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Hafa Adai,

Please see attached agenda and minutes for the EMS Commission and EMSC Advisory Committee Board Meeting.

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

Thank you,

Breanna B.F. Sablan

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Re: EMS Commission and the EMS for Children Advisory Committee Meeting for December 2019

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Muna-Barnes:

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

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

Respectfully,

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Cc: Michael Weakley, Governor's Legal Office

Attachments: Agenda, Minutes and Announcements



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION
EMS for Children Advisory Committee
Regular Session Meeting
December 12, 2019, THURSDAY, 10:00 a.m.
 Health Professional Licensing/EMS Board Conference Room
 Terlaje Professional Bldg, Suite 209, Hagatña, Guam



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A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER:**
- II. CONFIRMATION OF PUBLICATION:**
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - April 16, 2019
 - June 13, 2019 - tabled
 - July 25, 2019 – no quorum (notice of adjournment)
 - August 1, 2019 – reconvene meeting
- V. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** Bill # 57-34
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Inter-Facility Transport
 - 1) Hospital to Hospital Transfer of Care
 - 2) Review of Ambulance Diversion Policy
 - 3) Policies and Protocols Handbook
 - B. EMT 2020 Conference/Training – Tentative Dates March 2-6 or March 16-20, 2020 (Mandatory Attendance for EMTs) Location: TBD Alternate Location: GDOE Conference Room
 - C. POLST Form
- VII. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Paramedic Program
 - B. Introduction of newest EMS Member
 - C. Voting Members
 - D. Cadaver Lab
 - E. Equipment update
- VIII. AGENCY REPORT:**
 - A. Medical Director’s Report: GMHA/USNH
 - B. GMHA
 - C. Guam Community College
 - D. Guam Department of Education
 - E. MCH/DPHSS
 - F. DPW
 - G. Homeland Security
 - H. EMS for Children Program
- IX. OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - A. EMS Life Saving Award – Nomination Criteria
- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next meeting Thursday, March 26, 2020
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Emergency Medical Services Commission
EMS for Children Advisory Committee
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Dr. Martin Arrisueno, Chair; Daren Burrier, Vice-Chair;
 Kevin San Nicolas Cherika Chargualaf Dr. Robert Leon Guerrero Dorothy Duenas, Member Mark Guayco

Others Present:

HPLO: Breanna Sablan;
Tom Manglona (JRM); Dr. Elliot Ross (USNH); Dr. Alexander Wielaard (GRMC);
Dr. Joleen Aguon (GMHA); Lisa Mesa (HSP); Christine Tuquero (GMHA); Sarah Betcher (GRMC);

Absent: Maggie Bell (DPHSS/MCH); Arthur Paulino (GPD); Cecelia Javier (DPW);
Julietta Quinene (GDOE); Zennia Pecina (HPLO); Marlene Carbullido (Family Advocate); Pauline Camacho (Family Advocate); Dr. Felix Cabrera (GRMC)

TOPIC	DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	REPORTING TIMEFRAME	STATUS
I. Call To Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Voting Member M. Guayco subsequently arrived and Quorum was met.	Chair		Quorum Met
II. Proof of Publication	Guam Daily Post - Published on 12/04/19 & 12/10/19	HPLO		Confirmed
III. Review and Approval of Agenda	Approved the Agenda	Board		Tabled
IV. Review and Approval of Minutes	Approved the minutes of August 1, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled 	Board		Tabled
V. Old Business	<p>A. Inter-Facility Transport</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hospital to Hospital Transfer of Care 2. Review of Ambulance Diversion Policy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Dr. Arrisueno</i> started discussion with Diversion Policy. <i>Dr. Arrisueno</i> noted that we are all going through difficult times both hospitals are possibly on divert. <i>Dr. Arrisueno</i> mentioned that there are different opinions regarding diversion policy. b. <i>D. Burrier</i> stated that basically hospitals are on divert because of ED Saturation and in sufficient manpower. Looking through all the different studies: EMTALA, 	<p>Board</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Chair/EMSC PC B. Sablan</p> <p>Board</p>		Confirmed

