

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
APPOINTMENTS

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	DATE REFERRED	COMMITTEE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	SESSION DATE	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
38GL-25-0979	Julienne R. Duenas	Member (Physical Therapy - Representative)	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners	7/28/25	Three (3) Years; From Date Of Confirmation	8/4/25	Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	10/9/25	11/5/25			



Office of Legislative Secretary
SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 38th Guam Legislature
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

October 14, 2025

The Honorable Frank Blas Jr., Speaker
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
163 Hagåtña, Guåhan
Chalan Santo Papa

VIA: **The Honorable V. Anthony Ada, Vice Speaker** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Public Hearing relative to Office of the Governor - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Julienne R. Duenas, PT, DPT, Member (Physical Therapy – Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.”

Håfa Adai Speaker Blas,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Public Hearing relative Office of the Governor - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Julienne R. Duenas, PT, DPT, Member (Physical Therapy – Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.”

Committee votes are as follows:

- ☒ **8 TO DO CONFIRM**
- ☐ **TO NOT CONFIRM**
- ☐ **TO REPORT OUT ONLY**
- ☐ **TO ABSTAIN**
- ☐ **TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE**

Sincerely,

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane 

Chairwoman, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs



COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:

October 14, 2025 8:43 a.m.

Marie Crisostomo

Revisions received:

October 31, 2025 11:02 a.m.



Office of Legislative Secretary

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Appointment of Julienne Duenas

Appointment and Supporting Documents for Julienne R. Duenas, PT, DPT, Member (Physical Therapy – Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.”



Office of Legislative Secretary
SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 38th Guam Legislature
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

October 17, 2025

To: **ALL MEMBERS**
Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

From: **Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane**
Chairwoman, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

Subject: **Committee Report on - Office of the Governor - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Julianne R. Duenas, PT, DPT, Member (Physical Therapy – Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.”**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Office of the Governor - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Julianne R. Duenas, PT, DPT, Member (Physical Therapy – Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.”

- COR Referral of Appointment
- Notice of Hearing and Related Correspondence
- Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of Appointment Packet and Supporting Documents
- Public Hearing Agenda
- Hearing Sign in Sheet
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest

Please take appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane.

Sincerely,

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane 
Chairwoman, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature

August 4, 2025

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Referral of Appointment**

Håfa Adai,

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §9.01, Rule IX of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment:

Appointee:	Julienne R. Duenas, PT, DPT
Position:	Member (Physical Therapy – Representative)
Term Length:	Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation

Please refer the following document:

“**Doc. No. 38GL-25-0979** – Office of the Governor - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Julienne R. Duenas, PT, DPT, Member (Physical Therapy – Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.”

Ensure the appointment is referred to the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs chaired by Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane. I also request that the same be copied to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

38GL-25-0979
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

July 28, 2025

HONORABLE FRANK BLAS JR., *Speaker*
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

AUG 01 2025
Time: 3:33pm
Received: [Signature]

RE: Board Appointment

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam, 10 GCA § 12803, and all other applicable local laws, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE: Julienne R. Duenas, PT, DPT
POSITION: Member, Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners
Physical Therapy - Representative
TERM LENGTH: Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation

The appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam



38GL-25-0979
Messages and Communications

RECEIVED
COMMITTEE ON RULES
August 1, 2025

4:03 p.m.
Marie Crisostomo

cc: Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
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UFISINAN I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

July 28, 2025

JULIENNE R. DUENAS, PT, DPT



Håfa Adai Dr. Duenas:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, 10 GCA § 12803, and all other applicable laws, I am appointing you to serve as a:

MEMBER, GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS
Physical Therapy - Representative
Term Length: Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation

Appointing you to this position comes with great responsibility because you will have a vital role to perform placing many demands on your time and energy. Integrity and honesty are virtues that I prioritize for my Administration to exemplify, and I know that you will do the same while in service to the people of Guam. Your responsibilities shall be significant and consequential.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time will be spent in a manner to improve the island of Guam.

The appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jean Taitano at (671) 473-1121.

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO

Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM
Nomination and Appointment Information Form

The following information is required for submission to the
Speaker of / *Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name Duenas	First Name Julienne	Middle Initial R
Mailing Address [REDACTED]		Apartment/Unit # [REDACTED]
City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]	E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
Position to which Appointment is Made Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners (Physical Therapy)		
Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes ☒ No ☐		
If no, are you authorized to work in the United States? Yes ☒ No ☐		

EDUCATION

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
High School John F. Kennedy H.S.	1980-1983	High School Diploma	1983
College Texas Woman's University	1983-1987	B.S. Physical Therapy	1987
Graduate School A.T.Still University	2008-2010	Doctor of Physical Therapy	2010
Other Degree			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Sports, Orthopedics & Active Rehabilitation, Inc dba S.O.A.R. Physical Therapy 224 Farenholt Ave. UR 1 Building Ste. A Tamuning, Guam 96913	Position Title Clinic Director/President
	Dates Held 1998 to Present

Previous Employer and Mailing Address FHP Health Center California and Guam Tamuning, Guam	Position Title Physical Therapist
	Dates Held 1989-1998

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name GMHA		Position Title Physical Therapist-(part-time)
Address Tamuning Guam	Phone No.	Dates Held 1996?

Agency or Department Name		Position Title
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

Agency or Department Name		Position Title
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held

Agency or Department Name		Position Title
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held

TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE
Various professional Seminars-see attached	

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:
2008 Business Woman of the Year

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:
Guam National Olympic Committee Medical and Anti-Dopping Commission Team Guam physical therapist for various team events to include: -1995, 1999 and 2015 Pacific Games -2000 and 2008 Olympics -East Asian Games and MicroGames Past President of the Occupational and Physical Therapy Association of Guam (OPTAG) and current member.

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE

OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes ☐ No ☒ If so, please specify in detail: _____

Address of the Court: _____

Date(s) of Conviction: _____

Specific Infraction Committed: _____

(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes ☐ No ☒ If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?

Yes ☐ No ☒ If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO

Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Statement of Financial Interests

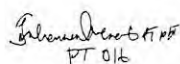
(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

TO: The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM: Julienne Duenas, PT, DPT

- ☐ I have no financial interest in any business
- ☒ I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS INTEREST	TYPE AND AMOUNT OF INTEREST
S.O.A.R. Physical Therapy	Clinic President and majority share holder


PT 016

Signature

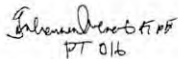
4/15/24

Date

AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.


PT 016

Print Name and Signature

04.15.2024

Date



Government of Guam
GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION
P.O. Box 23909
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921



July 24, 2025

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Julienne Rose Perez DUENAS		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT#:	[REDACTED]
	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

*****NOTHING FOLLOWS*****

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The absence of an original GUAM POLICE
seal invalidates this police clearance.
REVISED 04/26/19

By Direction: BARBIE

STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police



Superior Court of Guam

Guam Judicial Center • 120 West O'Brien Dr • Hagåtña, Gu. 96910
Tel: (671) 300-7993 • Fax: (671) 475-0078



HON. ALBERTO C. LAMORENA, III
PRESIDING JUDGE

JANICE M. CAMACHO-PEREZ, ESQ.
CLERK OF COURT

VALERIE D. TENORIO
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Name: JULIENNE ROSE PEREZ DUENAS

Driver's License ID #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

Criminal Cases:
No Cases Found

Civil Cases:

Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays and local/federal holidays. **Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.**

Dated: 07/25/2025

Janice M. Camacho-Perez
Clerk of Court

By: Ventura Salenga Jr.
Deputy Clerk I

Prepared by: Ventura Salenga Jr



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Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

First Notice of Public Hearing: Thursday October 9, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

2 messages

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov> Thu, Oct 2, 2025 at 8:06 AM
 To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov, 38th Committee On Rules <committeeonrules@guamlegislature.gov>, Audio / Video <av@guamlegislature.gov>, Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.gov>, mis@guamlegislature.gov
 Bcc: Isaiah Aguon <isaiah.aguon@guamlegislature.gov>, ann.sn@guamlegislature.gov, senator.sabrina@guamlegislature.gov

Håfa Adai!

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The Committee will hear and accept testimony on the following:

9:00 A.M.

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Doc. No. 38GL-25-1033 Guam Memorial Hospital Authority New Fee Package dated June 19, 2025

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Please confirm your attendance by contacting the Office of Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane via email at Office.SenatorBri@guamlegislature.gov or via voice call at (671) 989-2572.

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Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.gov>

Thu, Oct 2, 2025 at 8:18 AM

To: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

Hafa Adai, posted on calendar.

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Edward S. Pocaigue, Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910



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Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

October 2, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

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PUBLIC HEARING



 **Posted on:** 10/02/2025 08:25 AM

 **Posted by:** Annie San Nicolas, Administrative Office/Committee
Director

 **Public Hearing Date:** 10/09/2025 09:00 AM

 **Department(s):**
GUAM LEGISLATURE (/notices?department_id=92)

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OFFICE OF SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE (/notices?
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**GUAM LEGISLATURE
AUDIO VISUAL DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REQUEST FORM**

Office Submitting Request: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane

Date of Request: October 1, 2025 - October 9, 2025

POINT OF CONTACT

Name: Annie San Nicolas

Contact #: [REDACTED]

Email: ann.sn@guamlegislature.gov

PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS

Notice Type: ☒ Public Hearing ☐ Informational Briefing ☐ Roundtable Discussion

☐ Oversight Hearing ☐ Committee Meeting ☐ Other: _____

Notice Title / Bill(s) / Resolution(s) / Appointment: Julianne Duenas

Date of Event: October 9, 2025 Start Time: 9:00 AM/PM

End Time: 10:04 AM/PM

Location: Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room

MEDIA HANDLING

Recording Format: ☒ MP4 ☐ MP3 ☐ Other: _____

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Name: Joseph Fredrick B. Termulo

Signature: [Signature]

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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS



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To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

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October 1, 2025

Honorable Sabrina Salas Matanane
Senator, 38th Guam Legislature
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Guam Congress Building
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**Re : Appointment and Supporting Documents for Julianne R. Duenas, PT, DPT, Member
(Physical Therapy – Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners**

Hafa Adai Chairwoman Sabrina Salas Mantanane and Senators of the 38th Guam Legislature :

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of the appointment of Julianne R. Duenas, PT, DPT to serve as the Physical Therapy – Member, for the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners (GBAHE) under the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) Health Professional Licensing Office (HPLO).

Ms. Duenas possesses the necessary professional expertise and commitment to uphold the vital mission of the GBAHE, which is responsible for licensing, regulating, and ensuring the competency of allied health professionals on Guam to protect public safety and welfare.

- **Professional Expertise:** As a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and a licensed Physical Therapist (PT), Ms. Duenas brings a high level of specialized knowledge and clinical experience to the Board. Her deep understanding of the professional standards, ethical obligations, and continuing education requirements within the field of physical therapy is invaluable, especially in her role as the Physical Therapy Representative.
- **Commitment to Public Service:** Her willingness to serve on the GBAHE demonstrates a strong commitment to public service and to maintaining the integrity and high standards of allied health care across the island. The Board's work in initial licensing, license renewal, and investigation is crucial, and her professional background ensures a well-informed perspective on these regulatory matters.
- **Term of Service:** Her commitment to a three (3) year term from the Date of Confirmation provides the Board with stability and continuity, allowing her to contribute to long-term regulatory planning and policy development.

