



Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF)

Guam Cancer Trust Fund Council Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2021 Online Zoom Meeting at 4:00 pm

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ATTENDANCE:

Rachael T. Leon Guerrero, Chair, GCTF

Faraz Ouhadi, Council Member, GCTF

Cathy Rivera Castro, Council Member, GCTF

Joann Paulino, Extension Associate, GCTF

Yvette C. Paulino, Council Member, GCTF

Telo Taitigue, Senator of 36th Guam Legislature

Christopher Felix, Council Member, GCTF

Ken Leon Guerrero, Council Member, GCTF

Anthony Camacho, Legal Counsel, UOG

Natasha Charfauros, Office of Speaker Taitigue

Pilar Shimizu, Guest

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 4:01 pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 18, 2021

Motion Approved: 1st Christopher Felix, 2nd Ken Leon Guerrero

- Approval of the *April 22 minutes* tabled until next meeting, to add information where legal counsel came in and was describing and suggesting two options for GMHA being a possible charitable organization

III. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Financial Report as of 5/31/2021 - Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero

- Total cash in account \$2,479,415.00
 - o Allocated \$2,348,948.00- allocated towards the different projects
 - o Unallocated \$130,466.00 -amount will be carried over to FY 2022
- For FY2022, we anticipate receiving applications from 7 non-profit organizations; and if they request funding like their previous funding requests, then the total ask would be approximately \$2.4million.

IV. REPORT FROM GCTF PROGRAM MANAGER- Remylynn Yamanaka

- Program Manager was not present at the meeting and will give her report in the next meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Request members of 36th Guam Legislature Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture to consider increased funding for FY2022
 - Drafted a letter to request for additional funding (*R. Leon Guerrero*)
 - Drafted letter was emailed to all GCTF council members for their review and additional comments.
 - Additional comments/suggestions made by GCTF council members for the letter:
 - Due to the pandemic and the loss of wages for many people, cancer treatment and continuing continuity and has been a challenge for many of our cancer



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- community (*C. Castro*)
 - Highly consider the impact that has made to our people, our cancer community (*F. Ouhadi*)
 - Private Insurances does not cover the cost of Immunotherapy regimen as a treatment for cancer patient (*F. Ouhadi*)
 - Most of the private insurance's companies in Guam do not cover transplants, especially with leukemia patients that require a bone marrow transplant (*C. Felix*)
 - Opportunity to look at our pool of applicants and identify where the gaps are, and target those others as potential applicants to fill those gaps (*Y. Paulino*)
 - Identify people or organizations that are able to apply to provide those services (*Y. Paulino*)
- b. Request a letter from the Non-Profit Organizations to provide GCTF an overview of how the funding has helped with their mission
- Number on how many of their service community they were able to assist (*K. Leon Guerrero*)
 - Breakdown of what GCTF have provided ex: copayments, medication, travel, etc. (*C. Catro*)
 - July 15th is the deadline to submit letter to the legislature to request for additional funding
 - For old business letter "b" change request a letter to request information (*R. Leon Guerrero*)
- c. Revisit issue of Revised GCTF Rules & Regs 'comments' from public hearing
- Need to address the concerns that were brought up about the revised rules and regulations (*R. Leon Guerrero*)
 - Consider the facts, arguments or written data or views that were stated at the public hearing (*A. Camacho*)
 - Before submitting the packet to the legislature (*A. Camacho*)
 1. minutes about the revised rules and regulations
 2. council must file with the speaker of the legislature (printed/ electronic PDF or proposed rules and a printed and identical PDF copy) which will consist of the following:
 - i. proposed rules
 - ii. notice of public hearing
 - iii. transcript of the public hearing
 - iv. minutes of the meeting of the council where the council considers the testimony presented in the public hearing
 3. packet must be approved by the UOG President and Legal Counsel
 - Comments were all discussed and attached the comments to the submission (*K. Leon Guerrero*)
 - Went through all the comments made by Senator Louise and other testimonies that were presented (*C. Castro*)
 - It would probably be faster just to go to that last meeting and look at the comments (*K. Leon Guerrero*)
 - View recordings and all meetings that happened after the March 25th meeting (*Y. Paulino*)



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VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Application Packet for FY 2022 proposed timeline
 - a. Release FOA in early July
 - First week of July (*R. Leon Guerrero*)
 - b. Informational webinar mid-July
 - To be determined (*R. Leon Guerrero*)
 - c. Deadline for applicants to submit
 - August 31st (*C. Castro and K. Leon Guerrero*)
 - d. Review of applications completed by
 - September 30th (*R. Leon Guerrero and K. Leon Guerrero*)
 - e. Process in September/October so that applicants can start November 1st
 - Applications reviewed by early September (*R. Leon Guerrero*)
 - Council is required to follow the old rules and regulations until the new rules become effective (*A. Camacho*)
 - In the old rules and regulations, the University shall announce the availability of the awards in each fiscal year on or before April 1st (*R. Leon Guerrero*)
 - If this is still in line with the old rules and regulations, I'd like to move that we proceed (*C. Castro*)
 - Would like to make a motion to approve the process- 1st *C. Castro*, 2nd *Ken Leon Guerrero*,
Motion Carried
 - f. Funding for new awards will be November 01, 2021- September 30, 22 (*C. Castro*)

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- No discussion

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned by Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero at 4:54 pm