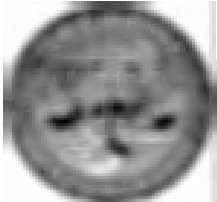


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Date: 12/29/14
Time: 9:53 am
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Dear Speaker Won Pat,

Håfa Adai. Pursuant to §8113.1 of Chapter 8 Title 5 GCA, enclosed you will find one (1) compact disc containing an electronic file of the meeting packet of the Public Defender Service Corporation Board of Trustees' meeting conducted on Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

We appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to answering any questions you may have in this regard. *Dångkolo na Agradesimento.*

Sincerely,

BERNADETTE L.P. LIZAMA, Acting
Board Secretary

Attachment

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PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 23, 2014
Conference Room,
Public Defender Service Corporation

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Proof of Due Notice of Meeting:**
 - A. 5 Working Days Notice: Marianas Variety, Tuesday, December 16, 2014
 - B. 48 Hours Notice: Marianas Variety, Friday, December 19, 2014
- IV. Determination of Quorum**
- V. Approval of Minutes:** (Regular Meeting of November 26, 2014)
- VI. Old Business:**
 - A. Financial Status Update (PDSC and APD Allotment Releases)
 - B. Domestic Violence Program Update
 - C. Alternate Public Defender Update
 - D. PDSC Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Appropriation Breakdown
 - E. CWA Update
 - F. Performance Review for APD Managing Attorney
 - G. Administrative Director Update
 - H. Credit for outreach time and limit credit for Mock Trial
- VII. New Business:**
 - A. Executive Director – CWA Pay Grade Assignment
- VIII. Public Discussion**
- IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

Crunch time for health insurance sign-ups

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's push to cover America's uninsured faces another big test Monday.

This time, it's not only how the website functions, but how well the program itself works for millions who are starting to count on it.

Midnight Monday, Pacific time is the deadline for new customers to pick a health plan that will take effect Jan. 1, and for current enrollees to make changes that could reduce premium increases ahead of the new year.

HealthCare.gov and state insurance websites are preparing for heavy online traffic before the deadline, which gives consumers in the East three hours into Tuesday to enroll.

Wait times at the federal call center started creeping up around the middle of last week, mainly due to a surge of current customers with questions about their coverage for next year. Many will face higher premiums, although they could ease the hit by shopping online for a better deal. Counselors reported hold times of 20 minutes or longer for the telephone help line.

About 6.7 million people now have coverage through Obama's signature law, which offers subsidized private insurance. The



In this photo taken Dec. 9, Certified Marketplace Navigator Nathalie Millias, right, of the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida, assists Jeanine Sawyer, left, sign up for health insurance in Miami. AP

administration wants to increase that to 9.1 million in 2015. To do that, the program will have to keep most of its current enrollees while signing up more than 2 million new paying customers.

Daunting

People no longer can be turned down because of health problems, but picking insurance still is daunting for many consumers. They also have to navigate the process of applying for or updating federal subsidies, which can be complex for certain people, including immigrants. Many returning customers are contending with premium increases generally in the mid-to-high single digits, but much more in some cases.

Consumers "understand it's complicated but they appreciate the ability to get health insurance," said Elizabeth Colvin of Foundation Communities, an Austin, Texas, nonprofit that is helping sign up low-income residents. "People who haven't gone through the process don't understand how complicated it is."

Last year's open enrollment season turned into a race to salvage the reputation of the White House by fixing numerous technical bugs that crippled HealthCare.gov from its first day. With the website now working fairly well, sign-up season this year is a test of whether the program itself is practical for the people it is intended to serve.

Fed Reserve considers time to end free money pledge

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The U.S. Federal Reserve would give the clearest signal next week that its easy money stance is ending if, as some expect, it drops its two-year long pledge to keep interest rates close to zero for a "considerable time."

The Fed, which meets on Tuesday and Wednesday, first inserted that wording in its post-meeting statements in December 2012, promising then to maintain its highly accommodative monetary stance for a considerable time after its asset purchase program ends and the economic recovery strengthens.

Both have occurred.

The U.S. unemployment rate slipped below 6.5 percent, a Fed mark of healthier recovery, in April and is now at a six-year low of 5.8 percent even as more

people enter the labor force. Its asset buying ended in October, when all but one of its voting members opted to keep the "considerable time" language.

The market has understood the term to mean at least six months, with current expectations for a first rate hike in mid-2015.

'Stale'

Since October, the more hawkish Dallas Fed chief Richard Fisher has said the Fed should drop the pledge, while more moderate Cleveland counterpart Loretta Mester told Reuters the reference was "really stale."

