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Lieutenant Governor

*Office of the Governor of Guam*

NOV 19 2014

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
155 Hesler Street  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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Office of the Speaker  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D

Date: 11-20-14  
Time: 3:48 pm  
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RE: Board Appointment

Dear Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the local laws applicable to the following position, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents for:

- APPOINTEE: Maria Luisa D. Benavente
- POSITION: Member, Council on Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- TERM LENGTH: Three (3) years
- TERM SERVED: August 18, 2014 to August 17, 2017

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

*Senseramente,*

**RAYMOND S. TENORIO**  
*I Maga'låhen Guåhan, para pa'go*  
Acting Governor of Guam

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Ms. Maria Luisa D. Benavente  
PO BOX 8762  
TAMUNING GU 96931

Dear Ms. Benavente:

Thank you for your commitment to serve the people of Guam. The Calvo-Tenorio administration continues to face unprecedented challenges, both near and long-term. The task ahead of us will require the collective efforts of the best minds who will have the courage to make tough decisions for the good of all our people. I hereby re-appoint you to serve in the Calvo-Tenorio administration for the remainder of the unexpired term indicated below as:

**Member, Council on Mental Health and Substance Abuse**

**Length of term: Three (3) years**

**Term served: August 18, 2014 to August 17, 2017**

This appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please contact the Office of the Governor at 472-8931 should have any further questions.


*Senseramente,*


**RAYMOND S. TENORIO**


*I Maga'låhen Guåhan, para pa'go*  
Acting Governor of Guam


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GUAM

### Boards & Commissions Nomination Information

The following information is required for submission to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103.5 and Section 13104.1:

#### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name	<b>Benavente</b>	First	<b>Maria Luisa</b>	M.I.	<b>D.</b>	Date	<b>Oct. 29, 2014</b>
Address	[REDACTED]			Apartment/Unit #			
City	[REDACTED]		State	[REDACTED]		ZIP	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]		E-mail Address [REDACTED]				
Position to which Appointment is Made	<b>Member, GBHWC Advisory Board</b>						
Are you a citizen of the United States?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.?		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		

#### EDUCATION

High School	<b>Academy of Our Lady of Guam</b>	City/State	<b>Hagatna, Guam</b>				
From	<b>1964</b>	To	<b>1968</b>	Did you graduate?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree	<b>H.S. diploma</b>
College	<b>Transferred from UOG to Fordham University</b>		City/State <b>Bronx, New York</b>				
From	<b>1971</b>	To	<b>1973w/w/</b>	Did you graduate?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree	<b>B.S. in Psychology</b>

**EDUCATION**

Graduate School	GWB School of SW, Washington University	City/State	St. Louis, Missouri
From	1982	To	1984
	Did you graduate?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Other Degree		City/State	Degree MSW
From	To	Did you graduate?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Degree

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

(1) Present Employer	UOG CEDDERS	Position	CLC Coordinator under Project Karinu Grant Program
Address	UOG, University Ste., Guam CEDDERS, Dean Circle, Mangilao, Gu	Dates Held	2009- present
(2) Previous Employer	UOG CEDDERS	Position	Eval Team Member (IFamagu'on-ta) & Project Coordinator (Project Filak)
Address	UOG, U.Ste., Guam CEDDERS, Dean Circle, Mangilao, Gu	Dates Held	2000-2009
(3) Previous Employer	DMHSA (currently GBHWC)	Position	CASD Administrator; OP Supervisor; Partial Hospitalization Program Supervisor
Address	Gov. Camacho Rd., Tamuning, Guam	Dates Held	1984-1999
(4) Previous Employer	DMHSA (currently GBHWC)	Position	Psychiatric social worker (frontline counselor for OP clinic)
Address	Tamuning, Guam	Dates Held	1978 - 1982
(5) Previous Employer	Youth Correctional Facility, Juvenile Court of Guam	Position	Youth Correctional Worker for Female Unit
Address	Mangilao, Guam	Dates Held	1969-1971

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE**

Agency	Diocesan Resettlement Office for Vietnamese, U.S. Catholic Conference	Phone	
Address	Diocese of Agana, St. Anthony Church, Tamuning, Guam		
Job Title	Social Worker	From: 1975	To 1976

