. We never really heard about the work of social workers. Do you see any more stressors in our community now?

I'm sure our young people now they're growing up with all modern conveniences and technology, but perhaps the quality of life or maybe the family support system is not there. So, I'm just really trying to get some insight into that. Do you see any more areas that are more challenging now in our community and maybe previously, since you've been working in this field? In your educational background of some 30 plus years, over time, do you see anything where there are more stressors now? Is it on our children? Is it our seniors? What are your thoughts just from your perspective? Probably just to give us a little more insight as policy makers, what we should be mindful of or where you see that increased tension, perhaps that maybe requires a little more awareness and attention on our part and on the rest of our community's part.

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: So perhaps, the whole area of career and career paths and career options. And that might be of particular interest to a lot of youth, especially with more educated youth, what is the promise for a pretty, fruitful career path that I think is a big stressor for not only the youth, but the parents who are trying to support children towards a path that not only keeps that on, not only affords them an inviting career, but also keeps them on island. That's really stressful when we're seeing a lot of young people looking outside of Guam to make a career. And that's stressful and it's very sad. So, I think that's a big challenge for us and for the profession.

Senator Joanne M. Brown: And how about in terms of the community? What is your gauge out there? You said, I understand that every field there and under social work and where that service is provided to our community, that there's a lot to balance there. But do you see over the years, any trend for areas of concern we should be aware of in our community? Is there more pressure on our young people? Is it our elderly that are neglected? What have you seen, from your perspective, in the years you've worked in your current profession?

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Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: For the youth, I think technology has been both an advantage and really elevates their level of knowledge but also creates a level of vulnerability.

So just cyber exploitation, I think, is a major trend. I don't know too much about it. I just know it exists. The level of concerns that we should be at, I'm not sure. I think that's an area that we need to assess and evaluate and continue to educate and discuss, bring up in conversations, both in this setting, as well as within our families.

Senator Joanne M. Brown: I see you graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1988. Did you graduate in the Spring or Fall semester?

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: I graduated in 1998 Spring Semester.

Senator Joanne M. Brown: Wonderful, that's good. I'm also a former graduate of U H. You certainly have a very impressive resume that you've provided in your career and I appreciate your dedication in all that you do and certainly, thank you for stepping up to the challenge for serving in this current capacity that you are being appointed to. So, thank you and thank you, Madam Speaker for the opportunity to be able to ask questions.

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: Thank you.

Senator Joanne M. Brown: Thank you.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you Senator Brown. Do any of my colleagues have a follow-up question? All right. If not, then I just wanted to ask one more question. Do you think there will be any challenges to you attending the board meetings considering your current professional involvements?

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: That's I think the challenge for all of us. I think the team that I'm going to be a part of has demonstrated flexibility and that as Senator Brown has pointed out some themes, flexibility during the pandemic has always been an issue that we bring up and remind ourselves of, especially as it relates to our resilience. So I think it's a flexible team and so, I'm hoping that will continue.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: There are some current events that have highlighted the need for social workers in Guam. I think we've had for many years now, a shortage and a very high demand in Government agencies as well as private and non-profit entities that

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also employ social workers. I know that the government has responded with scholarships and trying to increase the ability of local students to get their master's as well as flexibility in hiring and including exemptions for retirees to come back or to continue to work in the government. I know that in addition to hiring, that one of their goals is to try to decrease this turnover. They discussed a high turnover rate and agencies dealing with welfare, such as CPS and as you described you're working with children at behavioral health as well. One of their responses to this high turnover in these agencies, they say, is the need for clinicians to help social workers who are working in these fields to get the support that they need to continue. I just wanted to know if you support that or if you have any other ideas as to how to decrease the turnover in these types of agencies or to support the retention.

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: Definitely clinicians, clinicians working with young people. There are a lot of clinicians that have a particular interest in working with adults. When you bring up young people or children, there really is a lack of interest in that area because they are challenging in terms of understanding developmental needs and then understanding the needs of families, just in the island in general.