Some economists believe markets will take a change of wording in their stride, but others hark back to "taper tantrums" after the Fed first mentioned the idea of gradually reducing monetary expansion in May 2013.

"It has to be done at some point, but it's like taking off a sticking plaster. It's going to hurt," said Rob Carnell, chief international economist at ING, who questions central banks' propensity to use set terms rather than just rely on data.

Carnell believes U.S. headline inflation may well fall below 1 percent in the March-May period, when seasonal adjustments would give a greater weighting for a weak oil price than at present.

"It's then a hard sales act to start hiking in May or June," he said.

The week, for many the final working days before Christmas and New Year holidays, will conclude with a European Union Summit focused firmly on the faltering economy.

At UN climate talks, a crack in rich-poor barrier

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A last-minute deal that salvaged U.N. climate talks from collapse early Sunday sends a signal the rich-poor divide that long held up progress can be overcome with a year to go before a landmark pact is supposed to be adopted in Paris.

Still, it remains to be seen whether governments can come up with a new formula for how countries in different stages of development should contribute in a way that keeps global warming from reaching danger-

ous levels. "This issue will be contentious and it will need to be worked through all the way to Paris," U.S. climate envoy Todd Stern said after the marathon talks in Lima finished, more than 30 hours behind schedule.

The U.N. talks were still far away from reaching any agreement on reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases to a level that scientists say would keep global warming in check. But the Paris agreement would be the first to

call on all countries to control their emissions.

The U.S. and other developed nations say that means tearing down the firewall in negotiations that compels only rich countries to rein in emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. Though it was agreed in 2011 that goals set in Paris would be "applicable to all," many developing countries worry they will be required to take on emissions controls that stymie their economic growth.

Identity theft victims face months of hassle

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As soon as Mark Kim found out his personal information was compromised in a data breach at Target last year, the 36-year-old tech worker signed up for the retailer's free credit monitoring offer so he would be notified if someone used his identity to commit fraud.

Someone did. The first monitoring report showed crooks opened accounts in his name at Macy's and Kohl's department stores, where they racked up more than \$7,000 in charges. "My heart basically sank," he said. Over the next seven months the New York City resident spent hours on the phone, most of a day in a police station filing a report, and countless time sending documents to banks and credit reporting agencies to clear his credit history.

He's hardly alone. The Target hack during last year's Black Friday shopping weekend was just one in a wave of data breaches that have exposed more than 100 million customer records at U.S. retailers, banks and Internet companies. The latest high-profile hack, at Sony Pictures Entertainment, resulted in Social Security numbers and other personal details of nearly 50,000 current and former Sony employees and film actors being stolen and posted online for anyone to see. While cases are difficult to trace, analysts at Javelin Strategy & Research

estimate that one in three Americans affected by a data breach ultimately became the victim of fraud last year — up from one in nine in 2010.

Rarely prosecuted

Although banks often absorb bogus charges, it's up to victims to clean up their credit histories and recover stolen funds. On top of lost time, money and emotional energy, victims face the frustration of rarely seeing anyone pay for the crimes. Identity theft cases are rarely prosecuted, said Avivah Litan, an analyst who studies fraud and identity theft for the research firm Gartner. Local police have limited resources, and criminals are often overseas, "so unless it's part of a bigger pattern, they're not going to spend much time pursuing it." Kim said a police detective who took his complaint later told him the accounts were opened by someone in California, but Kim never heard any more about the investigation.

In the past year, Target and other major retailers have said they're increasing security. President Obama has urged banks and stores to speed up adoption of "chip-and-pin" payment cards, which are harder to hack. But reports of data breaches continue. And as Federal Trade Commission member Terrell McSweeney said recently, "Disturbingly, the news has seemed to desensitize many people to the risks created each time an event occurs."

Kumision Inangokkon Tano' Chamoru Chamorro Land Trust Commission

The Chamorro Land Trust Commission Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 1:00pm, Department of Land Management conference room, 3rd Flr. of the ITC Building, 590 S. Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning.

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/s/ CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JR.
Chairman

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Bill rolling back senators' pay hike to have public hearing

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ALTHOUGH Bill 436 did not make it onto the session agenda this week, the measure – which seeks to roll back the retroactive pay raises for senators that were included in the pay raise bill passed on Nov. 21 – will be the subject of a public hearing scheduled for Dec. 29 at 2 p.m.

The committee on general government operations made the announcement yesterday. Only Bill 436, which is most likely the last legislation to be introduced in the 32nd Guam Legislature, is on the agenda.