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE**

Agency Phone  
Address  
Job Title From: To

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)**

Agency Phone  
Address  
Job Title From: To

Agency Phone  
Address  
Job Title From: To

**TRAINING**

Institute/Seminars/On-the-Job Training:	Date
2004 Nat. SOC Meeting: Effective Strategies for Building & Sustaining SOC, San Antonio, Tx	Jan. 2004
2010 Nat. SOC Training Institute: New Horizons for SOC, Washington, D.C.	July 2010
Leadership Academy to Address Disparities in Mental Health, sponsored by CMHS/GUCChd, New Mexico	July 2011
2011 SOC Training Institute: Expanding and Sustaining SOC: New Challenges & Opportunities, Chicago, Illinois	Aug 2011
2012 SOC Training Institute on Children's Mental Health, Orlando, Florida	July 2012

**AWARDS**

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:

- 1999 Social Worker of the Year Award from Guam Association of Social Workers
- 1988 Separate Commendation Letters from Director, Deputy Director, and Medical Director, DMHSA
- 1987 Commendation Letter from Administrator, Community Support Services, DMHSA
- 1986 Management Employee of the Year, DMHSA

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

List involvement on a local/national/international level, list organization, activities participated in, offices held:

Charter member, Committee Chairmanship(s) - Guam Association of Social Workers (1979- til establishment of Guam Chapter of NASW)

Member, National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter (1984- current)

Charter member, VP & P (1991-1992) & member - Guam Association of Individual, Marriage & Family Therapists (1986- current)

**COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

List organizations, activities, participated in, offices held

Member, GBHWC Advisory Board (2013- current)

Member, Public Guardian Review Board (2001- 2002)

Volunteer Mediator & Secretary, Board of Directors, Inafa Maolek Conciliation Service, Inc. (1995-2003)

Member, Board of Trustees & Board of Directors, Catholic Social Services, Guam (1986-1990)

Volunteer Pre-Cana Marriage & CCD Instructor, Santa Barbara Parish, Dededo, Guam (1977-1992)

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

Numerous presentations in the area of System of Care (SOC); Cultural & Linguistic Competence (CLC), and children's mental health throughout career including 3 presentations at national

SOC Training Institutes sponsored by SAMHSA/Georgetown University's Center for Human Development: "Developing Guam's SOC Logic Model" in 2007);

"Developing CLC in Guam's Early Childhood Mental Health" in 2012; and, "Communication and Language Assistance: Putting the National CLAS Standards into Practice," with co-presenters" in 2014.

**MILITARY SERVICE (PLEASE ATTACH FORM DD-214)**

Branch n/a

From To

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 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:



**Statement of Financial Interests**  
*(Required by 4 G.C.A. § 13104.1)*

TO: Governor Eddie Baza Calvo  
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex  
Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM:           Maria Luisa D. Benavente          

- 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

*Maria Luisa D. Benavente*

Maria Luisa D.  
Benavente

Digitally signed by Maria Luisa D. Benavente;  
DN: cn=Maria Luisa D. Benavente, o=University of Guam,  
ou=Guam CEDDERS,  
email=mlbenavente@gmail.com, c=US  
Date: 2014.10.29 16:37:04 +1000

Signature

Oct. 29, 2014

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.

Signature *Maia Luisa D. Benavente* Date *Oct. 29, 2014*




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



November 12, 2014

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	Maria Luisa D. BENAVENTE		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>FINGERPRINT #:</b>	None
	The individual has no record of arrest(s) in GPD files that are subject to Guam law and rules and regulations of the Department.		

\*\*\*\*\*NOTHING FOLLOWS\*\*\*\*\*

*THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THIS CLEARANCE DOES NOT REFLECT ARREST(S) PENDING ADJUDICATION*



**By Direction: katm**



**FRED E. BORDALLO Jr.  
 Chief of Police**

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.  
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# SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

Guam Judicial Center • 120 West O'Brien Drive • Hagatña, Guam 96910

Telephone (671) 475-3370

Fax (671) 472-2856

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**

Clerk of Courts

Name: **MARIA LUISA D BENAVENTE**

SS#:

ID# GDL: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

## CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

### Criminal Cases:

- A.  No Case Found
- B. 1. Criminal Case No.
- 2. Criminal Case No.
- 3. Criminal Case No.
- 4. Criminal Case No.
- 5. Criminal Case No.

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### Civil Cases:

- A.  No Case Found
- B. 1. Civil Case No.
- 2. Civil Case No.
- 3. Civil Case No.
- 4. Civil Case No.
- 5. Civil Case No.

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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, Hagatña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and local/federal holidays. Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.

