

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	Date Adopted
362-33 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to recognizing, memorializing, and honoring the late Don P. Sabang for his dedication to patient care through his management of the Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Program and the New Beginnings Program at the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; and extending a sincere <i>Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'</i> for faithfully serving our island community; and further extending condolences to his family for his passing on behalf of the people of Guam.	05/05/16 3:50 p.m.	05/06/16 6:00 p.m.					05/06/16

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 362-33(COR)

Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Don P. Sabang was born on December 16, 1966 and is the
4 son of Mr. and Mrs. †Pedro Sabang and Tertong Sabang; Don is survived by his wife
5 Daphne C. Sabang and son Derek Uebbing; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Don will be missed by his twin sisters: Frances Sabang and Annie
2 Estrada; brothers and their spouses: William and Rose Sabang, †Bengalang and Mulun
3 Sabang, †Ronnie Sabang, and Robert and Maggie Sabang; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1985, Don graduated from George Washington High School,
5 Guam. In 1990, he continued his education at the University of Guam, where he
6 earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and subsequently a Master’s degree in
7 Guidance Counseling; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Don was an exceptional supervisor and mentor with the Substance
9 Abuse Prevention & Treatment (SAPT) Program and with the New Beginnings
10 Program - Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC); and

11 **WHEREAS**, before Don became a supervisor, he continued to work in patient
12 care as well as concurrently manage the SAPT Block Grant. After he was promoted as
13 supervisor with the New Beginnings Program, Don reached many milestones in the
14 service of substance abuse treatment for the community, including managing the
15 Federal SAPT Block Grant, and from 2009 and 2010, chairing the GBHWC Policy
16 and Procedure Committee where he developed Policies and Procedures for the
17 GBHWC; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Don developed and managed the Recovery Oriented Systems of
19 Care (ROSC) Program and grant, and he solidified the partnership with the
20 Department of Correction’s Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program.
21 As a result of Don’s efforts, there is now a fulltime Social Worker for the RSAT
22 Program and stipend-paid Peer Specialists—positions for those in recovery who
23 provide valuable mentorship and recovery coaching; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Don was instrumental in the development of the partnership with
25 non-governmental organizations: Salvation Army-Lighthouse Recovery Center; Oasis
26 Empowerment Center; and, Sanctuary Incorporated, all of which the GBHWC

1 currently has contracts with in the community to provide outpatient and residential
2 substance abuse treatment; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Don developed the Community Substance Abuse Development and
4 Planning Committee, which is made up of substance abuse treatment providers who
5 discuss treatment needs and concerns and develop strategies to address gaps in
6 service. Under Don's leadership, the Committee has improved the referral system; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in the Pacific Behavioral Health Collaborative Counsel, Don was
8 the Administrator of the Substance Abuse Certification review board, during which
9 time he prepared candidates interested in becoming certified as Substance Abuse
10 Counselors, Prevention Specialists, and Peer Specialists for the tests available through
11 the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC & RC). The candidates
12 are from Guam and other Pacific jurisdictions such as Palau, the Commonwealth of
13 the Northern Marianas, the Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, and the
14 Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Don was instrumental in bringing evidence-based treatment
16 programs to Guam, such as the Matrix Model (New Beginnings is a certified Matrix
17 Institute); the Driving with Care Program for DUI offenders; and, the Dual Diagnosis
18 Recovery Program for patients with occurring disorders; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Don also solidified the partnership with the Judiciary of Guam, and
20 he continued to work closely with judges and probation office supervisors at the
21 Superior Court of Guam. Under Don's leadership, the program has grown and
22 flourished. With his guidance, the staff continues to provide professional and
23 compassionate service; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Don's employment history with GBHWC was a great success. On
25 December 31, 1998, he started out as a Chemical Dependency Treatment Specialist II.
26 On January 1, 2001, Don was promoted to Chemical Dependency Treatment

