

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guðhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

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134-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D., T.A. Morrison	Relative to recognizing "Nurses' Week" entitled "Delivering Quality and Innovation in Patient Care" and extending a warm and sincere Un Dankolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), Bureau of Family Health and Nursing Services (BFHNS) for their hard work and dedication in providing quality health care services to our island community	5/14/13 9:34 a.m.	5/17/13 1:00pm			5/17/2013

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 134-32 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the nursing staff of the Bureau of Family Health and Nursing Services of the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, on the occasion of “Nurses’ Week,” with the theme: “Delivering Quality and Innovation in Patient Care”; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to the nursing staff for their hard work and dedication in providing quality health care services to our island community.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Bureau of Family Health and Nursing Services
4 (BFHNS) of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) is “*To*
5 *provide Community Health Nursing Services by Synthesizing Nursing Practice and*

1 *Public Health Practices which focuses on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention,*
2 *Early Detection, and Treatment of Health Problems and the Restoration of Health of*
3 *Individuals, Families, and Communities.”* The BFHNS Nursing Staff continues to
4 follow this mission while working with every patient, family, and community to the
5 best of their ability; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the BFHNS has some of the hardest working nurses within the
7 DPHSS. There are 12 Registered Nurses, including Evangeline Manibusan RN NP,
8 Relida Sumaylo RN, Patricia Solidum RN WHNP, Cynthia Dumlao-Taitano RN FNP,
9 Ofelia Elayda RN, Lynn Okada RN, Rosario Realica RN, Eva Losbanes RN, Leonel
10 Arcangel RN, Sherill Tinio RN, Christel Reichert RN, and Margarita Gay RN MN;
11 one Licensed Practical Nurse, Arleen Dela Cruz; and six Certified Nurse Aides,
12 including Lea Bolano, Ester Gutierrez, Celia Gajo, Susan Wade, Lucia Pisaro and
13 Ernie Mendez, who are part of the BFHNS team; and

14 **WHEREAS**, these BFHNS nurses are the heart of the service providers of the
15 Department of Public Health and Social Services. Some of the important duties of the
16 nurses include taking clients’ vital signs, conducting routine pregnancy testing, getting
17 appointments with a nurse practitioner, administer child and adult immunizations,
18 prenatal and postpartum care for pregnant mothers, and home visits with families and
19 their children; and

20 **WHEREAS**, education, counseling and health awareness would also not be
21 possible without the labor of BFHNS nurses taking the lead. Disaster nursing may not
22 be performed in time of need, and a high incidence of childhood diseases may
23 continue to spread throughout the community, if Public Health Nurses were not
24 around to provide services to our island of Guam; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the hard work and dedication of BFHNS nurses are truly
26 commendable as seen through their accomplishments. The BFHNS nursing staff has

1 had a total of 26,268 patient encounters that were seen and cared for this fiscal year.
2 The Bureau was also able to offer 10 clinical services to the community, and a total of
3 23,925 encounters this fiscal year; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the BFHNS nursing staff was able to immunize children
5 throughout the community, including at the Central Public Health Walk-In Clinics, at
6 the monthly WIC Child Immunization Outreaches and the Child Immunization
7 Outreaches at the different villages, within at-risk communities, at the Mayors'
8 Offices, at government agencies, and at the shopping malls. The staff also provided
9 immunizations at the GHURA housing areas in the villages of *Umatac*, *Dededo*, and
10 *Merizo*; as well as at the *Astumbo* and *Mangilao* Community Centers; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the nurses were able to immunize 6,586 children this fiscal year.
12 The BFHNS nurses, along with the Honolulu Shriners' Hospital, provided an outreach
13 specialty clinic for Children with Special Health Care Needs that was held in January
14 2013, in which they provided nursing services to 615 encounters this fiscal year; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Central Public Health Clinic held a 2 month long
16 Immunization Clinic providing daily immunizations to children for the upcoming
17 school year. With only 9 nurses providing immunizations to 50 children a day within
18 the 4 days before the start of school, there were a total of 2,113 children that were
19 seen; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on January 25, 2013, the BFHNS staff participated in the
21 Salvation Army 2013 Homeless "Point in Time" Count for the south, central and
22 northern villages. They were able to assist in counting a total of 1,100 homeless
23 clients on the island of Guam; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the BFHNS staff also provided chronic screening and
25 vaccinations to the homeless population in the "Passport to Services" Homeless

