

Guam One-Stop Data Village (GOSDV)

State Longitudinal Data System

for Research, Reports, and Raising Student Achievement

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Press Release of the GEAR Workshop Results

The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) is pleased to release the results of the Guam Education Agenda for Research (GEAR) Workshop. The GEAR workshop is a project goal of a grant recently awarded to the GDOE called the Guam One Stop Data Village (GOSDV). The grant was awarded to the GDOE Research, Planning and Evaluation Division in March 2020 to fund the establishment of a Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) with Guam's public postsecondary institutions.

The workshop was held on October 23, 2020 via Zoom in collaboration with the University of Guam (UOG) and the Guam Community College (GCC). Conveners of the workshop included GDOE Superintendent Jon Fernandez, UOG President Dr. Thomas Krise, and GCC President Dr. Mary Okada. UOG professors volunteered to facilitate discussions in six separate sessions which were attended by a total of 51 individuals from across various government and off-island education stakeholders as well. Among those who attended and actively participated in the group sessions were Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio, Deputy Attorney General Carol Sanchez, representatives from REL Pacific and PREL, the Guam Education Board and the Guam Legislature, and upper level management and teaching faculty from GDOE, UOG and GCC.

The GEAR results feature research questions that were discussed in six sub-groups using a note taker's template designed to capture relevant topic discussions throughout the workshop sessions. All sessions were recorded and all notes from the six sessions were reviewed and approved by Superintendent Fernandez for publication. The GEAR workshop results can be viewed on the following websites:

GDOE website, https://www.gdoe.net/District/Portal/gdoe-news,

UOG website, https://www.uog.edu/

GCC website, https://guamcc.edu/

The GEAR workshop fueled Guam's successful participation in the 2020 National SLDS Best Practices Conference held last November. GOSDV project personnel submitted three separate recorded videos to the conference organizers for a spotlight feature of the conference. These videos are also posted along with the GEAR workshop results on the websites mentioned above.

All inquiries for the Guam One Stop Data Village or the GEAR Workshop should be sent to Project Director Dr. Zenaida Napa Natividad at znnatividad@gdoe.net.

Attachments:

2020 GEAR Workshop Results 2020 GEAR Summary of Notes