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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat Speaker, 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Place Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

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On behalf of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA), Prevention and Training Branch, the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) and the Governor's PEACE Council, we are pleased to provide you with copies of the **Guam Epi Profile 2011** – Guam State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW), **Guam Substance Abuse Epidemiological Profile** – Profile: High-Risk Out of School Youth (August 2012) and the **Prevention Briefs** on Suicide, Alcohol, Illicit Drugs, Tobacco and Smokeless Tobacco.

This data is critical to making informed decisions relative to establishing Guam's prevention and early intervention priorities and for investing necessary personnel and other resources. The information contained in these documents will be used to develop Guam's Five-Year Comprehensive and Strategic Plan (FY 2013 – FY 2017) for PEACE (Prevention, Education and Community Empowerment). Guam's PEACE Plan will reflect the partnerships with the established Non-Communicable Disease Consortium led by the Department of Public Health and Social Services and other collaborative work with behavioral health, education, law enforcement, policy, faith, youth services and other community-based organizations.

DMHSA looks forward to your continued support for the establishment of data-driven prevention policies, programs and practices that will make a significant impact in the overall health and well-being of Guam's people.

Dangkolu Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase!

REY M. VEGA

**Enclosures**