1 Specialist III. On February 2, 2007 to February 28, 2007, he was appointed as Acting
2 Drug and Alcohol Supervisor. From January 3, 2003 to November 21, 2009, he
3 received five (5) “Outstanding Performance Evaluations.” On May 22, 2008, he was
4 promoted as the Substance Abuse Program Supervisor; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Don has also received numerous certificates and recognitions
6 including: Letter of Recognition from Governor Felix Camacho for attaining
7 certification as Substance Abuse Treatment Counselor; Equal Employment
8 Opportunity (EEO) Counselor; University of Guam Social Work Program – Field
9 Educational Instructor; Board Member of the International Certificate and Reciprocity
10 Consortium/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc. (IC&RC/AODA); Certificate of
11 Completion – Key Supervisor Training on the Matrix Model of Intensive Outpatient
12 Alcohol and Drug Treatment; Certificate for GDMHSA – Prevention and Early
13 Intervention Advisory Committee (PEACE); Internationally Certified Alcohol and
14 Drug Counselor; Certificate for Bridging the Gap for Health Professionals; Certificate
15 for ASAM Patient Placement Criteria in the Area of Substance Abuse Treatment;
16 Certificate from the Integrated Dual Disorders in the Area of Substance Abuse
17 Treatment; Certificate for the Professional Ethics in the Area of Substance Abuse
18 Treatment; Certificate for Motivational Enhancement and Addiction Counseling
19 Assessment in the Area of Substance Abuse Treatment; Certificate for the American
20 Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria Updating Dual Diagnosis
21 Training; Certificate of Recognition for Federal Audit Requirement for Substance
22 Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant; Certificate for Employee
23 Assistance Program Counselor; Certificate of Excellence for Health Insurance
24 Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance Awareness Workshop;
25 Certificate of Training for Case Presentation Method Introductory Course (PSAMH)
26 for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselors; and Certificate of Completion –

1 Review Course for Substance Abuse Professionals Overview of the 12-Core
2 Functions (PSAMH) examination for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselors; and

3 **WHEREAS**, other distinguished highlights of Don’s career include: he was
4 certified as a Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Worker by the Crisis Prevention
5 Institute, Inc.; he developed and implemented a Substance Abuse Out-Patient
6 Treatment Program that was approved by the Guam Department of Mental Health and
7 Substance Abuse Director; he was certified as a senior care provider by the University
8 of Guam; he received commendation for being a member/trainer of the Catholic
9 Social Services Internship Program; he completed over sixty-two hours (62) of
10 Substance Abuse and Education Training; developed and Implemented a Drug and
11 Alcohol Prevention Program that educated over seven-thousand students (7,000) in
12 the public and private school system; he received two (2) certificates of appreciation
13 from the University of Guam Social Work Department for “Instructor of Social Work
14 Field Education”; and “Outstanding Employee of the Year,” Sanctuary, Inc.; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Don was able to consult and manage the Edward Byrne Grant, the
16 Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant, and the GBHWC Drug &
17 Alcohol certified Matrix Institute (Evidence Base Program); contract non-profit
18 providers in accordance with 10 GCA § 86109; establish RFP’s and contract non-
19 profit organizations to build treatment capacity; participate and network with
20 communities in DUI/DWI Court Committee, HIV Planning Committee, NCD
21 Consortium, and “My Village Project”; coordinate public displays/outreach events
22 throughout the year (i.e., mental health month, recovery month, social work
23 conference, etc.); coordinate Drug and Alcohol Recovery Month every September and
24 publicize available substance treatment services periodically through the year; consult
25 and coordinate with other stakeholders/community human service providers to
26 improve client care and substance abuse treatment service; provide trainings to

1 community stakeholders to inform them of available substance abuse treatment
2 services and gaps in services; establish an MOU with Public Health to implement
3 SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral, and Treatment) at Northern Public
4 Health and Social Service; coordinate efforts for individuals needing certification as
5 Drug and Alcohol Counselors and Prevention Specialists, and publicized availability
6 of the credentials when an opportunity was available (i.e., 2nd Annual Veterans
7 Conference, PBHCC Council Meetings); and was responsible for the implementation
8 and coordination with the Department of Corrections to provide continued care with
9 RSAT clients; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Don was a humble man filled with richness, compassion, and faith,
11 who always gave up his time to help others in need. He dedicated his life as a pastor to
12 the Guam Bible Fellowship Church from 1995 until his passing on Friday, April 22,
13 2016 at the age of 49. He will be greatly missed by his numerous aunts, uncles, nieces
14 and nephews, as well as his GBHWC work family and volunteers, his beloved flock at
15 Guam Bible Fellowship Church, and his many friends and relatives; now therefore, be
16 it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
19 of Guam, recognize, memorialize, and honor the late Don P. Sabang for his dedication
20 to patient care through his management of the Substance Abuse Prevention &
21 Treatment and the New Beginnings Program at the Guam Behavioral Health and
22 Wellness Center; and extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for
23 faithfully serving our island community; and further extending condolences to his
24 family for his passing on behalf of the people of Guam; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
26 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

- 1 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Daphne C. Sabang; and to the Honorable
- 2 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 6TH DAY OF
MAY 2016.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson					
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson					
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member					
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member	<i>EVote</i>	<i>5-6-16</i>	✓		
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	<i>EVote</i>	<i>5-6-16</i>	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	<i>EVote</i>	<i>5-6-16</i>	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member	<i>ov</i>	<i>5/6/16</i>	✓		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	<i>EVote</i>	<i>5-6-16</i>	✓		
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member	<i>EVote</i>	<i>5-6-16</i>	✓		
Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader	<i>EVote</i>	<i>5-6-16</i>	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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