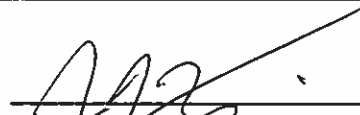
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		<p>diversion issues to alleviate diversion. In order to alleviate diversion, alternating destinations on a regular basis and basically stop calling divert. D. Burrier noted that the hospitals do not have a policy for recall or bring extra manpower that is needed for a certain amount of time.</p> <p>c. <i>C. Tuquero</i> mentioned that GMHA has a plan of action with hiring of nurses. Changed the hiring process to expedite. Nurses are interviewed same day application is turned in. In the last month beds were opened within different areas in the Hospital. Acute care, telemetry, med surg and pediatrics. An average of 10-12 beds needed. Remains the focus daily virtual reports in the morning to and from Management level. Case Managers are on board and working with patients who get re-admitted.</p> <p>d. <i>Dr. J. Aguon</i>, confirmed there is a policy for GMHA. She stated that all hands are on deck to include the infectious disease nurses. Just for numbers in personnel for FY 2019 28 nurses were hired and since then GMHA have lost 8. GMHA has infrastructure limitations (1 operating elevator), AETNA processing time with Durable equipment.</p> <p>e. <i>Dr. Arrisueno</i> asked about GRMC's operation when the hospital goes on divert. Pulling personnel from all areas such as patient education. Shortage on nursing manpower.</p> <p>f. <i>D. Burrier</i>, start with possibly alternating hospitals with diversion.</p> <p>g. <i>C. Chargualaf</i> – Dispatch is doing their absolute best they can, she has provided training to her dispatchers. Take into account location, severity, LMD patients. High Influx of calls from Doctors asking for status of rotation.</p>	<p>Chair Board</p>		<p>Confirmed</p>

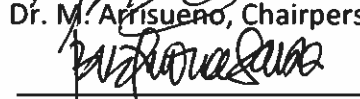
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	<p>h. <i>M. Guayco</i> – In regards to GMHA you will see improvement with communication with all Nurses. Stress level is very high, suggests to call hospitals to get status of diversion.</p> <p>i. <i>D. Burrier</i> – Recommended Live white boards at the Hospitals to List Diversion status.</p> <p>j. <i>Dr. Wielaard</i> – It is unacceptable for anyone calling dispatch to get status on patients. Advised C. Chargualaf to let him know if they receive any calls from GRMC personnel to get statuses from dispatch.</p> <p>k. <i>Dr. Ross</i> – Military Personnel should be routed to Naval Hospital, unless it is a medical emergency.</p> <p>l. <i>Dr. Wielaard</i>- Would like to educate the Guam Community of the Diversion Policy and EMTALA violations via radio interviews.</p> <p>3. Policies and Protocols Book – Sub-Committee will be created. B. Sablan to email the electronic version to all voting members to modify and track all changes. *Sub-Committee: <i>Dr. Arrisueno, Dr. Aguon, Dr. Ross, D. Burrier, Dr. LG, Dr. Wielaard</i></p> <p>B. EMS Annual Conference/Training – Tentative Date for March 16-20, 2020 (B. Sablan noted that there was a quotation that was received from Pacific Star an estimate of \$13,320.00 as a possible venue. The alternate venue would be GDOE Conference Room. B. Sablan will arrange with J. Quinene (GDOE). Dr. Arrisueno thanked all the community partners that helped make the EMS Conference that was held on October 29th and October 30th, 2019 a success. He stated that the help provided was a big service to our community for our new EMT training. Some of the training topics covered were airways IO training. Dr. Arrisueno mentioned that Sim Baby will be ordered. B. Sablan, stated that it is in the works of being purchased. Dr. Arrisueno would like to require this as a mandatory training.</p>	<p>Chair Board</p> <p>Chair Board</p>		<p>Confirmed</p> <p>Confirmed</p>

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	<p>C. POLST Form – The form is finalized per Dr. Arrisueno and Dr. Ross. The form has been approved by AAG Rob and then Dr. Arrisueno to send to EMS office so the form can be assigned a number and then distributed as a universal form. GFD will arrange for orientation/training with filling out the form. The commission will adopt the POLST form and utilize universally (Motion: D. Burrier Second: C. Chargualaf)</p>			
<p>Administrator's Report</p>	<p>Breanna Sablan reported out for Zennia Pecina who was Off Island.</p> <p>A. Bill # 57-34 (Paramedic Program) Zennia met with Senator Therese Terlaje and discussed that We will not be ready to implement in 2020 without a paramedic program. Per AAG Rob the Public Law #34-168 lapsed into law on December 29, 2018. The commission would like to move towards meeting with Senator Terlaje. Terminology in the law no longer exists. Create a sub-committee to provide revisions, comments and concerns to the Senator Terlaje to include the Cadaver Lab (Coroner's Office) (Motion: Dr. LG Second: D. Burrier)</p> <p><i>*Sub-Committee Established are the following: Dr. Arrisueno, D. Burrier, Dr. Aguon, Dr. Ross, K. San Nicolas, GRMC, GCC</i></p> <p>B. Makeup of the board</p> <p>C. Thank E911 for providing the food for the EMS Conference and all who assisted to make the conference successful</p> <p>D. Congratulate Cherika (First CHamoru female to graduate from National Fire Academy)</p> <p>E. Introduce Myself Breanna Sablan, as newly assigned EMSC Program Coordinator</p> <p>F. Ambulance Inspections (Marianas Medical Response, Access Medical Transport) Pending schedules with</p>	<p>HPLO Administrator</p>		<p>Confirmed</p>