So, you're not just working with one youth, but you're working with the whole family unit and that's a challenge in and of itself. So, I think that's why there aren't as many clinicians as possible entering into the field that want to work with young people and children and that's the need of child welfare is that they do need those clinicians that are specializing in working with young people and their families. I don't know how to go about it. It's a theme nationally, and the association of play therapy highlighted that in a lot of our training; that working with young people, it's even more stressful and maintaining child therapists is a big challenge just from the national standpoint.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Well, Thank you. I'm very encouraged by something you said that despite the challenges or the huge challenges in working with children, that you find it equally rewarding. I don't think I've ever heard anyone say that. So, I'm just very happy to hear that and I'm encouraged by it and I'm hopeful that your service on the board with your experience and your passion for serving these children is going to help our board and I do, as Senator Ada said, look forward to any recommendations that the board might have as to how to help in the efficient licensing, the prompt investigations of complaint, the recruitment and retention of social workers in Guam.

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Thank you again for your willingness to serve. There being no further testimony, we will consider this appointment duly heard.

The time is now 6:06 PM. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase*, Mr. Baleto.

Senator Telo Taitague: Thank you, Mr. Baleto. Thank you.

Jesse U. Baleto, Nominee: Thank you.

The public hearing was adjourned at **6:06 PM.**

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee finds that Mr. Jesse U. Baleto possesses over 27 years of practice in the field of social work, which lends to a great depth of knowledge of the mandates and standards of the field and a mindfulness of the numerous challenges associated with the retention of social workers in areas of practice that are highly specialized both locally and nationally and challenges with providing an improved quality of care in all areas of social work practice.

Upon inquiry by the panel, Mr. Baleto stated for the record, his optimism in his ability to assert and restate the ethical standards that social workers are held to. Baleto stated that emphasizing ethical standards upheld by the licensing board is one way to be able to remind the professionals in the social work profession of these standards, and that training is key to preventing any infractions or social or ethical dilemmas.

Upon further inquiry of the panel on the Board mandate of collecting professional demographic data, a shortage of social workers on island and areas of social work that are the most challenging today, Mr. Baleto stated that all areas are equally in high demand for competency and dedication, carry unique sets of burdens, require a unique skill set and embody a high level of stress. He emphasized the importance of gathering data to be able to see trends of community need, areas of practice and length of service to determine the gaps and how to address them.

Given current events that have highlighted the need for social workers on Guam in agencies working with the welfare of people, such as CPS and the high turnover rate of social workers

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in that field, the panel requested Mr. Baleto's feedback to a suggestion that there is a need for clinicians to support social workers in this field as one effort towards decreasing the turnover rate or to support retention, as well as any other ideas he may have to do so. Mr. Baleto stated that there is a great need for clinicians that specialize in working with young people and their families. The dilemma is that a lot of clinicians have a particular interest in working with adults and that there is really a general lack of interest in that area of practice because of the challenges associated with a child's developmental needs and the needs of families in general.

If appointed, Mr. Baleto stated that one of his goals will be to work with the Board toward improving the efficiency of processing licenses and to establish board fee schedules by the end of the year, if not earlier.

Written testimony in support of his appointment was submitted by notable professionals in the field of social work and other related fields. Namely, Nadine T. Cepeda, M.A. LMFT, LMHC, LPC, CASC III, IC&RC Lead District School Psychologist, Guam Department of Education, Jennifer Lynn L. Cruz, BSW, Social Service Supervisor II, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC), Lilli Ann Perez, PhD, Behavioral Health Provider, International Health Providers Blue Ocean Medical Group and Lisa Baza, PhD, LPC, LMPT, LMHC.

The **Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture** hereby reports on the appointment of **Jesse U. Baleto** to serve as a **Member (General Public Representative)** of the **Guam Board of Social Work**, with the recommendation **To do Confirm**.



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To fill the expired term of Mae Fe Muyco, whose term has expired.

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