

GUAM HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE

Health Services Subcommittee Meeting

May 18, 2021 | 2:00pm

In attendance

Lillian Perez-Posadas	<i>GMHA Administrator</i>
Dr. Joleen Aguon	<i>Health Professional Rep</i>
Melanie Mendiola	<i>GEDA CEO/Administrator</i>
Diego Mendiola	<i>GEDA RPD Manager</i>
Mary Camacho	<i>GEDA RPD Supervisor</i>
Vera Topasna	<i>CDLO Executive Director</i>

George Bamba	<i>CDLO</i>
Lucia Perez	<i>Office of Technology, Guam Veterans Affairs Office</i>
Senator Telo Taitague	<i>36th GU Legislature</i>
David Jr Cruz	<i>Guam Recovery Office</i>
Dirk Bouma	<i>FEMA</i>
Mai Habib	<i>PNC</i>

Meeting Discussion:

Labs

- CDC Lab
- Department of Environmental Health Lab (DOI funded)
- Require 3 buildings, building 4: CDC lab

Subcommittee Recommendations for Matrix Group

- Move forward with all 2012 and 2016 updates with a focus on DPHSS
 - In past, focus was on hospital but deadline for funding looming
- Reuse of Site – Task Order #7
 - Prioritize the reuse of the DPHSS current site, where facility is not being used (Bill 121)
 - Request: If we explored a financing option for DPHSS main office and use proceeds of lease/rental from the other to have a cursory look at what that might be worth
- Redo and update the survey
 - Private facilities: How do we get them involved
 - L.Posadas: Use technology
 - J.Aguon: Use medical organizations leadership to communicate this need to community physicians
 - M.Mendiola: Draft letter from L.Posadas encouraging participation
- Focus on services that have grown vastly since 2012
- Outline what services are being provided as outpatient services (public and private facilities)
- Outline what services are often needed and are not provided locally (public and private facilities)
- Determine the use or practicality of services (if they need to be incorporated into the medical campus or better provided off-island)
- Include Veteran services
- Accessing DPHSS needs
- Labor
 - Local workforce development and foreign labor
- Assessment of CDC Lab
 - Specialized lab technicians not included, APIH to assist

Economic Adjustment Committee Implementation Plan (G.Bamba)

- Report was used to justify to Congress the need of a Public Health lab in the region
- Construction and equipment is included in funding, but not Human Resources in specialty areas

Services – To be updated

- 24-hour emergency room and services
- Acute care
- Acute long-term care
- Acute psychiatric care
- Cardiac surgery
- Cardiac catheterization lab (*including the need for new equipment*)
- Critical and intensive care (*neonatal, pediatric, and adult*)
- CT scan
- EEG / EKG / EMG lab (*specialty services*)
- Ear / Nose / Throat surgery (*Currently have outside doctors who attend at the hospital*)
- Gastroenterology
- Gynecological surgery
- Inpatient renal dialysis
- Interventional radiology
- Labor / delivery, obstetrics, and nursery, pediatric, maternal child healthcare services
- Laboratory
- MRI (*Not currently operational due to damaged equipment*)
- Neurosurgery
- Operating room
- Orthopedic surgery
- Pharmacy
- Plastic surgery (*elective and nonelective*)
- Post anesthesia care unit
- Skilled nursing care
- Specialized surgery
- Radiology
- Respiratory care
- Telemetry-progressive care
- Trauma surgery
- Ultrasound diagnostic services

Services that can be provided off-campus

- Dermatology
- Mammography
- Nuclear medicine (*Not currently operational due to inadequate personnel and equipment*)
- Orthopedics (not primary to the hospital)

Shortages in qualified medical professionals – To be updated

- Biomedical engineer
- Certified Nurse midwives (need more)
- Ear, nose, and throat doctor (External)
- Gastroenterologist (Internal)
- Hematologist (Inpatient/outpatient)
- Internal neurologist
- Interventional radiologist (add)
- Neurosurgeon
- Pediatric cardiologist (Needed)
- Radiologist (add)
- Rheumatologist (Inpatient/outpatient)
- Urology

Services that cannot be provided locally

- Organ harvesting/transplants

Labor

- Foreign labor (H1) cost is the same of training up local labor
- J.Aguon: GMH has J1 visas (working visas)
 - Had to pay national wage for foreign laborers, which GMH could not afford
- Include workforce development in Matrix task order

Homework

- D.Mendiola: Edit Matrix task orders as needed
- L.Posadas: Draft letter to medical community for participation in survey