

**GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF March 25, 2021 (Continuation of meeting from 3.11.2021)
Online Zoom Meeting at 4:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

Rachael T. Leon Guerrero, Chairperson, GCTF
Cathy Rivera Castro, Council Member
Ken Leon Guerrero, Council Member
Remylynn Yamanaka, GCTF Project Manager
Yvette C. Paulino, Council Member, School of Health
Peter Sgro, Council Member

Pamela Peralta, ORSP, Director and Interim of grants
James Moylan, Senator
Debbie Alicto, GMHA Member
Tricia, GMHA Member
Charissa Manibusan, Committee Director, Senator Terlaje's Office
Joseph Mesngon, Chief of Staff for San Agustin Office

I. CALL BACK FROM RECESS

- Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero called the meeting to order at 4:04pm

II. New Business – additional Information & discussion for GMHA New Application FY2021

a. Background

Finalized the decision regarding GMHA's application. Dr. Leon Guerrero mentioned that because the council members had a few questions regarding GMHA applications and needed for information and documentation the meeting was recessed from March 11, 2021 and is now reconvening. GMHA's application for FY2021 was for \$1M but upon reviewing the application, the council had denied the request for the following items (C-arm Imaging Scanner Intensifier (\$500K) and Laboratory Information System (\$360K) due to unallowable costs under the GCTF Rules & Regulations. And on March 4, 2021 GMHA had submitted a revised request for \$140,000. During the March 11, 2021 Meeting, the council had requested for a more thorough summary of their other requests for Local Oncologists Partnership Services; Patient/Family Cancer Care/Prevention Training & Education Programs/Materials; and inflationary costs. They also had additional questions for GMHA for the use of devices, internet, and language interpreters and had asked GMHA to provide more information and on March 18, 2021 GMHA had submitted the requested information.

b. Issue to Finalize Today

The first issue to finalize today is about the request for "Patient/family Cancer Care/Prevention Training & Education Programs/Materials" which sounds similar to services already provided by other cancer organizations in Guam. Council Member Cathy Castro stated that for the record she wishes to rescind her vote for funding the \$75,000 for the Local Oncologist that GMHA is requesting for. During the previous meeting she voted yes for that but as of March 25, 2021 her vote is a no. She stated that it is not the GCTF's obligation to pay salary for the local oncologist as they get paid with insurance or with MIP or Medicaid.

Dr. Leon Guerrero suggested that the council should decide based on the segments of the GMHA's request. The council members agreed.

- Local Oncology Request for \$75,000
- Patient/Family Cancer Care/Prevention Training & Education Programs/Materials = \$20,000
 - On this section, GMHA would be using a certain percentage to get interpreters to better provide quality service across different cultures. However, some council feel that this is not the GCTF's obligation to fund for. This section funding would also be funding the use of the iPads. Dr. Leon Guerrero asked council members if they have any comments or

questions. Council Member Ken Leon-Guerrero stated his concern about the translators because he has seen and have talked to people where some just claims that they can speak different languages and we have no idea if they are competent or not. His concern is that whether we are getting what we are paying for. He also asked if there is a certification that translator can get to verify that they can translate for the doctors who are not able to translate. GMHA Member stated that GMHA has the translating software called Cyracom which does the translation and it also is knowledgeable with medical terminology. GMHA also explained that they are only requesting for funding for the equipment that the cancer patients can use for the translating service not the subscription or to hire a translator.

iii. Council Member Votes

- Medications – the council members cast their votes on whether to award GMHA the \$25,000 for medications. All council members voted yes except for Dr. Ouhadi who was not able to make it to the meeting.
- Local Oncology – the council members cast their votes on whether to award GMHA the \$75,000 needed for a contracted local oncologist. Council members Yvette Paulino, Peter Sgro, and Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero voted yes. Cathy Castro and Ken Leon-Guerrero voted no. As a result of majority votes, GCTF approved to fund the GMHA’s request for the local oncologist for the cancer patients. Dr. Ouhadi was not present to cast his vote.
- Tablets & Carrying Cart – the council members cast their votes on whether to award GMHA for purchasing iPads/tablets and carrying cart for the cancer patients to use while admitted and while they are at GMHA and for the doctors and nurses to use for translating. All council members voted yes except for Dr. Ouhadi who was not able to make it to the meeting.
- Module & Translation Services – the council members cast their votes on whether to award GMHA funding for the subscription for the module and translation service. However, majority of council member (Cathy Rivera Castro, Yvette Paulino, Peter Sgro, and Rachael Leon Guerrero voted no. Only Ken Leon-Guerrero voted yes and council member Dr. Ouhadi was not present to cast his vote.

The result of the voting is that GCTF will only be awarding funding to GMHA medications, local oncologist, tablets, or iPads and the carrying cart. GCTF’s Program Manager Remylynn Yamanaka will be sending the contract to GMHA once its bee finalized and signed by the University of Guam.

III. Open Discussion

- a. Dr. Leon Guerrero sent the GCTF Rules and Regulations and the comments from the Public hearing to the UOG Legal Counsel to review and the comments were also sent to Senator Terlaje’s office. The council members decided to vote on whether to wait for the UOG’s Legal Counsel to review GCTF’s Rules & Regulations and the comments from the public hearing or for the council to just send the most updated GCTF’s Rules and Regulation to the Legislature. Council Member Rachael Leon Guerrero and Ken Leon Guerrero made the motion to vote again, and everyone agreed.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm