

GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND PUBLIC HEARING
September 15, 2020
Online Zoom Meeting at 2:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Rachael T. Leon Guerrero, Chairperson, GCTF
Dr. Krise, UOG President
Anthony Camacho, UOG Legal Counsel
Yvette C. Paulino, GCTF Member
Cathy Castro, GCTF Member
Ken Leon Guerrero, GCTF Member

Remylynn Yamanaka, GCTF Program Manager
Christian Delgado, GCTF Budget Specialist
Dr. Peralta, UOG ORSP
Ellie Ongrung, Guam Cancer Care
Lawrence Alam, DPHSS
Jerrick Sablan, PDN
Natasha Charfauros, Office of Senator Theres Terlaje

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM
- Opening remarks from Dr. Thomas Krise (UOG President)

II. REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Revisions implemented primarily due to recommendations provided by Guam OPA Audit
 - a. Recommendations included:
 - i. Suggested to waive 20% up-front start-up fee and to change disbursement to reimbursement only (exception only to new grantees)
 - ii. Add rules and regulations regarding salaries of recipient staff
 - iii. Deleting April proposals to simplify finances and have one call per year
 - iv. Strengthening approval of applications
 - v. Better monitoring of reports
 - vi. Caps on grant funding amounts for salaries
 - b. Revisions and drafts have been made starting around November 2019 by GCTF members and staff
 - i. Legal counsel provided further recommendations
 - ii. Final draft August 20th approved by counsel

III. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Written testimonies
 - a. R. Bordallo from Guam Cancer Registry – in favor of rules and regulations
 - i. Brought that all entities are required to report to Guam Cancer Registry
 - Some do not report
 - Emphasized that recipients need to report cancer patients to Guam Cancer Registry as required by law
 - Inquired if suggestion could be included in rules and regulations
 - b. E. Ongrung from Guam Cancer Care
 - i. Brought upon concern regarding personnel return on investment
 - ii. Discussed item 2 definitions
 - Inquired about medical director being part of the GCTF council in order to quantify expenses; which types of treatments would qualify for funding
 - R Leon Guerrero response – definitions have remained the same
 - A. Camacho – stated the board would quantify expenses
 - c. L. Alam from Guam Cancer Coalition and Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Program
 - i. Questions regarding bylaws:
 - Differentiate between prevention and screening

- 10% on prevention activities is too small
 - More funds to prevention activities
- Stated admin costs are also small
- Stated education and outreach are similar
- Council members to include
 - cancer specific nurses
- ii. Response by A. Camacho
 - Stated that licensed nurse, representative from UOG School of Allied Health, and community recommended representative would constitute GCTF members
 - Stated there are opportunities to involve cancer specialized personnel to be a part of GCTF council
 - Specific cancer personnel might also pose conflict of interest
- iii. Response by R. Leon Guerrero
 - Stated that public law reduced admin fee from 10% to 5%
 - Funding towards prevention determined by public law
 - Public law 32-216: education and outreach added in 2014
 - Council unable to amend funding to prevention
- D. Okada – brought concern regarding early adjournment of public hearing
 - a. A. Camacho responded stating that those unable to attend to provide written testimony if they have any comments or concerns

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Public hearing adjourned around 2:40 pm