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	<p>GMHA and GFD. Would like to continue Partnership with GFD when conducting inspections.</p> <p>G. Provided Copy of Ambulance Inspection Checklist and 10 GCA Chapter 84</p>			
New Business	<p>A. Paramedic Program</p> <p><i>D. Burrier</i> – proposing School of EMS Guam Fire Department, which accommodates all of the personnel schedules. Accredited School of EMS 44-week course online and two live classroom sessions. Didactic training to get us to where we need to be. Courses are more feasible 20 personnel would approx. cost \$250,000.00. All details are being finalized and will train the paramedics to become proctors. Possible to start January or February 2020. Policies and Protocols book will need to be finalized before start of the paramedic program.</p> <p><i>D. Duenas</i>- GCC standpoint would like to start a paramedic program. Invested in equipment and textbooks. Working with the continuing education department before implementing. Kapiolani Community College price keeps rising, GCC is in fact committed number of students to sign up for the paramedic program.</p> <p><i>T. Manglona</i> – DOD and JRM want to invest in the program. There is an option to send their guys out. JRM is committed to being a partner in getting this paramedic program started. Speaking with GCC there is a lot of things that needs to be done in regards to accreditation. The program being proposed from JRM is a hybrid program a total of 9 months (5 months on Island and 4 months in Hawaii) JRM has the money for the start up and to sustain. Approximately \$75,000.00 per student. Students will not be able to utilize the GI Bill because this is not an established program.</p>	<p>Vice Chair <i>D. Burrier/ T. Manglona</i></p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Chair/Vice-Chair</p>		Confirmed

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	<p>Letter of Review needs to be submitted. A letter of commitment is needed. The proposed MOU has already been routed to GCC President for review and signature.</p> <p>B. Introduction of Newest EMS Member: Dr. Joleen Aguon (GMHA)</p> <p>C. Voting Members</p> <p>D. Cadaver Lab</p> <p>E. Equipment Update</p>	<p>Chair Chair</p> <p>Chair Chair/EMS</p>		<p>Tabled Tabled</p> <p>Confirmed Confirmed</p>
Agency Report	<p>A. Medical Director's Report GMHA/USNH</p> <p>B. GMHA</p> <p>C. Guam Community College</p> <p>D. Guam Department of Education</p> <p>E. MCH/DPHSS</p> <p>F. DPW</p> <p>G. Homeland Security (No rep.)</p> <p>H. EMS for Children Program</p>	<p>GMHA/USNH GMHA GCC GDOE DPHSS/MCH DPW HOMELAND EMSC PC</p>		<p>Tabled Tabled Tabled Tabled Tabled Tabled Tabled Tabled</p>
Other Business	<p>A. EMS Life Saving Award- Nomination Criteria</p> <p>B. Ambulance Inspection form for GMHA will be modified and then the inspection will be scheduled. D. Burrier and Office of EMS will work on the inspection form.</p> <p>C. Composition of Board Members- Dr. Arrisueno asked how to add GRMC to voting members.</p>	<p>Chair D. Burrier</p>		<p>Tabled Confirmed</p>
Announcement	Next Meeting: Not discussed			Tabled
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m. (Motion: M. Arrisueno, Second: D. Burrier)			Adjourned

Approved by:  (Daren Burrier)
 Vice Chairperson
 for Dr. M. Arrisueno, Chairperson, EMSC

Prepared by: 
 Breanna Sablan, EMS Program Coordinator

Date: 03/10/2020

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**EMS Commission & EMS for Children Advisory
Committee**
Regular Monthly Meeting – Thursday, December 12, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.