Ms. Julianne R. Duenas's credentials as a Physical Therapist, combined with her dedication to upholding professional standards, make her an exceptional candidate for the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners (GBAHE). I respectfully voice my support and urge the 38th Guam Legislature to vote in appointing her to immediately begin her important work in safeguarding the health and safety of our community.

Dangkulu na si Yu'os Má'áse'.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


THERESA C. ARRIOLA, MBA
Director



Office of Legislative Secretary

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW:

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs conducted a Public Hearing on Thursday October 9, 2025, scheduled to begin at 9:00 A.M., in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

Among other items, on the agenda for discussion was – Office of the Governor - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Julianne R. Duenas, PT, DPT, Member (Physical Therapy –Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.”

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with Open Government Law, the public notice for this public hearing was disseminated via email to all senators and main media broadcasting outlets on October 2, 2025, and October 7, 2025. This public notice was also posted on the Guam Legislature website and the Public Notice Portal.

Senators Present

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs
Vice Speaker Tony Ada
Senator Shawn Gumataotao
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator Therese M. Terlaje
Senator Vince Borja

Appearing before the Committee:

Julianne Duenas - GBAHE
Breanna Sablan - DPHSS

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION:

This Public Hearing was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS BUENAS AND HAGA ADAI. THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS IS NOW IN SESSION. THE TIME IS NOW 9:00 IN THE MORNING. IT IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2025. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. WHETHER YOU'RE HERE IN PERSON AT THE GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING OR TUNING IN ONLINE THROUGH OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL. TODAY'S HEARING WILL COVER TWO ITEMS. TO THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JULIAN ARDUINIUS, PHYSICAL THERAPIST AND DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY TO SERVE AS THE PHYSICAL THERAPY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS. THE SECOND ITEM ON OUR AGENDA IS THE NEW FEE PACKAGE FOR

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THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DATED JUNE 2025. AND JUST A QUICK HOUSEKEEPING NOTE, OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THIS HEARING WENT OUT TO SENATORS, STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE MEDIA AS REQUIRED BY LAW. IT WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE LEGISLATURES' WEBSITE IN THE PUBLIC NOTICE PORTAL. COPIES OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IF YOU'D PREFER A PRINTED COPY, LET US KNOW. FULL VIDEO OF THIS HEARING WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER ON THE LEGISLATURES' YOUTUBE PAGE. I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MY COLLEAGUES ON THE COMMITTEE WHO ARE HERE WITH US THIS MORNING, SENATOR SHAN GUMATAU AS WELL AS SENATOR VINCE BORHA. ALSO WITH US TODAY IS SENATOR THERES TERLAJE AND SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE JUST A REMINDER FOR MY COLLEAGUES, EACH SENATOR WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. SO KEEP THE DISCUSSION MOVING OR TO KEEP THE DISCUSSION MOVING AND MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE. WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE FIRST ITEM, THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JULIAN ARDUINIUS TO THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS. IF THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THE APPOINTMENT, PLEASE COME TO THE TABLE. JULIAN, YOU CAN ALSO COME UP. WE ASK THAT YOU SPEAK CLOSELY INTO THE MICROPHONE AND BEGIN WITH IDENTIFYING YOURSELF. GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME.

BREANA SABLAN GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, SENATORS. MY NAME IS BRIANNA SUBLAN, THE ACTING HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. I AM HERE TODAY TO READ A TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF DIRECTOR THERESA AREOLA, HAFA ADAI CHAIRWOMAN SABRINA SALAS MATANANE AND SENATORS OF THE 38TH GUAM LEGISLATURE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JULIAN R. DUENAS, PT, DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY TO SERVE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPY MEMBER FOR THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE. MISS DUENAS POSSESSES THE NECESSARY PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE AND COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD THE VITAL MISSION OF THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LICENSING, REGULATING, AND ENSURING THE COMPETENCY OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ON GUAM TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE. HER PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE AS A DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND A LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST. MISS DUENAS BRINGS HIGH LEVEL SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE TO THE BOARD. HER DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS, AND

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CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE FIELD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY IS INVALUABLE, ESPECIALLY IN HER ROLE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPY REPRESENTATIVE. HER COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE, HER WILLINGNESS TO SERVE ON THE GBH DEMONSTRATES A STRONG COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO MAINTAINING THE MAJORITY OR THE INTEGRITY AND HIGH STANDARDS OF ALLIED HEALTHCARE ACROSS THE ISLAND. THE BOARD'S WORK IN INITIAL LICENSING, LICENSE RENEWAL, AND INVESTIGATION IS CRUCIAL, AND HER PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND ENSURES A WELL-INFORMED PERSPECTIVE ON THESE REGULATORY MATTERS. HER COMMITMENT TO A THREE-YEAR TERM FROM THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION PROVIDES THE BOARD WITH STABILITY CONTINUITY, ALLOWING HER TO CONTRIBUTE TO LONG-TERM REGULATORY PLANNING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT. MISS JULIENNE R. DUENAS CREDENTIALS AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST COMBINED WITH HER DEDICATION AND UPHOLDING PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS MAKE HER AN EXCEPTIONAL CANDIDATE FOR THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS. I RESPECTFULLY VOICE MY SUPPORT AND URGE THE 38TH GUAM LEGISLATURE TO VOTE IN APPOINTING HER TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN HER IMPORTANT WORK IN SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY. DUNKULU AND SI YUUS MAASI, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION TO TERESA C. ARRIOLA, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. THANK YOU.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, MISS SABLAN. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THE APPOINTMENT? AND IF NOT, MISS DUENAS.

JULIENNE DUENAS THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SENATOR MATANANE AND SENATORS. I AM JULENE DUES AND I'M HERE BECAUSE I WAS NOMINATED BY OUR GOVERNOR, LOU LEON GUERRERO TO SERVE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS. I AM A PHYSICAL THERAPIST. I AM MARRIED TO GALILEO TINSON JR. I WE HAVE TWO CHILDREN, JORDAN AND JOSHUA TINSON. A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, ASHLEY, AND MY FAVORITE GRANDDAUGHTER, AVA. I'VE BEEN A PHYSICAL THERAPIST FOR 37 YEARS. MOST OF THAT CAREER HAS BEEN ON ISLAND. UM, I STARTED WITH WORKING IN ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS BOTH IN TEXAS AND IN CALIFORNIA. I THEN RELOCATED TO GUAM WITH THE FHP CLINIC. I WORKED FOR THE FHP CLINIC UP UNTIL THE LATE 90S WHEN THE CLINIC WAS CLOSED AND IT WAS THE PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES WERE OUTSOURCED. I THEN JOINED A COMPANY SPORTS ORTHOPEDIC AND ACTIVE REHABILITATION ALSO L SO KNOWN AS SORE PHYSICAL THERAPY LOCATED IN TAMUNING FIRST I WAS A U SMALL SHAREHOLDER AND BY 2008 I BECAME THE OWNER. I HAVE MANY YEARS 37 YEARS OF CLINICAL

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PRACTICE AND IN THAT CLINICAL PRACTICE I'VE ALSO HAVE HAD ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES AND PUBLIC SERVICE. I SERVED ON THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS IN MAYBE THE LATE 90S AND ENDED MY TERM IN 2010.UM AND DURING THOSE DAYS THERE WAS MANY THERE WERE MANY COLORFUL AND EXCITING THINGS THAT HAPPENED WITH WITHIN OUR PROFESSION. AS YOU KNOW THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS DOESN'T JUST LICENSE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS. WE LICENSE A NUMBER OF ALLIED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. AND SO I HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THAT AREA. I'VE DONE A LOT OF VOLUNTEERING. I'M ALSO WITH THE GUAM NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. I SERVE ON THEIR MEDICAL BOARD AND ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION. I HAVE BEEN A PTO PRESIDENT AND JUST TOO MANY. I DON'T KNOW. I'M SIX DECADES. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU THAT I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE BOARD'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND I'M HERE TO CHAMPION THE PROFESSIONALS IN THE ALLIED HEALTH FIELD. I'M HERE FOR THE PUBLIC, RIGHT, TO MAKE SURE THAT THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN THE COMMUNITY WITH OTHER PROVIDERS THAT MAYBE INFRINGE UPON OUR SCOPES OF PRACTICES THAT WE BRING THAT TO THE LIGHT BECAUSE YOU NEVER YOU DON'T HEAR THAT STUFF. YOU DON'T WHEN THERE'S AN UNLICENSED PROFESSIONAL THAT DOES SOMETHING THAT INFRINGES ON ACUPUNCTURE OR PHYSICAL THERAPY OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, YOU DON'T HEAR THAT IN THE NEWS. BUT IF IT'S A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL, GOD FORBID THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING WITH THAT DIDN'T HAVE GOOD OUTCOMES, WE ARE IN THE FOREFRONT. AND SO I'M HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC IS PROTECTED AND THAT THAT'S REALLY MY MISSION FOR BEING ON THE BOARD AND ALSO TO ADD THE REPRESENTATION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY TO THAT BOARD. OTHERWISE WE'RE BEING LICENSED AND CONTROLLED BY PEOPLE THAT OR PROFESSIONS THAT ARE NOT OUR OWN, IF YOU WILL. AND SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, I'M LOOKING AT MY NOTES JUST TO MAKE SURE I'VE GOT EVERYTHING. UM YES. SO, I'M HERE TO SERVE TO THE BEST TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM AN ALLIED HEALTH PERSPECTIVE. AND IT WOULD BE MY HONOR TO SERVE ON THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS, SI YUUS MAASI

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

THANK YOU, MISS DUENAS, AND THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING THIS NOMINATION. , WE'RE GOING TO OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS FROM MY COLLEAGUES, BUT FIRST, I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION OF THE VICE CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, , VICE SPEAKER, AND SENATOR TONY ADA. THANKS, SENATOR. I I'LL JUST ASK ONE QUESTION FIRST TO KICK THINGS OFF. YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU SERVED IN

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THE 1990S TO 2010. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT THAT THAT YOU SEE FROM BACK THEN TO NOW THAT YOU WOULD WILL FOCUS ON? I KNOW YOU MENTIONED IN INFRINGING INFRINGEMENT, BUT YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS LOOKING AT THE AGENDA FOR TOMORROW'S GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS MEETING, I NOTICED THERE'S COMPLAINTS THAT DATE AS FAR BACK AS 2022.