Dated: 11/06/2014

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**  
Clerk of Courts

BY: Roman F.P. Quinata  
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: AQ



The absence of an original Court Seal invalidates this document

**MARIA LUISA D. BENAVENTE (Mariles)**  
P.O. Box 8762 Tamuning, Guam 96931 (671) 735-2497 (W) (671)637-7419 (H)  
[mariles.benavente@guamcedders.org](mailto:mariles.benavente@guamcedders.org)

### EDUCATION

- Masters in Social Work (Specialization: Family Therapy & Treatment of Chemical Dependency)  
George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. 1984
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology, University of Fordham, Bronx, New York 1973

### LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

- Licensed Individual, Marriage & Family Therapist (IMFT), Guam Allied Board of Health 1989-Present
- Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW), National Association of Social Workers 1993-Present

### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Forty years social work experience primarily focused on mental health services for children and families
- Fifteen years spent in management and supervision of mental health services and staff
- Past fourteen years focused on systems change for children's mental health on Guam

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Cultural & Linguistic Competence (CLC) Coordinator, Project Karinu, UOG CEDDERS 2009-Present**  
Responsible for coordinating the CLC Component for Project Karinu, Guam's early childhood mental health system of care. Established a CLC Workgroup that developed a CLC Plan that was adopted, implemented, and included implementation of a CLC Organizational Self Assessment, facilitation of cultural and linguistic awareness and promotional activities (i.e., *Cultural Conversations in Behavioral Health*), and formation of a coalition of stakeholders to promote and enhance Language Access Services for Behavioral Health.

**Project Evaluator, I Famagu'on-ta (Our Children), UOG CEDDERS 2003-2009**  
Helped plan & implement the evaluation of this Children's Mental Health Initiative Program which included the national longitudinal research study on clinical outcomes & local research on enrolled youth and families. Helped to orient, train, and debrief family interviewers; assisted in developing protocols to guide work operations; compiled & developed reports & documents; helped to plan & implement other evaluation-related activities.

**Project Coordinator, Project Filak: Guam Wraparound Care (Phases I & II), UOG CEDDERS 2000-2003**  
Funded by SAMHSA's Community Action Grant, Project Filak's goal was to raise awareness about system of care as well as to build support for piloting wraparound for children w/SED & their families. Planned & facilitated meetings, conferences and activities including strategic planning conferences resulting in several outcomes including the securing of funding for I Famagu'on-ta, a 6 year, \$9.5m CMHI program. Was the principle grant writer for I Famagu'on-ta's Cooperative Agreement with SAMHSA.

**Administrator, Child & Adol. Servs. Div., Dept. of Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Guam 1994-1999**  
Developed, supervised & evaluated children's mental health services and staff (case managers, therapists, and psychiatric technicians). Programs included Counseling & Case management, Guma Manhoben, a youth group home, and Therapeutic Foster Care. Initiated federal/regional network on: disaster response & reformation of children's mental health services. Applied for & administered 2 disaster grants in partnership with UOG/CALS. Obtained technical assistance from Hawaii's CMHS-funded Ohana Project, leading to critical groundwork for multi-agency participation in local "systems building" for children with SED & their families. Upon retirement, was hired by Ohana to serve as a liaison between Hawaii and Guam for six months towards continued outreach and SOC mentoring activities for Guam (see "Other Professional Activities").

**Psychiatric Social Worker Supervisor, Counseling Branch, DMHSA, Guam 1985-1994**  
Planned, supervised and evaluated counseling program & staff. Established a Multi-Agency Sexual Abuse Treatment (MAST) Program for incestual families. MAST was a recipient of the GASW 1998 Community Service Award. Also initiated training for culturally relevant mental health disaster response for staff & other agency workers enhancing frontline mental health responses to various disasters (i.e., youth suicides, Super typhoons Omar & Paka, Earthquake '93, Subic Bay Mass Evacuation at AAFB, and the Korean Air Lines Crash.

**Supervisor, Partial Hospitalization Branch, DMHSA, Guam** 1984-1985  
 Implemented Partial Hospitalization program for adults with chronic mental illness. Supervised psychiatric technicians, social workers & nurses. Established "Natural High Company," an occupational & therapeutic project funded by a Council of the Arts and Humanities grant. Consumers were paid stipends for participating in kite-making classes culminating in "Natural High Day," an island-wide kite flying contest event with income generating craft & refreshment booths. Also initiated a consumer-operated store, swim therapy, a horticultural project & the establishment of a point-level system to reinforce attendance & improved behaviors.

**Social Service Worker II, III, IV & Psychiatric Social Worker II, Outpatient Services, DMHSA** 1978-1982  
 Provided psychotherapy to adults, couples, children and families presenting with emotional & behavioral problems. Services included counseling, psychosocial evaluations, crisis interventions and case management.

