



Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF)

Guam Cancer Trust Fund Council Meeting November 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Zoom Special Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Rachael T. Leon Guerrero, Chairperson, GCTF
Cathy Rivera Castro, Council Member
Dr. Yvette Paulino, Council Member
Christopher Felix, Council Member
Ken Leon Guerrero, Council Member
Remylynn Yamanaka, Program Manager, GCTF
Joann Paulino, Extension Assistant III, GCTF

Telo Taitague, Senator
Joseph Mesgnon, Office of Senator Joseph San Agustin
Ellie Ongrung, Guam Cancer Care
Terry Cuabo, Guam Cancer Care
Renee Vexler, Get Healthy Guam Coalition
Chuck Tanner, Get Healthy Guam Coalition

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Final vote on GCTF FY 2022 applications

A. Guam Cancer Care- Direct Services

- Ms. Cathy Rivera Castro moves to approve the direct services application for Guam Cancer Care, 2nd by Mr. Ken Leon Guerrero; Council members were all in favor unanimously of approving the funding request from Guam Cancer care for direct services.
- Council members were appreciative of the effort Ellie has put into their recent submission of the application.

B. Guam Cancer Care- Education and Outreach

- Mr. Ken Leon Guerrero moves to approve the education and outreach application, 2nd by Mr. Christopher Felix; Council members were all in favor unanimously of approving the funding request from Guam Cancer care for education and outreach.

C. Get Healthy Guam Coalition- Education and Outreach

- Ms. Cathy Rivera Castro moves to make the motion to vote for Get Healthy Guam Coalition, 2nd by Mr. Ken Leon Guerrero
- Mr. Ken Leon Guerrero is not in favor of the project because the source of the materials is not a good use of funds especially printing of posters and handouts. Majority of the students are more focused on social and video media , smart phones and tablets.
- Ms. Cathy Rivera Castro concurs with the comments made by Mr. Ken Leon Guerrero and mentioned she did not see any kind of statement made that the information being put forth on the education process and prevention on alcohol and tobacco was in line with the education and prevention program that is being put forth on by the Department of Public Health and Social Services which is in line with CDC.
- Dr. Yvette stated she is hesitant to use the government funds to pay non-residents or organizations outside of Guam. She mentioned there are a lot of potential with a

prevention type project in the schools, particularly in the elementary schools. However, she felt that the need for cancer prevention, with the emphasis on the fourth and fifth graders, was not supported by the data that they had provided.

- Ms. Cathy Rivera Castro wanted to commend Renee Vexler and the Get Healthy Guam Coalition for their efforts and thanking them for making the attempt to apply for funding with the Guam Cancer Trust Fund. She hopes the applicant will take the comments they made and come back and be able to give a project that would best suit Our Children's Youth needs here in our community.
- Renee Vexler thanked the council members for the opportunity and the compliments. She stated that she worked really hard on the application and after hearing the comments from the last meeting she can understand the interest in technology because these days more things are online and through an iPad. She also brought up about being in line with public health and CDC. She stated there are review group members and it is in line with CDC and public health and all the standards on Guam.
- Dr. Rachael asked the council members, all those in favor of granting funding to Get Healthy Guam for this application.

Mr. Christopher Felix- No, Dr. Yvette Paulino- No, Mr. Ken Leon Guerrero- No, Ms. Cathy Rivera Castro-No, and Dr. Rachael-No.

II. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.