



Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF)

GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of September 22, 2022

Online Zoom Meeting at 4:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Rachael T. Leon Guerrero, Chairperson, GCTF
 Dr. Suzanne Kaneshiro, Council Member
 Christopher Felix, Council Member
 Remylynn Yamanaka, Program Manager, GCTF
 Dr. Francine Naputi, Council Member
 Joann Paulino, Extension Assistant III, GCTF
 Rene Quintans, Council Member
 Anthony Camacho, UOG Legal Counsel

Jen Calvo, Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation
 Marisha Artero, American Cancer Society
 Ellie Ongrung, Guam Cancer Care
 Terry Cuabo, Guam Cancer Care
 Jim Espaldon, Ayuda Foundation
 Dennis Pacheco, Todu Guam
 Telo Taitague, Senator
 Joseph Mesnon, Speaker Terlaje’s Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 4:07 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- April 28, 2022

- Motion approved: 1st by- Mr. Christopher Felix, 2nd by- Mr. Rene Quintans

III. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR (Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero)

Financial Report as of 8/31/2022

- a. FY2022 GovGuam appropriations
 - i. Total appropriation is \$3,000,000..... translates to allotment of \$250,000 per month
 - ii. As of 8/31/2022, GCTF should have received \$2.75 million from GovGuam
 - iii. So far, we have only received \$2,072,297, which is short by \$677,703
- b. Total cash in account is \$ 223,409

IV. REPORT FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER- None

V. OLD BUSINESS- None

VI. NEW BUSINESS- Review FY 2023 applications from: American Cancer Society, Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation, Guam Cancer Care, and Ayuda Foundation

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY-REQUESTED AMOUNT \$367, 425.00

- Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero, GCTF chair mentioned that all the applicants met the checklist requirements and talked about the American Cancer Society’s application. Dr.



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Rachael had mentioned that the NPO has been around a long time and is familiar with the GCTF application requirements.

- Marisha Artero from American Cancer Society elaborated more about their application and changes to travel assistance. She indicated instead of requesting a \$1,000 to be available per patient, they increased it to \$1500. Also, ACS would like to provide patients and active treatment with gift certificates that would allow them to receive locally grown fruits and vegetables to address the nutritional needs of patients who are in active treatment.
- Mr. Rene Quintans, GCTF council member had asked Marisha about the administrative fee percentage. Dr. Rachael had explained to Mr. Rene Quintans about the use of 15% administrative fee for the NPO's. However, he did ask Marisha if the admin fee is going towards their office in the states. Marisha informed him that the fee goes towards their local office in Guam.
- Mr. Christopher Felix, GCTF council member had questions about how the NPO's get paid for their 15% administrative fee.
- Remylynn Yamanaka, GCTF program manager mentioned that the NPO's get paid when they submit their monthly invoices, receipts, and supporting documents.
- Dr. Rachael also indicated if an NPO does not provide an invoice and receipts by the end of this month then that's going to be left over and will be rolled over to be used for this next round in 2023 to be dispersed.

EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION - \$594,000.00

- Mr. Christopher Felix had disclosed in the meeting that he is a friend with the Calvo family.
- Jennifer Calvo, EMC President gave a summary about the EMC Cancer Foundation. She also mentioned they currently have (1) staff who handles all the administrative work for EMC. She also stated that a \$1000 is given to each cancer patient that comes in and explained what the patient uses the funds for, such as cancer treatment, medication, and travel.
- Mr. Felix had asked Ms. Calvo about the request amount of anticipating an increase in past years.
- Ms. Calvo stated that it ranges from number of applicants they have in a month and try to manage their resources to sustain the program and depending on the availability of funds.

GUAM CANCER CARE- (Direct Services \$ 905,223.41 & Education & Outreach \$ 95,943.50

- Terry Cuabo, GCC Executive Director gave a detailed summary about Guam Cancer Care.
- Mr. Rene Quintans had mentioned that Ms. Dahlia Sapolo no longer works with Guam Cancer Care as their nurse navigator but would like to know why the nurse navigator position is still funded. According to Mr. Cuabo, he stated that "it's hard to replace good people and a nurse navigator position is critical because they deal with doctors".
- Mr. Cuabo had also discussed the GCC education and outreach program. He mentioned that their education and campaign is very aggressive to get people screened for cancer having people take a more proactive approach on their health.
- Dr. Rachael wanted to clarify with Mr. Cuabo about not including the administrative fee for the education and outreach application. Mr. Cuabo mentioned they felt that the 10% administrative fee under the direct services program is sufficient.

AYUDA FOUNDATION-\$ 782,920.00

- Mr. Jim Espaldon who is the Program director for Ayuda Foundation gave a real brief overview about the Ayuda Foundation. He mentioned the drastic changes, price of tickets is



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not a certain price anymore, and increase of fuel charges. Therefore, the amount requested for this year is a bit higher than the previous year.

- He also praised all the non-profit organizations for their dedication and hard work for helping cancer patients.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Felix had mentioned to Remylynn Yamanaka to not accept any more GCTF applications or modifications.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm. *Motion approved: 1st by: Dr. Suzanne Kaneshiro, 2nd by: Mr. Christopher Felix*