JULIENNE DUENAS SO CURRENTLY THE FOCUS OF THE BOARD HAS OR THE BIG THINGS THAT HAS HAPPENED ON THE BOARD IS THEY HAVE RECENTLY PASSED NEW LEGISLATIONS THAT GOVERNED AND RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE BOARD. SOME OF THEM WE WANT TO ADDRESS SPECIFICALLY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS LIKE DRY NEEDLING AND SO ON. BUT I THINK THE IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN THAT THERE THAT WE FINALLY GOT NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THEY WERE PRACTICING WITH WERE SINCE 19 FORGOTTEN. AND SO WE NEED TO BRING THINGS YOU KNOW UP TO INDUSTRY STANDARDS. PHYSICAL THERAPISTS IN PARTICULAR HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF MODALITIES THAT WE USE THAT ARE NEW AND MAYBE NOT SO POPULAR WITHIN THE OTHER DISCIPLINES. YOU KNOW, THERE'S LOTS OF TURF WARS, WHICH YOU'RE GOING TO GET AND ESPECIALLY ON A BOARD THAT HAS MULTIPLE PROFESSIONS THAT ALL SHARE THE SAME OR VERY SIMILAR TREATMENT MODALITIES. BUT I THINK THE FOR THE MOST PART THE WE FINALLY GOT NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS. SO

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS I'M LOOKING AT ANOTHER COMPLAINT AND THIS ONE IS FROM 2023. IT SAYS IT INVOLVED THE PROCUREMENT OF AN OFF ISLAND CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH THE INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER, NO RESULTS FROM THE CONSULTANTS REPORT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS TIME. DR. BALAJADIA NOTED THAT THE PROCESS REQUIRED ADHERENCE FOR TO GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES WHICH INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL COMPLEXITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THIS COMPLAINT AND THESE SORTS OF ISSUES WITHIN THE BOARD?

JULIENNE DUENAS ACTUALLY NO NOT THE COM NOT THOSE COMPLAINTS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH SOME COMPLAINTS WITH PROVIDERS AND COMPLAINTS OF THE PAST, RIGHT? IN IN NOT NECESSARILY IN TERMS OF UM ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES, BUT MORE CLINICAL.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS DO YOU I MEAN WHAT IF YOU'RE ON THIS BOARD, WHAT WILL YOU

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JULIENNE DUENAS YEAH, I THINK I THINK THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS CONTINUES TO HAVE TO MAKE QUORUM SO THEY CAN MEET. I THINK THAT IF I WAS ON THE BOARD, DEFINITELY LISTENING TO IT AND BRINGING EVERYBODY TOGETHER TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES AND JUST HASHING IT OUT. THAT'S WHAT I THAT'S HOW I WOULD SAY I WOULD BRING THINGS TO THE TABLE, RIGHT? BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THE REASON WHY THOSE ARE SO LONG IS BECAUSE IT'S MORE ADMINISTRATIVE AND NOT CLINICAL. YEAH.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO YES. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, JULIAN, FOR STEPPING UP. I THINK THERE'S THIS IS NOT THIS IS NOT YOUR FIRST RODEO, SO AT LEAST BUT DOING IT AGAIN. OH, MY GOODNESS GRACIOUS. AND I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO BE WITH YOU AT LEAST AT ONE OF THOSE OLYMPIC GAMES. SO I WANT TO SAY IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION? I AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN ANSWER THIS AND I HOPE YOU WOULD ANSWER THE BEST YOU CAN. DO YOU THINK THAT THE ROLE OF THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS IS IT A MISUNDERSTOOD ROLE IN WHAT THEY ACTUALLY AND HOW THEY SERVE THE COMMUNITY?

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO AND ARE THEY SEEING YOU AFTER MAYBE AN INJURY OR AFTER SOMETHING BAD HAS HAPPENED? PRIMARILY

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JULIENNE DUENAS SOMETIMES OR SOMETIMES IT THEY JUST MENTION IT. OH, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE OUT AT A PARTY. OH, I WENT TO THAT PLACE AND I GOT MY NECK CRACKED. WOW. AND I'M LIKE, REALLY? I'M NOT SURE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO THAT,

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO RIGHT? AND WITH THAT SAID, IT SEEMS THAT EVEN IN 2025, THERE ARE EMERGING THERAPIES. THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF WAYS THAT PEOPLE CAN YOU KNOW TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES AND I WANTED TO GO BACK TO THE QUESTION FROM OUR FROM OUR CHAIR IS WHEN WE THINK ABOUT CASES ARE YOU HOPING THAT IF WHATEVER BACKLOG THERE IS LIKE HOW FAST DO YOU THINK THAT WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION THAT YOU CAN MAYBE GET THESE THROUGH SO WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT SUCH A LARGE BACKLOG AND A TIMELY BACKLOG.

JULIENNE DUENAS YEAH. IF COMING IN IN 2025 FOR SOMETHING THAT WAS HAPPENED IN 2022, IT KIND OF THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL. IT MAY NOT BE QUICK. I I'M NOT A MAGICIAN, RIGHT? I'M A PHYSICAL THERAPIST. AND SO I THINK THAT I THINK THAT MAYBE REVISITING IT AND MAKING IT PRIORITY AND HAVING A VOICE, RIGHT, TO SAY, "HEY, THIS IS WHAT THE LEGISLATURE IS SAYING. WHY DO YOU GUYS HAVE WHY DO WE HAVE SO MANY UNRESOLVED CASES?" AND BEING HOPEFULLY THAT THAT NEW VOICE, RIGHT? AND MAYBE A LITTLE BIT MORE ENERGY OR A DIFFERENT ENERGY. THAT'S THE HOPE, RIGHT? AND THAT'S THE GOAL. AND AGAIN, LIKE I SAID, IF IT'S II I'M CONFIDENT THAT WHEN THERE'S A CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL ISSUE THAT ARISES TO THE BOARD IN THE FORM OF A COMPLAINT, IT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE THAT WE JUMP ON IT. WE DON'T DRAG OUR FEET AND SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CASE IS. I'M SORRY I DIDN'T I DIDN'T GO AND RESEARCH.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO OH NO IT'S ALL GOOD. I THINK THAT AT SOME POINT THOUGH WHEN YOU GET IN THESE WON'T BE UNFAMILIAR TYPES OF THINGS YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD EVEN IN YOUR OWN CLINIC. SO WITH THAT SAID MADAM CHAIR AGAIN THANK YOU AGAIN FOR WANTING TO SERVE ONE MORE TIME AND YOU GOT MY SUPPORT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE. THANK YOU.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU SENATOR GUMATAOTAO. SENATOR BORJA.

SENATOR VINCE BORJA THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, MISS DUENAS, FOR ACCEPTING THE CALL TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM. YOU KNOW, I YOU KNOW, I SUPPORT YOUR NOMINATION. I DON'T KNOW, YOU REMEMBER

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MAYBE 10, 15 YEARS AGO, MY BROTHER PLAYED BASKETBALL AT JFK AND EVEN JUST YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK. I THINK AT THE TIME YOUR SON WAS ON THE TEAM, HE'S NOW A PHYSICAL THERAPIST. AND SO, YOU KNOW, I WAS ACTUALLY A PATIENT THERE TOO AS WELL. BUT JUST THE WORK THAT I'VE SEEN ASIDE FROM YOUR PROFESSIONAL WORK AND IN YOUR YEARS OF IN IN THE UM NOT INDUSTRY BUT PROFESSION I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU'LL BRING A LOT OF VALUE BUT YOU KNOW TO KIND OF PIGGY BACK ON THE THINGS THAT YOU KNOW THE IN REGARDS TO THE INVESTIGATIONS ARE YOU KNOW YOU USED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD RIGHT YOU SAID LIKE IN THE '9S HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE LATEST I DON'T KNOW IF IT WOULD BE THE GOVERNING RULES OR AS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR THE FOR TO WHERE YOU'RE YOU CAN SAY YOU'RE KNOWLEDGEABLE AS TO HOW THEY ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS. YES. OKAY. WHEN WERE THE LAST TIME DO THEY WHEN DO THEY REGULARLY GET UPDATED? IS THERE A YOU KNOW A TIME FRAME ON WHEN THEY GET REVIEWED AND UPDATED?

JULIENNE DUENAS THE RULES OF THE BOARD OR THE RULES OF EACH PROFESSIONAL?

SENATOR VINCE BORJA NO, THE BOARD AND HOW THEY HANDLE COMPLAINTS OR INQUIRIES.

JULIENNE DUENAS I THINK WHAT HAPPENS IS THEY A COMPLAINT COMES INTO THE BOARD AND THEN IT GETS REVIEWED AND PUT ON THE AGENDA AND THEN AS A GROUP WE ADDRESS IT AND THEN IN THE PAST WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THEY'VE CALLED PEOPLE TO THE TABLE THOSE WHO MAYBE THE COMPLAINT IS ABOUT OR THOSE WHO'VE MADE THE COMPLAINT AND THEN WE DECIDE AS A BOARD YOU KNOW HOW TO HOW TO DEAL WITH IT. OKAY.

SENATOR VINCE BORJA OKAY. BUT THEN DO THESE STAY OPEN OR DO THEY CLOSE THEM IF THERE'S NO ACTION GOING TO BE TAKEN?

JULIENNE DUENAS THEY GENERALLY WILL STAY OPEN UNTIL WE RESOLVE IT. OKAY. AND USUALLY IT MAY REQUIRE AG'S OFFICE TO COME AND PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL. AND IN THE PAST WE REALLY I NOW IT'S YOU'VE HAD LEGAL COUNSEL APPOINTED TO THE BOARD, RIGHT? IN THE PAST WHEN I WHEN I SERVED IT WAS ONLY WHEN IT WAS A HIGH-PROFILE CASE.

SENATOR VINCE BORJA OKAY. I THINK YOU KNOW SOME OF THE OTHER QUESTIONS I HAD THESE GUYS HAD ASKED BUT YOU KNOW AGAIN THANK YOU NOT JUST FOR ACCEPTING THIS BUT JUST THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE IN THE

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COMMUNITY OVER THE LAST YEARS ESPECIALLY WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BECAUSE YOU GUYS THE YOU KNOW I THINK BACK IN THE DAY JFK HAD ONE OF THE YOU KNOW THE GOOD BASKETBALL TEAMS. I THINK THEIR BASKETBALL TEAM IS STILL GOOD, BUT BACK THEN LIKE THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND AND CONTRIBUTED TO JUST MAKING SURE THE ATHLETES WERE, YOU KNOW, MY BROTHER I THINK EVEN BROKE HIS ARM AND YOU GUYS WERE STILL ABLE TO PROVIDE FREE MEDICAL, NOT MEDICAL CARE, BUT TO AT LEAST ASSIST SO THAT WE HE WAS ABLE TO RECOVER. AND SO WE TRUST, YOU KNOW, I TRUST THE WORK THAT YOU YOU'LL BRING AND THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THAT YOU'LL BRING TO THIS BOARD. AND SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ACCEPTING THE CALL TO SERVE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, SENATOR BORJA. SENATOR TERLAJE.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. , GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, SIR. AND THANK YOU FOR BEING WILLING TO SERVE ON THE BOARD AGAIN. AND, , I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU WHEN YOU LAST SERVED, IF I COULD ASK BRIANA, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THIS HBLO OFFICE, WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE PARTICULAR CONCERNS FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS WHO ARE GOING TO BE SERVING ON THE BOARD? IT IS A MIXED BOARD, AS SHE SAID.