1 Outreach that was conducted by the Homeless Coalition at the *Agaña* Shopping
2 Center on April 12, 2013; and

3 **WHEREAS**, during the Senior Citizens Month that was organized by the
4 DPHSS Division of Senior Citizens, the BFHNS staff conducted different functions
5 for the senior citizens at various locations, such as at St. Dominic's, at the Adult Day
6 Care, and at the Conference. The registered nurses from the Bureau were rotated to
7 attend these functions as first responders; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the BFHNS also sponsored the "Annual Healthy Mothers Healthy
9 Babies Fair," which was held in October 2012 at the Micronesia Mall, where a total of
10 382 encounters were seen. There were a total of 32 exhibitors that participated with
11 exhibit tables from various partners in the community. The nurses provided
12 screenings and healthy Maternal And Child Health Education, and Awareness in a
13 Healthy Family and Healthy Parenting, to families that attended; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the BFHNS nurses have been providing chronic screening
15 annually at the "Payless Kick-the-Fat Event," which this year was held in April 2013
16 at the *Paseo* Stadium grounds in *Hagåtña*. This was in partnership with the DPHSS
17 Chronic Disease Program. A total of 89 patients were seen, with 42 patients being
18 counseled on abnormal blood sugar and cholesterol results; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Community Health Nurses and the Administrator have always
20 been mentors to the nursing students of the University of Guam's School of Nursing.
21 In the last quarter, over 15 students were able to experience the public health clinics
22 and home visits with our 6 Community Health Nurses to provide clinical experience
23 within the public health area, home visiting, providing screenings, and immunizations.
24 There was an enrollment of 32 senior nursing students needing the practicum in order
25 to complete their required hours for Community Health Nursing; and

1 **WHEREAS**, a recent activity demonstrated that our BFHNS nurses are being
2 well-trained in Disaster Nursing Services. They were able to demonstrate our Mass
3 Casualty Plan with Triage Nursing; the Airport Disaster Drill; the Homeland Security
4 Table-Top Exercises; Mass Immunization Drills and Outreaches; and

5 **WHEREAS**, one unique activity that is outstanding to the BFHNS district
6 nursing was that they were able to assist the Department of Corrections (DOC) with
7 nursing coverage for the PPD screening, and also to staff their Infirmary with nursing
8 coverage. They conducted the PPD skin testing and reading at the *Hagåtña* Lock-Up
9 and at the *Mangilao* Detention Facility. The PPD skin testing was a result of both
10 facilities not having a licensed nurse to conduct the skin testing. This was temporary,
11 until the facilities were able to hire a licensed nurse. There were about 200 encounters
12 during this collaboration of DOC and DPHSS; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the DPHSS Bureau of Family Health and Nursing Services has
14 dedicated their invaluable time and expertise in providing quality health care to the
15 people of Guam and ensuring a healthy island environment; now therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
18 of Guam, recognize and commend the nursing staff of the Bureau of Family Health
19 and Nursing Services of the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services,
20 on the occasion of “Nurses’ Week,” with the theme: “Delivering Quality and
21 Innovation in Patient Care”; and does further extend a warm *Un Dångkolo Na Si*
22 *Yu’os Ma’åse’* to the nursing staff for their hard work and dedication in providing
23 quality health care services to our island community; and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
25 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
26 the same be thereafter transmitted to Department of Public Health and Social Services,

- 1 Bureau of Family Health and Nursing Services; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
- 2 Calvo, *I Maga'láhen Guáhan*.

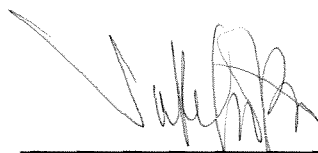
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 17TH DAY OF
MAY 2013.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



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Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Legislative Secretary