

I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, on May 6, 2013 pursuant to P.L. 32-024:2 the Department of
4 Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA) was renamed the Guam Behavioral
5 Health and Wellness Center; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center's mission is to
7 provide a culturally respectful, quality behavioral health services, that support and
8 strengthen the well-being of the persons served, their families and the community in a
9 safe environment; and

10 **WHEREAS**, founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of
11 Rehabilitation Facilities, CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor
12 of health and human services focused on advancing the quality of services used to
13 meet needs for best possible outcomes; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on June 21-23, 2017, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness
15 Center's staff along with Benny A. Pinaula, Deputy Director; Cydsel Victoria R.

1 Toledo, Quality Improvement Coordinator/CARF Compliance Officer; and Rey M.
2 Vega, Director; hosted a CARF accreditation survey team led by Nora Y. Navarro-
3 Hernandez, M.S., LCPC, CHC, CPHQ, Administrative Surveyor; Rona A. Krueger,
4 M.S.W., Program Surveyor; Henrietta G. Fishman, LCSW, DCSW, CASAC, Program
5 Surveyor; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the CARF standards have been developed over 50 plus years by
7 international teams of service providers, policy makers, family members, and
8 consumers. The standards have also been submitted to the public for review to
9 validate relevancy and ensure input from all interested stakeholders; and

10 **WHEREAS**, through accreditation, CARF assists service providers in
11 improving the quality of their services, demonstrating value, and meeting
12 internationally recognized organizational and program standards for: Aspire to
13 Excellence, General Program Standards, Behavioral Core Program Standards, and
14 Behavioral Health Specific Population Designation Standards; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the accreditation process applies sets of standards to service areas
16 and business practices during an on-site survey. Accreditation, however, is an ongoing
17 process, signaling to the public that a service provider is committed to continuously
18 improving services, encouraging feedback, and serving the community. Accreditation
19 also demonstrates a provider's commitment to enhance its performance, manage its
20 risk, and distinguish its service delivery; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center's leadership has
22 made great efforts to improve service, develop strong and positive partnerships with
23 its stakeholders. Along with a team-based model that provides consistency of care for
24 persons throughout the treatment; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the organization is compassionate, dedicated, competent, and
26 caring in its expansion of services out into the community driven by tenured staff

1 members represented by various ethnicities of our island, committed Public Guardians
2 and leadership to ensure the consumers feel welcomed in offices that are warm,
3 inviting and complimented with beautiful local artwork throughout its offices; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center host an attractive
5 and easy to navigate website that is full of helpful material about mental health and
6 substance use, as well as events calendar of upcoming services for the people of
7 Guam; and

8 **WHEREAS**, during the on-site survey, the CARF Team evaluated the various
9 divisions of Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, these include: Guma
10 Asusena; Guma Hinemlo; Guma Kamia; Guma Pahong; CASD I-Famagu'on-ta; New
11 Beginings; PEACE Prevention and Training; and Healing Hearts; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center's vision is for a
13 healthy island, committed to promoting and improving the behavioral health and well-
14 being of our community which has resulted in a successful three year accreditation
15 expiring in June 30, 2020; now therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
18 of Guam, commend and congratulate the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness
19 Center on achieving their first accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of
20 Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and to further extending a warm Un Dångkolo na Si
21 Yu'os Ma'åse' for their commitment to behavioral care for the people of Guam; and
22 be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
24 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
25 the same be thereafter transmitted the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center;
26 Nora Y. Navarro-Hernandez, M.S., LCPC, CHC, CPHQ, Administrative Surveyor;

- 1 Rona A. Krueger, M.S.W., Program Surveyor; Henrietta G. Fishman, LCSW, DCSW,
- 2 CASAC, Program Surveyor and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
- 3 *Guáhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE ____
DAY OF ____ 2017.**

Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Speaker

Régine Biscoe Lee
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Régine Biscoe Lee
Legislative Secretary