BREANA SABLAN THANK YOU, SENATOR TERLAJE, FOR THE QUESTION. , I THINK RIGHT NOW, , SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, , LIKE JULIAN SAID, THE DRY NEEDLING, THAT'S A BIG, , CONCERN. AND NOW GOING BACK TO MADAME CHAIR'S CONCERN OR QUESTION WITH THE COMPLAINTS, THEY ARE REALLY, YOU KNOW, SINCE MY TENURE IN THE HBLO, I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS IMMEDIATELY. AGAIN, WE'RE WITHIN WE FALL UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. SO AGAIN THE PROCUREMENT LAW HAS TO BE FOLLOWED AND THEN THERE JUST THERE ARE SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS THAT HAVE COME TO THE BOARD THAT ARE REALLY OUT OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. SO LIKE DRY NEEDLING ACUPUNCTURE THAT'S ONE BIG THING THAT KEEPS COMING TO THE BOARD BUT A LOT OF THEM ARE UNLICENSED. SO, OF COURSE, THE JURISDICTION WE DO HAVE TO FORWARD THOSE CONCERNS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. THOSE ARE ALL STILL PENDING. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED FEEDBACK OR LEGAL GUIDANCE OR HOW WE SHOULD PURSUE THOSE CASES. BUT YES, DRY NEEDLING IS ONE OF THE BIG CONCERNS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY AS

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SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ALL RIGHT. AND THE IN APRIL 2024, THE NEWS SAID THE AG'S OFFICE WILL NOT PROSECUTE ACTIONS AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED PRACTITIONERS FOR THE BOARD. IS THAT STILL THEIR STANCE OR HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY OTHER ADVICE?

BREANA SABLAN WELL, WE JUST RECENTLY HAVE AN ASSIGNED ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ATTORNEY TILMAN. SO, SHE'S BEEN REALLY DILIGENT. I'VE BEEN GIVING HER I'VE ACTUALLY BROUGHT HER UP TO SPEED WITH EVERYTHING WE'RE PENDING. SO, IT LOOKS LIKE IT MAY CHANGE BECAUSE WE'RE GETTING A LOT WE'RE GETTING MORE RESPONSES FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FROM ATTORNEY TILMAN. SO, WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE SEVEN COMPLAINTS THAT ARE OPEN AND ESPECIALLY WITH THE UNLICENSED CONCERNS. ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE AND YOU'RE ENABLING LAW THAT DEFINITELY GIVES YOU THE JURISDICTION OVER UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE.

BREANA SABLAN RIGHT. CORRECT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE BUT IN ORDER TO PROSECUTE THOSE, YOU NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. **BREANA SABLAN** CORRECT. AND IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, UNFORTUNATELY, WE DIDN'T HAVE OUR WE WERE I WAS ACTUALLY GOING THROUGH PROCUREMENT FOR THREE DIFFERENT ATTORNEYS. SO, ONE WITH A CONFLICT COUNCIL, LEGAL DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL, AND A PROSECUTING COUNCIL. SO, THAT DID NOT GO THROUGH IN THE FISCAL YEAR OF 25. SO, THAT'S MY INTENT AGAIN IS TO TRY TO DO THAT IN 26. I'VE ALREADY BEGUN THAT PROCESS. AND WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT WE'LL GET IT. BUT WITH THE ASSISTANCE WITH THE ATTORNEY TILMAN THE BOARD, I'M ALMOST HOPEFUL THAT SHE'LL BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE UNLICENSED COMPLAINTS.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE OKAY, GREAT. AND YOUR BOARD YOUR BUDGET MIGHT COVER AN INVESTIGATOR THIS YEAR AS WELL OR SHARED

BREANA SABLAN A SHARED COST WITH THE BOARDS WITH THE OTHER BOARDS SPECIFICALLY THE ALLIED HEALTH WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT IT BUT IF WE DO A COST SHARING THEN WE WOULD BE ABLE TO.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE OKAY. AND THEN THE ONE COMPLAINT WITH THE CONSULTANT REPORTS NOT RECEIVED IS THAT RESOLVED?

BREANA SABLAN THAT'S NOT RESOLVED. SO ONE PROCESS WE'VE WENT THROUGH THAT WE'VE ALWAYS USED IN THE PAST FOR THE MEDICAL BOARD IS A

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PROCURE AN OFF ISLAND INVESTIGATOR OR AN OFF ISLAND EXPERT. THAT DID NOT GO THROUGH GSA DID INFORM US THAT THAT PROCESS IS NO LONGER ALLOWED. SO WE HAD TO GO THROUGH AN RFP AND AGAIN THAT RFP DID NOT BASICALLY GET PROCESSED AND APPROVED IN25. **SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE**

SO YOU HAVE TO START AGAIN WITH THAT ONE CASE. START ALL OVER WITH THAT CASE.

BREANA SABLAN CORRECT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE YOU CAN'T GET THE REPORT THAT WAS PENDING.

BREANA SABLAN NO, I CANNOT. YEAH.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SO THE THESE ARE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT EVEN TO THE MEDIA'S ATTENTION OVER THE YEARS. THERE ARE SEVERAL CASES LONGSTANDING, NOT RE SOLVED. AND I AGREE WITH YOU. IT SHOULD BE FOR THE PUBLIC THAT YOU'RE SERVING. AND SO I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU'RE THERE FOR THE PUBLIC AND YOU'RE THERE FOR, YOU KNOW, MAKING SURE THAT THESE COMPLAINTS ARE RESOLVED. THAT'S REALLY I THINK THE BIGGEST CONCERN. ARE YOU WILLING AND DO YOU HAVE THE TIME TO SERVE ON THESE SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS THAT THEY DO OR I THINK SOMETIMES THEY ASSIGN CASES TO INDIVIDUALS TO INVESTIGATE?

JULIENNE DUENAS YES. DON'T TELL MY HUSBAND THOUGH.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE THANK YOU. AND DO YOU DO YOU SEE I KNOW THE DRY NEEDLING HAS BEEN AS PART OF THE RULES. IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS. SO WHO WOULD THAT BE LISTED UNDER AND WHO GETS TO DO THAT? SO I'M HAPPY YOU'RE GOING TO TACKLE THAT AS WELL. 37 YEARS PRACTICING ON GUAM. DO YOU SEE CONCERNS OVER WITH YOUR INDUSTRY THAT YOU THINK THAT THE BOARD SHOULD ADDRESS BESIDES THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE?

JULIENNE DUENAS I THINK THE CONCERNS COME FROM THE GROWTH OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AS A PROFESSION AND THE LIMITATIONS THAT WE HAVE ON GUAM. SO THAT WHEN WE HAVE NEW GRADS, GRADUATES THAT WANT TO COME BACK HOME, THEY CAN'T PRACTICE TO THEIR ABILITY. FOR INSTANCE, DRY KNEELING BECAUSE THE LAW IS SO STRINGENT, RIGHT? AND SO THE OTHER THING THAT YOU KNOW WE IT IT'S NOT ABOARD ISSUE, BUT AGAIN IT'S JUST THE PROCESS OF GETTING IT IS A BOARD ISSUE, THE PROCESS OF GETTING LICENSED, HAVING TO HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, THINGS LIKE THAT. I IT'S TEDIOUS. AND I UNDERSTAND THOUGH WHY IT'S TEDIOUS AND WHY IT'S SO INVOLVED. AND

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IT'S BECAUSE IN THE PAST WE'VE HAD PEOPLE WHO OH WE'LL GO PRACTICE ON GUAM. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO CHECK MY BACKGROUND. AND SO WE GIVE PEOPLE LICENSES AND THEN WE FIND THAT THERE'S CASES PENDING AGAINST THEM. AND IT'S SO HARD TO REMOVE A LICENSE ONCE YOU'VE GIVEN SOMEBODY A LICENSE. SO BECAUSE WE WERE SO REMOTE AND AGAIN I'VE BEEN HERE SO LONG NOW THAT WE HAVE THE INTERNET AND SO WE CAN CHECK EVERYTHING AND LOOK AT OTHER BOARDS BUT IN THE PAST WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT ABILITY. SO NOW I THINK THAT WE'RE WE WANT TO STREAMLINE GETTING OUR PROFESSIONALS BACK HOME TO BE ABLE TO PRACTICE AT THEIR FULL ABILITIES.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE YES. IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S SEVERAL WHO ARE STUDYING OR HAVE STUDIED NOW AND THAT'S GREAT BECAUSE IT WAS SO RARE WHEN YOU WERE YOU BECAME ONE. IT'S STILL RARE WHEN I WAS GOING THROUGH SCHOOL. SO, I'M REALLY VERY HAPPY. I HOPE YOU CAN GET THEM BACK. I REALLY DO.

JULIENNE DUENAS THAT'S OUR THAT'S OUR GOAL. THAT'S GREAT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE AND I KNOW THAT THE BOARD HAS GONE THROUGH SOME PROCESSES TO STREAMLINE A LITTLE BIT OF THE PUTTING THINGS ONLINE. I THINK ALSO THE RENEWALS WITH THE NOTARY PROCESS AND ALL THAT. SO HOPEFULLY THAT HELPS BUT I'M SURE THEY WILL BE OPEN TO ANY OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS BUT I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT THEY HAVE MADE. BUT I YEAH I DO AGREE IT'S THESE COMPLAINTS. SO IT LOOKS LIKE I DON'T KNOW THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST REPRESENTATIVES HAS NOT REALLY BEEN AT THE MEETINGS. MAYBE THERE ARE NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT AGAINST PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, BUT I STILL HOPE THAT YOU WILL ATTEND THE MEETINGS SO THAT YOU CAN HELP THE WHOLE BOARD IN GENERAL. THEY NEED THEY NEED YOUR HELP.

JULIENNE DUENAS I THINK IN THE PAST I'VE ATTENDED MOST MEETINGS AND THE BOARD NEVER HAD TO CANCEL A MEETING BECAUSE OF LACK OF QUORUM. SO I THINK I TAKE PRIDE IN THAT. SO WE'LL BE THERE.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ALL RIGHT. GREAT. ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. WELL, I APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AND AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND THE BOARD ON ITS CONTINUED AND THE OFFICE ON ITS CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS AND CONTINUED STREAMLINING. SIZE, THANK YOU.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, SENATOR TERLAJE, SENATOR TAITAGUE,

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SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE MADAME CHAIR, AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES, AND OF COURSE, GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE WHO'S HERE AND THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING THIS MORNING FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION HEARING, MISS DUENAS., AND I TOO EXPRESS MY DUNKULU SI YUUS MAASI FOR WANTING TO STEP UP AGAIN ONCE AGAIN. AND IT'S NOT AN EASY BOARD TO SERVE ON AS WELL. THERE HAVE BEEN CONTROVERSIES IN THE PAST. I BELIEVE THERE WAS A ISSUE WITH ONE VETERINARIAN. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WERE THERE DURING THAT TIME. YES, YOU WERE. SO, THAT WAS PROBABLY THE MOST HEATED THAT I'VE SEEN THE BOARD HAVE TO DEAL WITH. , AND , IT'S PROBABLY NOT GOING TO STOP. YOU KNOW, THINGS ARE BECOMING MORE TRANSPARENT AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT AS YOU SIT IN THIS POSITION, IF YOU CAN GIVE ME YOUR WORD, THAT YOU TRULY BELIEVE IN TRANSPARENCY AND THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE OPEN.