**HPLO/EMS Board Conference Room,
Terlaje Professional Bldg., Suite 209 – Hagatña,
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15-N. Zennia Pecina (EMS Commission Executive Secretary)	ABSENT	735-7412	
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19-N. Elliot Ross, M.D. (US Naval Hospital)		489-0589	SSeross@yahoo.com
20-N. Sarah-Haley-Wein, M.D. (GRMC)	ABSENT		
21-N. Alexander Wielaard, M.D. (GRMC)		706-306-4668	alexander.wielaard@grmc.gu



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Other Members/Agency	Signature	Phone Number	Email Address
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Tech war prompts US to consider taxing French products

WASHINGTON (Tribune News Service) - The U.S. proposed tariffs on roughly \$2.4 billion in French products, in response to a tax on digital revenues that hits large American tech companies including Google, Apple Inc., Facebook Inc. and Amazon.com Inc.

"France's digital services tax discriminates against U.S. companies," the office of the U.S. Trade Representative said in a statement Monday.

Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said the agency is also exploring whether to open investigations into similar digital taxes by Austria, Italy and Turkey. The move comes hours after President Donald Trump announced a barrage of other tariffs on steel and aluminum from Argentina and Brazil.

"USTR's decision today sends a clear signal that the United States will take action against digital tax regimes that discriminate or otherwise impose undue burdens on U.S. companies," Lighthizer said in the statement. "The USTR is focused on countering the growing protectionism of EU member states, which unfairly targets U.S. companies."

The tariffs would be imposed after a public comment period concludes



TECH TAX: French President Emmanuel Macron, right, and President Donald Trump shake hands during a joint-press conference in Biarritz, southwest France on Aug. 26, on the third day of the annual G7 Summit. The U.S. has proposed tariffs on roughly \$2.4 billion in French products in response to a tax on digital revenues that hits large American tech companies. Ludovic Marin/AFP/Getty Images/Tribune News Service

in early 2020 and interested parties have a chance to weigh in on the proposed duties.

Monday's report concludes a more than four-month-long probe, known as a Section 301 investigation, into France's tax regime, which Lighthizer in July said "unfairly targets American companies." The same law was used last year to examine China's intel-

lectual property practices that led to tariffs on more than \$360 billion in Chinese goods.

Trump in August suggested tariffs of up to 100% on French wine and told aides that while he's not generally empathetic with U.S. tech companies, he believes it should be the U.S. - not any other country - that taxes them, people familiar with internal deliberations said.

In the statement Monday, USTR said the proposed action includes "additional duties of up to 100% on certain French products."

Sparkling wine, cheeses, handbags and cosmetics are on the list of potential tariff targets, according to the notice. An official at the French Finance Ministry said Minister Bruno Le Maire wouldn't comment on the decision until Tuesday.

The U.S. move is a setback for efforts to stop a conflict over digital tax from intensifying. President Donald Trump and France's Emmanuel Macron agreed in August to try to find a compromise, but a 90-day deadline for talks expired last week without a resolution.

The U.S. tariffs and the French tax are likely to be a priority during a meeting between Trump and Macron on Tuesday, on the sidelines of a NATO conference in London.

Macron argues that moving ahead with a tax on tech companies is

necessary because the structure of the global economy has shifted to one based on data, rendering current systems archaic. His government is trying to use France's national tax as a bargaining chip, saying it would withdraw it if there is agreement on an international solution - in talks under the stewardship of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

There were signs of progress in recent weeks when the OECD proposed a "unified approach" to merge proposals that differed over whether to single out digital companies or have a broader approach. But French Finance Minister Le Maire said ahead of the USTR announcement that the U.S. has backed off from supporting an OECD compromise.

"They've said they aren't sure they want a solution at the OECD," le Maire said on radio station France Inter. "We will never abandon our will to tax digital giants in a fair way."

The Internet Association, which represents tech companies, said it welcomed the USTR's decision.

"The French DST is one of a growing number of concerning unilateral tax regimes around the world," Jordan Haas, the IA's director of trade policy, said in a statement. "We encourage all countries that are contemplating passing a go-it-alone tax to focus efforts on the global solution."

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Thursday, December 12, 2019
at 3:00 PM

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THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Commission Meeting,
Thursday, December 12, 2019
at 10:00 AM

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

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GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PHARMACY

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at 7:30 AM

at the Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room, Terlaje Professional Bldg., 2nd Floor, Suite 219, Hagåtña.

For more information, please contact the Board office at 735-7408 or 735-7413. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call 735-7408.

GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS

Regular Board Meeting,
Friday, December 6, 2019
at 12:00 PM

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

For more information please contact the Board office at 735-7405 thru 12. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call 735-7172 or the telecommunication device for the hearing/seeing impaired (TTY) at 646-1881

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Injuries reported as NZ volcano erupts

WELLINGTON (Reuters) - A volcano erupted in New Zealand on Monday, spewing a plume of ash thousands of feet into the air, with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern saying tourists were among several people unaccounted for as emergency services mounted a rescue operation.