**Social Service Worker, Diocesan Resettlement Office, U.S. Catholic Conference, Guam** 1975-1976  
 Provided casework for Indo-Chinese refugees from Vietnam. Located & screened sponsors for home & job placements; counseled refugees on immigration, medical, employment, schooling, financial/currency and crisis issues. Also helped develop initial operating policies and procedures for the Resettlement Program.

**Gen. Helper & Correctional Wrkr I, Youth Correctional Facility, Juvenile Court of Guam** 1969-1971  
 Provided supervision of female juvenile detainees in all their activities (rest, recreation, work & schooling).

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Ad Hoc Committee to Promote Interest and Support for the Expressive Arts Therapies** Jan 2004  
 Helped establish this Committee which planned and implemented a week-long "Institute for the Expressive Arts as Therapies." The Institute was attended by over 250 professionals and community members on Guam. Served as the principle grant writer and successfully secured a Guam Humanities Council Grant and a grant from the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency to help fund this event featuring Joseph Moreno, Music Therapist from Missouri and Dr. Jane Goldberg, Expressive Arts Therapist from California.

**Technical Assistance Consultant for Hawaii's CMHS Ohana Project** Feb-Sep 99  
 Under a contract with Hawaii's UAP, served as liaison between Guam & Hawaii coordinating multiagency training, conference & strategic planning activities for Guam. Efforts resulted in the formation of a "collaborative group" of providers and families who made a commitment to continue working towards the goal of developing a system of care for children with SED and their families on Guam.

**State Coordinator & Principle Investigator Project Paka-Disaster Outreach Program** 1997-1999  
 Provided oversight for the implementation of the Immediate Service Grant (ISG), Phase I, and the Regular Service Grant (RSG), Phase II, funded by the federal CMHS' Emergency Service & Disaster Relief Branch. This was a Disaster relief program implemented right after Super typhoon Paka struck Guam. Was responsible for writing the grants, developing and monitoring the program, serving as the liaison between DMHSA and the service provider (UOG/ CALS) and between Guam and the regional offices of FEMA & CMHS. This model served as a subsequent disaster response model replicated locally by DMHSA following other natural disasters.

**Regional Consultative Reviewer** for the Federal CMHS' Block Grant Review Process. Reviewed 1996-1998 & scored Mental Health Block Grant applications and implementation reports from regional applicants.

**Internship Supervisor** for Individual, Marriage & Family Therapist (IMFT) candidates 1991-1999

**Practicum Instructor** for Bachelors Social Work & Psychology students from UOG, MSW 1987-Present  
 students from Wash.U. & U. of Hawaii; Joint MSW Program between UOG and UOH & a MHR student under U of Oklahoma's H.R Dept., AAFB, Guam.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Charter member, VP & P from '91-'92, Guam Assoc. of Individual, Marriage & Family Therapists 1986-Present  
 Charter member/Committee chairmanships, Guam Association of Social Workers 1979-Present  
 Member, National Association of Social Workers and Guam Chapter 1984-Present

### **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

Founding Member, CLASP (Culture and Language Access Service Partners)	2014 -Present
Member, Advisory Board, GCC Interpreters Training Program	2014-Present
Member, Advisory Board, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center	<b>2013- Present</b>
Member, Sexual Abuse Review Board, Archdiocese of Hagatna	<b>2012- Present</b>
Member, Public Guardianship Review Board	<b>2001-2002</b>
Volunteer Mediator & Secretary, Board of Directors, Inafa Maolek Conciliation Services, Inc.	<b>1995-2003</b>
Pre-Cana Marriage Instructor (w/spouse), Santa Barbara Parish, Dededo, Guam	<b>1986-1992</b>
Member Board of Trustees & Board of Directors, Catholic Social Services, Guam	<b>1986-1990</b>
Holiday Hotline (Crisis Hotline) Volunteer and Trainer	<b>1984-1990</b>
Team Leader and Area Coordinator (w/spouse), Guam Marriage Encounter, Inc.	<b>1979-1982</b>
Instructor, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Santa Barbara Parish, Dededo, Guam	<b>1977-1978</b>

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Social Worker of the Year Award, Guam Association of Social Workers	<b>1999</b>
Commendation Letter from Director & Deputy Director, DMHSA	<b>1988</b>
Commendation Letter from Medical Director, DMHSA	<b>1988</b>
Commendation Letter from Administrator, Community Support Service, DMHSA	<b>1987</b>
Management Employee of the Year, DMHSA	<b>1986</b>