JULIENNE DUENAS IT'S BEEN MY PRACTICE WHEN I WAS ON THE BOARD THAT FOR ANY APPLICANT THAT CAME THROUGH OR ANY COMPLAINT THAT CAME THROUGH THAT I THAT I HAD A DEALING WITH WHETHER THEY WERE APPLYING AT MY CLINIC TO RECUSE MYSELF AND TO ASK FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS TO REVIEW THEIR PACKETS SO THAT IT WOULD BE SEEN. IT'S ALSO YOU KNOW IT'S IN MY NATURE TO BE TRANSPARENT WHEN THERE ARE THINGS THAT COME UP IN IN THE PUBLIC AND TO ALSO TO BE FAIR, RIGHT? TO LOOK AT THE LAW AND TO TREAT EVEN THOSE WHO WERE WHO THE COMPLAINT IS AGAIN AGAINST WITH FAIRNESS, RIGHT? TO LOOK AT, YOU KNOW, THEIR SIDE OF THE STORY.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE OKAY. WELL, THERE WAS AN ISSUE ACTUALLY WITH THE MEDICAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS AND THE ISSUE CAME ABOUT, YOU KNOW, TRYING TO CLOSE DOWN A MEETING TO DO IT IN PRIVATE TO DISCUSS AND IT WAS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THAT WARNED THEM OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW. THAT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN. IT'S GOOD TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SOMEBODY FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO GUIDE YOU IN THIS SCENARIO. I KNOW IN THE PAST WHEN YOU SAT ON THE BOARD THAT WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE CONCERNS NOT HAVING A DESIGNATED ATTORNEY TO ADVISE YOU. SO IT'S GOOD TO HEAR THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOMEONE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THAT IS NOW GOING TO HELP ADVISE YOU AND IN THIS SITUATION HOW HAVE YOU EVER DEALT AND MAYBE IN THE PAST WHEN YOU SAT THERE BUT GOING FORWARD IS REALLY IMPORTANT. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ADDRESS IF YOU SEE A FELLOW BOARD MEMBER WHO HAS DEFINITELY A CONFLICT OF INTEREST? UM, HOW WOULD YOU HANDLE THAT?

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JULIENNE DUENAS UM, I WOULD IN THE MEETING JUST ASK THAT THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE'S A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, RIGHT? AND TO MAYBE SUGGEST THAT THEY WOULD RECUSE THEMSELVES IN THE EVENT. OKAY.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE WHAT IF THEY REFUSE TO DO IT? AND EVEN THOUGH IT IS A CLEAR CONFLICT OF INTEREST, WOULD YOU VOTE ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO HAVE THE BOARD VOTE ON THEM TO FORCE HIM TO RECUSE HIMSELF?

JULIENNE DUENAS I THINK THAT IF THERE WAS A MOTION THAT CAME UP THAT WE AND WE FELT LIKE THERE WAS A CONFLICT, I WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE TO REMOVE THE CONFLICT. OKAY. IF THEY DON'T RECUSE THEMSELVES ON THEIR OWN ACCORD, RIGHT? YEAH. BUT IT I LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD ALL DO THAT.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE YES. SO WOULD I. BUT YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW MANY DON'T. YES. YOU KNOW, EVEN IN THIS BODY, YOU KNOW, THERE'S SITUATIONS THAT COME AROUND, YOU KNOW, AND IT'S QUESTIONABLE AND WE DESERVE IT TO THE PEOPLE. YOU KNOW, IF ANYONE'S GOING TO STAND UP AND VOLUNTEER TO DO A SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM, YOU KNOW, IT'S ADMIRABLE FOR THEM, BUT IT'S ALSO RESPONSIBILITY, A BIG RESPONSIBILITY, YOU KNOW, FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT YOU SERVE, THAT YOU ARE SERVING THEM, YOU KNOW, AND AND OF COURSE, MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN IF YOU COME INTO A SITUATION LIKE THAT. IT'S QUESTIONABLE AND NOBODY'S DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT. YOU KNOW, I'M INVITING YOU TO KNOCK ON MY DOOR, CALL ME, YOU KNOW, AT ANY TIME, AND I'LL BE GLAD TO ASSIST WHERE I CAN.

JULIENNE DUENAS THANK YOU FOR THAT.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE YOU'RE VERY WELCOME. I DO DID NOTICE I'M A REAL STICKLER WHEN IT COMES TO WEBSITE, YOU KNOW, TALKING ABOUT TRANSPARENCY AND I NOTICED ON THE BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH THAT YOU YOU'RE VERY GOOD AT POSTING YOUR MEETINGS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU KNOW, AND THERE'S ONE MEETING COMING UP. UM, HAVE YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY, MISS DUENAS, TO ACTUALLY READ THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS IN THE LAST AT LEAST THE LAST THREE MONTHS SO THAT YOU KNOW AS YOU GET YOUR FEET WET AGAIN?

JULIENNE DUENAS UM, NO.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE OKAY, I WILL. YEAH. OKAY, YOU WILL, RIGHT? JUST TO CATCH UP. I'M SURE YOU WILL.

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JULIENNE DUENAS I SURE WILL. I ACTUALLY DIDN'T KNOW WHEN THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. OKAY. I WAS THINKING IT WAS A YEAR. OH,

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE OKAY. NO. YEAH, WE'RE A LITTLE BIT FASTER THIS THIS TERM. OKAY. AND BUT I DO WANT TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH THAT OR THOSE WHO ARE WHO ARE HANDLING THE WEBSITE THAT THE JULY 11TH MINUTES OF THE MEETING HAVE NOT BEEN POSTED. AND IT'S IRONIC BECAUSE YOU HAVE AUGUST 1ST POSTED AND YOU HAVE SEPTEMBER 5TH POSTED, BUT THE FOR SOME REASON JULY 11TH I DON'T SEE POSTED. MAYBE I MAY BE WRONG, BUT I'M GOING ON YOUR WEBSITE AND NOTICE THAT IT'S NOT THERE. SO, IF WE CAN GET THAT UPDATED, THAT WOULD ALSO HELP THE NOMINEE TO, YOU KNOW, FOLLOW UP AND SEE WHAT SHE'S SHE GOT HERSELF INTO.

JULIENNE DUENAS THANK YOU, SENATOR TAITAGUE. I WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. I'M SURE IT'S POSTED TODAY. OKAY.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I GUESS YOU KNOW ONE LAST QUESTION I HAVE FOR YOU IS HOW DO YOU BALANCE PROTECTING YOU KNOW PATIENT SAFETY WITH SUPPORTING MEDICAL PROFESSIONS UNDER INVESTIGATION UNDER INVESTIGATION LIKE THE PATIENT SAFETY HOW ARE YOU GOING TO YOU KNOW ENSURE THEY'RE PROTECTING THE PATIENT WHEN THERE'S AN INVESTIGATION OF A YOU KNOW PROFESSIONAL

JULIENNE DUENAS WELL, THE IF THERE'S A COMPLAINT, THE PROFESSIONAL STILL HAS A LICENSE AND SO YOU CAN'T KEEP THEM FROM WORKING UNLESS DO YOU SEE WHAT I'M SAYING? SO, WE CAN HAVE MANY COMPLAINTS AGAINST US, SOME OF THEM WARRANTED, RIGHT? BUT I THINK THAT ONCE THE COMPLAINT IS THERE AND THE PERSON WHO THE COMPLAINT IS AGAINST THE PROFESSIONAL AND THEY COME TO THE MEETING AND WE ADDRESS IT I THINK FROM THERE THE BOARD DECIDES YOU KNOW AT WHAT POINT DO THEY ASK FOR A CEASE AND DESIST RIGHT I MEAN BECAUSE THERE'S YOU KNOW BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY COMPLAINTS BUT NOT ALL COMPLAINTS ARE LIFE THREATENING. YEAH. AND SO I I'M MAYBE I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING THE QUESTION.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE WELL, LET'S SAY FOR INSTANCE, THERE'S BEEN A COMPLAINT AGAINST ONE OF THE PROFESSIONALS, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE DOCTORS, AND MY QUESTION WAS, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF A PATIENT, KNOWINGLY THAT SOMEONE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION AT THE TIME? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT THE BOARD CAN DO TO, YOU KNOW, NOTIFY

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THIS INDIVIDUAL PHYSICIAN IS UNDER INVESTIGATION JUST SO THAT THEY KNOW AND HAVE THAT CHOICE. NOW, WE ALL KNOW THAT THE SOMETIMES IT'S NOT TRUE BECAUSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA, YOU KNOW, COMING OUT THERE, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE GUILTY BEFORE PROVEN INNOCENT KIND OF THING. AND IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE OPPOSITE. YOU KNOW, YOU'RE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. BUT WHEN THERE IS A COMPLAINT COMING OUT YOU KNOW ESPECIALLY IF IT'S A MULTIPLE COMPLAINT ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL DOCTOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PATIENT IS VERY IMPORTANT YOU KNOW WHETHER IT'S FROM A VETERINARIAN ACUPUNCTURE AND ANYTHING IN THE POSSESSION U PROFESSION THAT YOU OVERSEE. . THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY TO FIND A WAY TO, YOU KNOW, JUST NOTIFY PATIENTS SO THEY CAN MAKE A CHOICE THEMSELVES, YOU KNOW, AND I'M HOPING THAT MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING, YOU KNOW, MR. DUENAS, YOU CAN LOOK INTO ON HOW CAN THIS BOARD ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR PATIENT WHILE A PHYSICIAN IS UNDER INVESTIGATION. I HEAR YOU.

JULIENNE DUENAS YES. OKAY. I APPRECIATE THAT.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE IF YOU CAN LOOK AT MAYBE THAT COULD BE YOUR NUMBER ONE GOAL. I APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU AGAIN. THANK YOU. OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. MADAM CHAIR. OKAY.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, SENATOR TAITAGUE, VICE CHAIR, VICE SPEAKER, SENATOR.

VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, MISS DUENAS, FOR ACCEPTING THE GOVERNOR'S NOMINATION TO BECOME A PART OF THE BOARD. YOU KNOW, A LOT OF MY COLLEAGUES ASKED A LOT OF THE QUESTIONS. I THINK THE ONLY THING THAT REMAINS IS UM THERE'S A THERE'S COMPLAINTS THAT HAVE BEEN FILED TO THE BOARD AND CURRENTLY ARE UNRESOLVED, RIGHT? AND I HOPE THAT YOU GUYS WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND RESOLUTION TO THAT ENCLOSURE AND I THINK NOT JUST FOR THE PROFESSIONALS THAT IT'S AGAINST BUT ALSO FOR THE PATIENTS THAT YOU KNOW FILES THE FILE THESE COMPLAINTS. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT RESOLUTION DOES COME WHETHER IT GETS DISMISSED OR THERE'S ACTUAL CHARGES AGAINST. SO JUST SOMETHING TO ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND, RIGHT? BECAUSE IT'S JUST LIKE A CASE THAT GOES THROUGH THE COURTS OR SOMETHING, RIGHT? ALWAYS THE VICTIMS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR CLOSURE. SO THAT'S ONE THING. AND ESPECIALLY IN IN A PROFESSION WHERE FOLKS ARE JUST WEARY ABOUT NOW I'M NOT GOING TO GO HERE BECAUSE YOU KNOW

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THERE'S THAT THERE'S THAT THOUGHT OF NOTHING'S EVER GOING TO COME OF IT. SO WHY SHOULD I COMPLAIN OR AND THEN IT GET THE CASE GETS WORSE AND SO HOPEFULLY YOU GUYS WILL BE ABLE TO DO THAT. THE OTHER THING IS THE BOARD WITH YOUR APPOINTMENT IS THE BOARD FULLY ALL YEAH, EVERYONE'S THERE OR DO WE HAVE ANY VACANCIES STILL REMAINING?

BREANA SABLAN I CAN ANSWER THAT. THANK YOU, SENATOR. WE HAVE ONE VACANCY WHICH IS THE SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.

VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA HAS THE HAS ANYTHING GONE OUT FOR A SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST TO COME ON BOARD? NOTHING.

BREANA SABLAN I BELIEVE THERE WAS A NOMINATION AND WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. **VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA** OKAY. MS DUENAS, , YOU KNOW,, WHEN YOU GET ON TO THE BOARD, I HEARD YOU SAY THAT, , YOU YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THE MEETINGS. YOU'VE BEEN MAKING MEETINGS AND, , YOUR HUSBAND JUST DON'T TELL YOUR HUSBAND. I'M PRETTY SURE HE KNOWS BY NOW THAT , YOU'LL BE MAKING ALL THE MEETINGS, BUT WE WON'T TELL. THAT'S JUST KEPT BETWEEN US AND THE 170,000 PEOPLE THAT ARE WATCHING. MAYBE YOUR HUSBAND IS NOT WATCHING. SO, YEAH. BUT THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVE ON THE BOARD AND WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONFIRMATION ON THE NEXT SESSION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, VICE CHAIR. I DID HAVE A JUST A COUPLE OF FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS FROM SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE BROUGHT UP DURING THIS DISCUSSION. AGAIN, YOU SERVED JULIAN IN FROM THE 1990S TO 2010. DID THE BOARD HAVE AN INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL AT THE TIME OR WAS IT JUST AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL?

JULIENNE DUENAS THERE WAS NOT ONE ASSIGNED FOR US WHEN THERE WAS THE LARGE CASE WITH THE VETERINARIAN. THAT EVEN THERE WAS A PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WAS ONE ASSIGNED TO US AND I THINK THAT MAYBE THEY I DON'T THINK THEY SWITCHED OFF. THEY STAYED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE CASE.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS OKAY. AND BRIANNA, YOU MENTIONED THAT THERE IS ONE NOW ASSIGNED ASSISTANT AG TILMAN. WHEN DID THAT ASSIGNMENT OCCUR?

BREANA SABLAN THAT OCCURRED IN AUGUST. OKAY. AUGUST OF 2025. YES.

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SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS WOULD YOU SAY THAT THE LACK OF AN ATTORNEY ASSIGNED TO THE BOARD HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE DELAY OF THE RESOLUTION OF THESE COMPLAINTS?

BREANA SABLAN YES. TO SOME PART BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME THAT THE BOARD CAN DEFINITELY ADDRESS AND FIND A RESOLUTION. BUT WITH THE SEVEN COMPLAINTS THAT ARE ACTIVE RIGHT NOW, I CAN SAY THAT BECAUSE THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN DONE BY THE BOARD MEMBER, THEY NOW WANT TO GET LEGAL ADVICE ON THE SANCTIONS OR WHATEVER DECISION THAT BEFORE THEY BRING IT TO THE BOARD. SO THEY'RE ALREADY COMPLETED THESE INVESTIGATIONS. THEY'RE JUST READY FOR LEGAL ADVICE ON THE NEXT STEP TO BRING BASICALLY TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS WHAT ABOUT AN INVESTIGATOR WITH THE BOARD? DO YOU GUYS HAVE ACTIVE INVESTIGATORS ON THE BOARD OR

BREANA SABLAN AT THIS TIME? WE DO NOT. WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO AT FIRST WE WERE TRYING TO DO A PROCUREMENT WITH THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT. THAT DIDN'T WORK OUT IN TWO OR THREE FISCAL YEARS. WE'VE TRIED EVEN I'VE EVEN DRAFTED AN MOA WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO UTILIZE THEIR INVESTIGATORS. I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY FEEDBACK. IT WAS KIND OF REALLY IN THE FIRST TWO FISCAL YEARS TWO FISCAL YEARS BACK I WAS GETTING GOOD MOMENTUM OF RESPONSES REVIEWING AND THEN IT JUST BASICALLY DROPPED. I'VE I'M NOT EVEN CERTAIN THAT THE INDIVIDUAL THAT I WAS IN COMMUNICATION IS STILL EMPLOYED BY THE AG'S OFFICE. I DO WANT TO SAY THOUGH THAT WHEN WE DID HAVE ALL THREE ATTORNEYS LEGAL ATTORNEYS WITH THE CONFLICTS COUNCIL, DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL, AND A PROSECUTING COUNCIL. WE FOUND THAT EVEN WITH OUR CONFLICTS COUNCIL, THEY COULD NOT TAKE ON THE VETERINARIAN CASES. SO REALLY THAT'S THE BOARD VETERINARIAN MEMBER HAD A CONFLICT. THE CONF THE ATTORNEY THAT WE HAD A PAID ATTORNEY THAT WE WERE PAYING OUT OF THE ALLIED HEALTH HAD A CONFLICT WITH THE WITH THE VETERINARIAN. SO THAT'S REALLY WHY WE WERE TRYING TO DO AN OFF ISLAND EXPERT AND THAT DID NOT GO THROUGH FOR THE PAST TWO FISCAL YEARS. SO WE'RE GOING TO TRY AGAIN IN THIS YEAR. BUT AS FAR AS THE INVESTIGATOR, UM, WE HAVE TO CREATE A POSITION. SO, IT'S A MATTER OF CREATING THE POSITION AND I'M VERY CLOSE TO COMPLETING THAT AND WORKING WITH DOA TO CREATE THAT POSITION

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BECAUSE WE DO WE DO NEED THE INVESTIGATOR IN THE HPLO TO BE A SHARED POSITION WITH ALL THE NINE BOARDS.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS OKAY. CLEARLY, THIS IS A DISCUSSION THAT PROBABLY SHOULD BE EXPLORED FURTHER. ,SORRY JULIENNE, I KNOW THIS IS YOUR CONFIRMATION HEARING. , AND AGAIN, JUST THANK YOU FOR STEPPING UP AND ACCEPTING THIS NOMINATION AND WE WILL TRY TO PUSH THIS FORWARD IN THE NOVEMBER SESSION. SO, THANK YOU AGAIN.

JULIENNE DUENAS THANK YOU.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO THE SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA, THE FEE PACKAGE FOR THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO INVITE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THE NEW FEES, AS WELL AS THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM GMH AGAIN, IF YOU COULD SPEAK CLOSELY INTO THE MICROPHONE AND IDENTIFY YOURSELVES.

YUKA HECHANOVA GOOD MORNING, SENATORS. MY NAME IS YUKA HETCHANOVA. THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. , I DON'T HAVE ANY TESTIMONY, BUT WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE OR IF ANYBODY ELSE HAS ANY QUESTIONS FOR US. THANK YOU.

SYDIE TAISACAN GOOD MORNING, SENATOR SYDIE TAISICAN, GENERAL ACCOUNTING SUPERVISORS FOR GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS NAME PLEASE.

SYDIE TAISACAN GOOD MORNING AGAIN. SENATORS SYDIE TAISICAN.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS OKAY, SORRY. THANK YOU, SAIDIE. WE'LL OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS. I DID WANT TO START WITH I AS READING THROUGH THE NOTES FROM THE HEARING THAT GMH HELD A AND I NOTICED THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO ONE THAT CAME TO TESTIFY ON THE ON THE NEW FEES, BUT THERE WAS AN INQUIRY FROM CALVO SELECT CARE, MR. FRANK CAMPILLO AND HE WANTED MORE INFORMATION, I BELIEVE, AND HAD COMMENTS REGARDING THE NEW FEES. CAN YOU DISCLOSE WHAT THOSE COMMENTS WERE OR ANY POTENTIAL CONCERNS THAT HE MAY HAVE HAD? ,

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YUKA HECHANOVA HE DID EMAIL LATER ON ASKING WHERE HE COULD FIND A COPY OF THE FEES, WHICH WE DO POST ON OUR WEBSITE. SO, I GAVE HIM THE LINK TO THAT WHERE THE WHERE THE FEES WERE. UM, I BELIEVE HE ALSO SEPARATELY EMAILED SYDIE ABOUT SOME CLARIFICATION ON CPT CODES THAT WERE USED IN THE FEE SCHEDULE.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY WRITTEN CONCERNS ABOUT THESE NEW FEES? AND IF SO, COULD YOU PLEASE DISCLOSE?

YUKA HECHANOVA NO, MA'AM, WE DID NOT. THAT WAS THE ONLY THAT WAS THE ONLY COMMUNICATION WE HAD IN OUR RECORD. OKAY. SENATOR GUMATAOTAO, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND FOR THE RECORD, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT PRIOR TO THE PROPOSED 36 NEW FEES, GMHA INFORMED THE GUAM LEGISLATURE ON APRIL 11TH, 2025 OF 87 SEPARATE NEW FEES COMPRISING THE FOLLOWING GMHA DEPARTMENTS: CARDIOLOGY, GASTROENTEROLOGY, INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY, LABORATORY, OPERATING ROOM, PHARMACY, PULMONARY, AND RESPIRATORY. THE 87 FEES, I THINK THAT'S CORRECT, RIGHT? 87 FEES

YUKA HECHANOVA THAT THAT'S PROBABLY FROM A PRIOR THE LAST QUARTER.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO SO IT WOULD BE 36 THEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY, RIGHT?