As many as 100 people were in the vicinity when the eruption began about 2:11 p.m. (0111 GMT) on White Island, about 30 miles from the east coast of North Island, authorities said, sending up smoke visible from

the mainland.

"We believe 100 people were on or around the island," Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern told a news conference, adding that a rescue operation had begun, although it was too early to confirm any injuries or deaths.

"A number of people are reportedly injured and are now being transported to shore," she added. "It does appear to be a very significant issue...particularly the scale of people affected, at this stage."

Many of those affected could be

tourists, she said.

"I'm not sure if these people were on the island or near it, but there was definitely one group out there and they definitely needed medical care," said Judy Turner, the mayor of the coastal town of Whakatane, near White Island.

"There were some injuries and the focus is on getting these injured people back safely and to get them to a hospital."

There seemed to be no danger for people in coastal areas farther away, she added.

The island's immediate surroundings were hazardous because of the eruption, the National Emergency Management Agency said in an statement, adding that falling ash might affect some areas.

The "short-lived eruption" threw an ash plume about 12,000 ft high, New Zealand's geoscience agency GNS Science said in a statement, but added there were no current signs of an escalation.

The White Island volcano is one of New Zealand's most active.

Myanmar's Suu Kyi readies for genocide hearings



THOUSANDS TO SUPPORT: Myanmar's State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi departs from Naypyidaw International Airport ahead of her appearance at the International Court of Justice to defend the country against charges of genocide of its Rohingya Muslim minority, in Naypyidaw, Myanmar, Dec. 8. Myanmar's State Counsellor Office/Handout via Reuters

YANGON (Reuters) - Myanmar leader and Nobel peace prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi departed on Sunday for the U.N's top court in The Hague to defend the country against charges of genocide of its Rohingya Muslim minority.

Suu Kyi was pictured smiling as she walked through the airport in the nation's capital, Naypyitaw, flanked by officials, a day after thousands rallied in the city to support her and a prayer ceremony was held in her name.

Demonstrations are planned throughout the coming week, with hearings set for Dec. 10 to 12, and several dozen supporters are also

bound for The Hague, in the Netherlands, to cheer Suu Kyi on.

"I believe in Mother Suu and love her," said Tin Aung Thein, the organizer of a group tour, told Reuters at the airport in Yangon. "I want (the world) to know the truth. The country has suffered a lot because of fake news."

Gambia, a tiny, mainly Muslim West African country, filed a lawsuit in November accusing Buddhist-majority Myanmar of genocide, the most serious international crime, against its Rohingya Muslim minority.

During three days of hearings, it will ask the 16-member panel of U.N judges at the International Criminal

Court of Justice to impose "provisional measures" to protect the Rohingya before the case can be heard in full.

More than 730,000 Rohingya fled Myanmar in 2017 after a brutal military-led crackdown the U.N has said was executed with "genocidal intent" and included mass killings and rape.

Despite international condemnation over the campaign, Suu Kyi, whose government has defended the campaign as a legitimate response to attacks by Rohingya militants, remains overwhelmingly popular at home.

"I believe in Mother Suu forever," said Zaw Htet, a former political prisoner who joined the trip to The Hague.

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THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Commission Meeting,
Thursday, December 12, 2019
at 10:00 AM

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

For more information, please contact the Board Office at 735-7405-11. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call the ADA Coordinator at 735-7172.

THE GUAM BOARD OF BARBERING & COSMETOLOGY

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2019
at 9:00 a.m.

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

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GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GEDA)
December 10, 2019

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that:

- \$1. Meeting:** GEDA shall hold a public meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 9:00 AM at 590 South Marine Corps Drive, Suite 511, ITC Building, Tamuning, Guam.
- \$2. Purpose of Meeting:** The meeting is to provide the public the opportunity to provide comment on GEDA's plan to extend the application period of the Special Hotel Qualifying Certificate (QC) program for an additional two years pursuant to 12 GCA §58206.
- \$3. Compliance with ADA:** People with disabilities that require special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services are hereby advised to contact GEDA at the address above or via phone at (671) 647-4332.
- \$4. Nature of Meeting:** Such meeting shall be open to the public and conducted pursuant to the Open Government Law. Oral and written statements will be received from anyone wishing to testify, which will be incorporated into the record for the hearing.

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