YUKA HECHANOVA YES, FOR TODAY.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO SO I JUST WANTED TO BECAUSE I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND THIS AT THE WAS THIS IS GOING BACK TO MARCH 2025.THIS IS AN EXTENSION OF THIS THAT WE'RE SEEING TODAY.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES, WE HAVE NEW FEES THAT WE CREATE REGULARLY WHEN WE HAVE A NEW SUPPLY OR SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL FEE, BUT WE DO HAVE THE HEARINGS EVERY QUARTER. SO, OKAY, IT THIS IS HAPPENING EVERY QUARTER.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO OKAY, GOT YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. LET ME JUST JUMP AHEAD TO PROBABLY MY BIGGER CONCERN ON THIS OUTSIDE OF THE JUST THE WHOLE PROCESS ITSELF. BUT BASED ON OPA REPORT 1901 REGARDING GMHA BILLING AND COLLECTIONS OF TRUE SELF-PAY

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ACCOUNTS, THE OPA FOUND AT THAT TIME THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE DATES WHEN NEW CHARGE RATE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AFFECTED VERSUS THE DATE WHEN THE CHARGES WERE UPDATED IN GMHA SYSTEM. THIS FINDING WAS SIMILAR TO AN EARLIER FINDING CONCERNING THE DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF A 5% INCREASE FOR ALL ROOM AND BOARD CHARGES WHICH WERE EFFECTIVE THIS GOES BACK TO APRIL 1ST OF 2017 BUT IMPLEMENTED AFTER ONLY THE ISSUE WAS ISSUED. TO WHAT EXTENT HAS IN YOUR EXPERIENCE RECENTLY HAS GHA ENCOUNTERED CHALLENGES IN UPDATING ITS BILLING SYSTEM BASED ON WHAT WOULD BE THESE TYPES OF THINGS THE 9500 PROFESSIONAL FEES IN YOUR CHARGE LIBRARY THAT WAS EFFECTIVE ON MARCH 1ST AND THE ANNUAL FIVE 5% ACROSS THE BOARD RATE INCREASE ON APRIL 1ST.

YUKA HECHANOVA UM CURRENTLY WE DO IMPLEMENT THE 5% ANNUAL INCREASE WHICH IS ALLOWED BY THE LEGISLATURE. WE HAVE NO ISSUES UPDATING IT. THEY'RE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1ST AND WE ALSO INCLUDE THEM IN THE QUARTERLY HEARINGS THAT WE HAVE WITH THE PAYERS TO INFORM THEM. ALSO THE EFFECTIVE DATE IS ALSO HAS BEEN CORRECTED. I THINK AT THE TIME THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RATES WERE RETROACTIVE BUT THE SYSTEM WAS CAUSING SOME ISSUES WITH THAT BUT WE MAKE THE DATE OF THE RATE THE RATES EFFECTIVE THE DATE THEY SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO OKAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND MY ONLY OTHER QUESTION HAS A LOT TO DO WITH MY COMMITTEE, BUT WHAT PORTION OF GMHA'S TOTAL SELF-PAY GROUP, WHICH GENERATED ABOUT 10% OF YOUR PAYERS, THIS IS GOING BACK BETWEEN JULY OF 2021 TO OCTOBER 22, REFLECT DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INMATE OR DETAINEE POPULATION, AND WHAT NEW INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE REGARDING GMHA'S EFFORTS TO HAVE MEDICAID COVER ELIGIBLE INMATES AND DETAINEES WHENEVER THEY RECEIVE HOSPITAL SERVICE OUTSIDE OF GMHA'S AND DOC AGREEMENT WHICH IS WELL I GUESS NOW FUNDED SEPARATELY.

YUKA HECHANOVA GOING BACK TO THE FIRST QUESTION, SENATOR, JUST TO CLARIFY, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF SELF-PAY BELONGS TO DOC?

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO YES.

YUKA HECHANOVA NONE OF IT.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO OKAY. YEAH,

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YUKA HECHANOVA WE HAVE THAT CLASSIFIED UNDER GOV GUAM RECEIVABLES UNDER DOC BECAUSE WHEN THEY ARE AN INMATE, THEY ARE PRETTY MUCH UNDER THE CUSTODY OF THE GOVERNMENT. SO THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE MEDICAL BILLS.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO AND CAN YOU COMMENT ON MEDICAID COVERAGE OF ELIGIBLE INMATES?

YUKA HECHANOVA YES. NOW WE ARE WE LEARNED THAT THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID COVERAGE. SO THOSE INMATES WHEN THEY ARE ADMITTED ARE GIVEN THE DOCUMENTATION TO APPLY FOR MEDICAID. SO WE'RE MOVING THEM TO MEDICAID NOW WHILE THEY ARE OUR PATIENT IN THE HOSPITAL.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO AND I'M SURE THAT SOME OF THE SOME OF THE DOCUMENTATION, DO YOU COORDINATE THAT PRETTY CLOSELY WITH DOC?

YUKA HECHANOVA WITH DOC AND WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AS WELL.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THAT'S ALL THE QUESTION I HAVE.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, SENATOR GUMATAOTAO. SENATOR TERLAJE,

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE THANK YOU., CAN YOU JUST CLARIFY ON THE FOOTNOTE FOR YOUR MINUTES OF THE HEARING? IT SAYS THAT RECEIVED EMAIL FROM MR. CAMPILLO OF SELECT CARE ON JUNE 19 REQUESTING TO CLARIFY SOME CPT CODES THAT ARE DUPLICATED AND THAT GMHA PROVIDED ITS RESPONSE ON JULY 1ST. WHAT WAS THE RESPONSE FROM GMH?

SYDIE TAISACAN SO THE RESPONSE WITH MR. CAMPILLO IS WE MENTIONED TO HIM ON THE EMAIL THAT THAT'S NOT A DUPLICATE CPT BUT RATHER WHAT WE ARRANGE ON THE CHARGE CODE FOR EACH DEPARTMENT. IT MIGHT BE IT'S THE SAME CPT BUT IT'S BY DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT REQUEST. SO THERE'S GOING TO BE A CPT LET'S SAY 99211 OR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY USE THAT CPT AND CAN BE DUPLICATED ALSO ON LET'S SAY OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT. SO THAT WAY WE CAN TRACK WHAT'S THE INCOME OR REVENUE PER DEPARTMENT BY CPT. IT'S NOT A DUPLICATE BUT IT'S CATEGORIZED PER DEPARTMENT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ALL RIGHT. AND THEN WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR FEES, THERE'S THINGS LIKE NAPROXEN 500 MILLIGRAM TABLETS 96 CENTS, PHARMACY DEPARTMENT, CBT CODE JB4 99, REVENUE CODE 251. WHY IS THAT

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WHY WAS THAT NOT ON YOUR LIST PRIOR TO TODAY OR PRIOR TO THIS QUARTER? IT SEEMS TO LIKE SOME OF THESE THINGS SODIUM BICARBONATE. WHY ARE THESE NEW?

YUKA HECHANOVA THESE ARE REQUESTS COMING DIRECTLY FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT ARE LISTED THERE. SO WHENEVER THEY GET A NEW ITEM AND IT'S USUALLY MAYBE A DIFFERENT BRAND OR A DIFFERENT DOSE, A DIFFERENT SOLUTION, DIFFERENT VENDOR. AND SO IN THAT CASE, THEY WILL REQUEST FOR A NEW CHARGE CODE SPECIFICALLY TO DIFFERENTIATE WHAT CHARGE CODE IS USED FOR THE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT THEY USE.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ALL RIGHT. BECAUSE YEAH, SOME OF THESE LOOK LIKE YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN USING THEM, RIGHT? BUT YOU'RE SAYING SO THESE MIGHT BE DIFFERENT BRANDS, BUT THE BRANDS DON'T SHOW ON YOUR NEW FEE SCHEDULE.

SYDIE TAISACAN NO.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE NO. ALL RIGHT. AND THEN THE CPT CODE AND THE REVENUE CODES ARE SOMETIMES THE SAME ALTHOUGH THE FEE MODEL IS THE RATE IS VERY DIFFERENT. HOW DOES THAT WORK IN YOUR SYSTEM?

SYDIE TAISACAN SO REVENUE CODE IS CATEGORIZED BY CLASSIFICATION. AND SO IF YOU'VE NOTICED HERE ON THE DEPARTMENT WHEN IT SAYS PHARMACY, THE REVENUE CODE THAT ASSIGNED TO PHARMACY IS REVENUE CODE 2500 SERIES ALL THE WAY TO 25 251 252. SO THERE'S A CLASSIFICATION 251 IS LET'S SAY IF IT'S ADMINISTERED IN THE HOSPITAL. 251 AND 252 IF IT'S AN OUTPATIENT OR IT'S A TAKE-HOME IT'S A TAKE-HOME MEDICATION. SUPPLIES IS CATEGORIZED AS 272. SO THERE'S A CLASSIFICATION FOR CPD.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ALL RIGHT. SO NEITHER OF THOSE CLASSIFICATIONS IS WHAT'S DETERMINING THE AMOUNT. IT'S JUST YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT IN THE FEE RATE INTO YOUR SYSTEM FOR THE AMOUNT.

SYDIE TAISACAN WHEN WE CALCULATED THE CHARGE CODE OR THE CHARGE FEE, WE CONSIDER THE CPT CODE AND REVENUE CODE. SO WE MAKE SURE THAT EACH CHARGE CODE ARE ALIGNED WITH CPT AND REVENUE CODE. BUT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, SENATOR, THAT THERE'S NOTHING THERE THAT CAN CALCULATE OR FOR THE FEE, YES, WE USE THAT AS A FACTOR BECAUSE WE CANNOT CREATE A CHARGE CODE IF REVENUE CODE IS NOT ON THAT CLASSIFICATION.

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SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ALL RIGHT. AND SO THESE RATES, THEY MATCH MEDICARE OR HOW DID YOU DETERMINE THEM?

SYDIE TAISACAN SO IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE CHARGE CODE AND WHAT KIND OF SERVICES OR PROCEDURE. SO IF WE'RE GOING TO GET OR CALCULATE A FEE FOR A PROFESSIONAL FEE, CURRENTLY WE'RE USING OUR REFERENCE THE PROFESSIONAL FEE RATE OR THE PFR. THAT'S WHERE WE BASE OUR CALCULATION FOR COMING UP WITH A FEE FOR DIFFERENT CPT CODE. THE CHARTS GO LIKE SUPPLIES LIKE MEDICATION. WE USE OUR PURCHASE ORDER TO CALCULATE. BUT SO BASICALLY WHEN YOU SAY MEDICARE, MEDICARE IS FOR PROFESSIONAL FEE. BUT CURRENTLY WE ARE NOT USING THE MEDICARE BECAUSE OUR REFERENCE FOR CALCULATING PROFESSIONAL FEE IS THE PFR OR PHYSICIAN FEE REFERENCE.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE THAT'S A GMH PRODUCT OR IS THAT A NATIONAL

YUKA HECHANOVA A NATIONAL PRODUCT THAT WE USE?

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE OKAY. YES. AND ARE YOU ABLE TO GET REIMBURSED AT THOSE RATES THEN BY MEDICARE? WOULD THESE BE REIMBURSEABLE AT THESE RATES BY MEDICARE?

YUKA HECHANOVA FOR THE PROFESSIONAL FEE? NO. MEDICARE HAS A SEPARATE MEDICARE PROFESSIONAL FEE SCHEDULE, THE MPFS THAT THEY USE FOR THOSE RATES. SO IF WE'RE CHARGING FOR THE PFR, WE WILL ONLY GET REIMBURSED THE MEDICARE RATE FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE OKAY. SO THESE MIGHT BE HIGHER.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ALL RIGHT. HOW HAS BEEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE ROOM RATES THAT WERE CONTROVERSIAL?

YUKA HECHANOVA THEY'RE IN EFFECT RIGHT NOW.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE HAVE THERE BEEN CHALLENGES TO THEM OR ANY DISPUTE OR NON-PAYMENT?

SYDIE TAISACAN FOR HMO THERE'S WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE QUESTION INQUIRIES OR CHALLENGE FROM THEM BUT FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID OR WE CALL 3M SO EVEN THOUGH THE ROOM BOARD FOR EXAMPLE IS 3,000 PER DAY WE GET REIMBURSED BY PDM RATE

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SYDIE TAISACAN WHICH IS CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15 WE HAVE A NEW RATE OF 1300 FROM 1600. LAST YEAR

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE IT WENT DOWN.

YUKA HECHANOVA IT'S ADJUSTED EVERY SIX MONTHS.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE OKAY. SO THOSE WENT DOWN FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE BUT THEY'RE AT THE SAME 2000 SOME FOR THE HMOS.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES. YES.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ALL RIGHT. BUT THEY'VE BEEN PAYING .

YUKA HECHANOVA YES. THEY'VE BEEN

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS AS WELL. SI YUUS MAASE.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE. SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING LADIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS. I KNOW THAT YOU MENTIONED EARLIER THIS IS DONE QUARTERLY. WHICH IS GOOD. AND I YOU KNOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT MORE TO SAY. I HAD QUESTIONS ON THE PROFESSIONAL FEES TOO AND SENATOR TERLAJE IS YOU KNOW VERY WELL VERSSED ON THIS. SO, I'M JUST GOING TO TAKE HER LEAD FROM THIS AND THE QUESTIONS THAT SHE HAD WAS VERY, VERY GOOD. ANSWERED ALL MINE, ALL MY BOXES. HOWEVER, I DO HAVE A QUESTION THOUGH SINCE I HAVE YOU IN FRONT OF FRONT OF ME. , AND THESE WELL, IT DOESN'T REALLY DO WITH THESE RATES, AND I HOPE, MADAM CHAIRMAN, YOU CAN YOU DON'T MIND IF YOU INDULGE ME ON THIS SINCE I HAVE THEM IN FRONT OF ME. THE \$40 MILLION THAT WAS APPROPRIATED TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND THE INTENTION OF APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDING. THERE'S A CONCERN THAT I'M RECEIVING FROM A WHISTLEBLOWER BUT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WANTS TO BE ANONYMOUS THAT THESE FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE USED FOR SALARY INCREASES. IS THAT TRUE?

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YUKA HECHANOVA NO MA'AM.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE OKAY. SO NONE OF THE THAT 40 MILLION OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT OR THE INTENTION IS GOING TO GO TO SALARIES.

YUKA HECHANOVA NO, THOSE THE 40 MILLION IS GOING TO VENDORS ALL

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE AND ALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES. OKAY.

YUKA HECHANOVA AS STATED IN THE IN THE PUBLIC LAW, WE ARE FOLLOWING THAT PUBLIC LAW.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE OKAY. BECAUSE I'M HEARING DIFFERENTLY THAT IN FACT VERBATIM WHAT THEY'RE SAYING IS THAT SORRY GMH ON THIS SCRUTINIZED OKAY UTILITY IT BUT THEY'RE ACCORDING TO OKAY THE HIRING CONCERNS NOW THAT GMH IS PROMOTING HIRING AND DOING ABOVE STEP CHANGING TITLES REDUCING OVERTIME HOURS AND ETC. UM, THIS IS FROM AN SOMEONE CALLING MY OFFICE. NOW, SINCE I HAVE YOU IN FRONT OF ME, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS MONEY IS GOING TO BE SPENT FOR VENDORS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, AND OF COURSE, , THE CHAIR ALSO HAS A BILL AS WELL AS MYSELF, AND I'M GOING TO TRY AND MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT TO MAKE SURE IT DOES NOT GO TO SALARY INCREASES OR ABOVE STEP, YOU KNOW, RECRUITMENT.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES, MA'AM. UM, WE'RE ALSO REQUIRED IN THE LAW TO PROVIDE A QUARTERLY REPORT OF ALL OF THE USES OF THE FUNDS. SO, UM, WE DID PROVIDE AN INTERIM REPORT. , BUT, UM, I THINK BY THE END OF OCTOBER, WE'LL PROBABLY PROVIDE THE FIRST OF A QUARTERLY REPORT BECAUSE MOST OF THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT BY THEN.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ANSWERING MY QUESTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR INDULGING ME ON THAT QUESTION. THANK YOU.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, SENATOR TAITAGUE., SENATOR TERLAJE, YOU DID U MENTION THAT YOU AD ONE MORE QUESTION. JUST ONE MORE.,

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SO FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S ONE ITEM HERE, \$25,000. YOU'RE SAYING IT'S A NEW FEE FOR THORA GRAFT 2QF OR SOMETHING. 20F. WHAT IS THIS? SO, WOULD YOU DESCRIBE IS THIS IS SOMETHING BRAND NEW

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THAT YOU'RE PROVIDING THAT GMH DID NOT PROVIDE BEFORE? IS THIS BECAUSE OF THE NEW MACHINE THAT YOU BROUGHT IN OR HOW WHAT IS IT?

YUKA HECHANOVA YES, IT IT'S A NEW SUPPLY THAT WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE USED ON THE PATIENT. THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED THAT IT TURNED OUT THAT THEY DIDN'T NEED TO USE IT FOR THE PATIENT, BUT WE HAD ALREADY CREATED THE CHARGE CODE FOR IT. SO THAT'S WHY IT'S ON THE LIST, BUT THE THE ITEM WAS NOT USED IN THE PATIENT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE OKAY. SO THE NEW MACHINE THAT YOU HAVE UP THERE, ARE THOSE ALL THE SERVICES FROM THAT MACHINE ALREADY BUILT IN PREVIOUS OR IN EXISTING RATES?

SYDIE TAISACAN I'M NOT SURE. CAN YOU SAY THAT MACHINE AGAIN?

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE I KNOW YOU HAD A LIKE AN OPEN HOUSE AND YOU CALLED US IN TO SEE IT.

SYDIE TAISACAN THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 17 SENATOR IS A SUPPLY. SO I BELIEVE THIS SUPPLIES IS CONSIGNMENT AND AS WHAT MISS YUKA MENTIONED EARLIER THIS SUPPLY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR A PROCEDURE BUT WE'RE NOT WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PROCEDURE IF IT'S CANCELED OR WHAT. SO, BUT EVERY TIME THAT THERE'S A NEW SUPPLY THAT IT'S GOING TO USE TO ANY PROCEDURE, WE NEED TO CREATE A CHARGE CODE AS REQUESTED BY THAT DEPARTMENT. SO, WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS SUPPLIES IS WAS RETURNED TO TO THE VENDOR THIS IS A CONSIGNMENT I BELIEVE. OKAY. SO, WE DON'T HAVE THIS SUPPLIES IN OUR POSSESSION RIGHT NOW, BUT WE HAVE THE CHARGE CODE. YEAH.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE YES. ALL RIGHT. SO YOU'RE STILL FINDING THINGS THAT YOU HAVE NEVER DONE BEFORE THAT NEED TO CREATE A FEE AND IN THE INTERIM THEY YOU CAN'T CHARGE IT.

YUKA HECHANOVA NO, THAT'S WHY THERE ARE SO MANY SUPPLIES THAT WE HAVE AND THEN SOMETIMES SOME OF THE SUPPLIES WE HAVE WILL END UP BECOMING OBSOLETE, BUT THERE'S STILL A CHARGE CODE FOR IT. SO THERE'S ALWAYS NEW THINGS COMING UP THAT WE PURCHASE ALL THE TIME. SO THAT'S WHY THE LIST WE DO THIS EVERY QUARTER AND WE NEVER WE NEVER COME AND SUBMIT SOMETHING TO THE LEGISLATURE WITH NOTHING. WE ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING TO SUBMIT.

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SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE OKAY. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT MACHINE I'M TALKING ABOUT? THE ONE YOU HAD AN OPEN HOUSE RECENTLY. WHAT IS THAT CALLED?

YUKA HECHANOVA THAT IS THE ANGIO SUITE. OKAY. THE ANGIO SUITE.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE HAVE YOU HAVE YOU INCORPORATED ALL THE BILLINGS FOR THAT NEW EVEN BEFORE THE MACHINE WAS

YUKA HECHANOVA WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE READY TO USE THE MACHINE AND THE CHARGE FOR THE SUPPLIES THAT ARE NECESSARY

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE AND IS IT IS IT CREATING REVENUE FOR THE HOSPITAL? YES. YES. BECAUSE WE'RE USING IT. SO YES, OF COURSE. SO AS YOU EXPECTED

YUKA HECHANOVA I'M NOT SURE I COULD ANSWER THAT RIGHT NOW BUT WE CAN ANALYZE THAT TO SEE. BUT IT IS OF COURSE HELPING PATIENTS. IT'S A VERY STATE-OF-THE-ART MACHINE. SO IT IS HELPING PEOPLE. OUR ISSUE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE MAJORITY OF OUR PATIENTS REALLY FALL UNDER MEDICARE OR MEDICAID. AND IF THEY ARE USING THE MACHINE AS AN INPATIENT, THEN WE DO NOT GET REIMBURSED FOR THE CHARGES BECAUSE IT'S ROLLED INTO THAT PDM RATE THAT WE GET FROM MEDICARE.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU AGAIN, MADAM CHAIR.

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, SENATOR TERLAJE, AND THANK YOU, , SYDIE AND YUKA FOR COMING DOWN SPEAKING ABOUT THE NEW GMH FEES., I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK, , THOSE WHO CAME EARLIER, , TO THE GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING. AND AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE JOINING US ONLINE. IF YOU DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK, YOU CAN STILL SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO MY OFFICE BY EMAIL AT OFFICE.SENATORBRI@GUAMLEGISLATURE.COM. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. THE TIME IS NOW 10:04. THIS HEARING IS ADJOURNED.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:04 AM.

III. Findings and Recommendations

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs convened on October 9, 2025, to consider the Governor's appointment of Julienne R. Duenas, Doctor of Physical Therapy, as the Physical

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Therapy representative on the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners, the hearing included testimony from the Acting Health Professional Licensing Office Administrator, who strongly supported Duenas' appointment, highlighting her extensive clinical experience, deep understanding of professional and ethical standards, and commitment to public service. Duenas herself outlined her decades-long career in physical therapy, prior service on the Board, and dedication to protecting the public by ensuring proper licensing and oversight of allied health professionals. During committee questioning, Duenas discussed recent improvements in Board regulations and expressed her intent to help resolve ongoing complaints through collaboration and effective meetings. The committee found Duenas to be highly qualified and recommended her appointment, emphasizing her potential to provide stability, continuity, and strong representation for physical therapists on the Board. The committee urges the legislature to confirm Duenas so she can begin her work safeguarding the health and safety of the Guam community.

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs hereby reports- out on – Office of the Governor - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Julianne R. Duenas, PT, DPT, Member (Physical Therapy – Representative), Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.” With the recommendation **TO DO CONFIRM** .