Sen. Frank Aguon had sought a waiver of public hearing after introducing the measure this week. It seeks to



Sen. Frank Aguon had sought a waiver of public hearing after introducing Bill 436, which seeks to roll back the retroactive pay raises for senators that were included in the pay raise bill passed on Nov. 21. Variety file photo

amend P.L. 32-208.

The bill removes only the senatorial salary increase. It still would allow for the govern-

ment, lieutenant governor, Cabinet members and the attorney general to retain their respective retroactive salary adjust-

ments as set in law.

After introducing the measure, Aguon sent a request to Speaker Judith Won Pat to waive the public hearing requirement for the measure and add it to the current session agenda.

Aguon's bill is the second measure introduced this month that seeks to repeal the retroactive pay raises for the members of the Guam Legislature on Nov. 21.

On Dec. 9, a special session was convened to discuss Bill 435, a measure seeking to repeal all of the recently passed retroactive Hay pay increases for elected officials and political appointees.

Bill 435 was introduced by Sen. Michael San Nicolas. It failed to gather enough votes to pass.

Letter

In the letter sent to the speaker, Aguon said that although he supports the spirit of Bill 435, a measure which seeks to stop salary increases for elected officials and Cabinet members by repealing P.L. 32-208, he did not support the

bill in its entirety due in part to an amendment he introduced in Section 4 of the law.

With the introduction of Bill 436, Aguon said "in as much as I believe we, the senators, deserve the recommended salary increase, the people of Guam are far more deserving of safer communities, reliable public transportation, adequate roads, and most importantly, trust in their elected leaders to carry out their will for the betterment of our island's future. In light of the polarizing issues concerning P.L. 32-208, I am requesting from all my colleagues to support this measure."

Meanwhile, Gov. Eddie Calvo continued to defend the salary hikes provided by the new law.

In a special message released yesterday, Calvo said it is up to the lawmakers to decide whether senators now and in the future earn their salary increase. But the governor said his conscience is clear that the men and women of the Cabinet and his staff earned their salary increase.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Amended Request For Proposal

CPUC-RFP-14-001

CPUC Expert Consultant Services

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") hereby issues this amendment to the solicitation for competitive sealed proposals from a qualified Firm/Individual(s) to provide consultant services for and on behalf of the Commission in connection with its regulatory oversight duties of public utilities, telecommunication carriers and cable television operators during business within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This amendment extends the proposal due date, establishes a new opening date and sets another pre-bid conference

The Scope-of-Work remains unchanged by the amendment and will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Proposers, by CPUC. Requests for Proposal (RFP) packages may be obtained by email by sending an email request to cpuc.cnmi@gmail.com. The requesting email shall clearly identify the name, address and telephone number of the requesting party as well as specify the name and title of the contact person for the requesting party. A non-refundable registration fee of One Hundred U.S. Dollars (\$100.00) must be paid to CPUC in cash, cashier's check or certified check payable to the order of the Commission to complete the registration and be deemed a registered proposer. The payment may be made by personal delivery to the CPUC office located at the CDA Building, Unit #103, Beach Road, O'Leai, Saipan, Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm. Payment may also be made by certified mail to the following address: Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 501219, Saipan MP 96950. The registration fee shall be deemed paid upon CPUC's receipt of the funds. For additional information, contact Commissioner Dave Guerrero by email at cpuc.cnmi@gmail.com or call 235-2782 (CPUC).

A pre-bid conference will be held on December 29, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPUC conference room located at Unit 103, Ground Floor, CDA Building, Saipan, CNMI. All inquiries from Proposers must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on December 26, 2014 to Commissioner Dave Guerrero by email at cpuc.cnmi@gmail.com or by postal mail addressed to Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 501219, Saipan MP 96950. CPUC will only respond to questions and clarifications from prospective Proposers who have completed registration with the CPUC for the solicitation. The response to an inquiry from a registered Offeror will be transmitted to all other registered Proposers without identifying the Proposer that made the inquiry.

One (1) original and three (3) copies of a proposal must be submitted in a seal envelope marked "RFP-14-001: CPUC Expert Consultant Services no later than January 7, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. (CHST) local time. The submission can be by personal delivery or by certified mail or private courier. A submission by mail or private courier must be deposited for delivery on or before 4:30 p.m. January 7, 2015. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to cpuc.cnmi@gmail.com by 4:30 p.m. CHST local time on January 7, 2015. Late submissions, conditional offers and incomplete proposals will not be considered. The proposals will be publicly opened at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 2015 at the CPUC Conference Room located at Unit 103, Ground floor of the CDA Building, Saipan, CNMI.

The proposer is required to submit a copy of its CNMI Business license or a copy of its filed CNMI Business license application within five (5) days upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All bidders are advised that CPUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CPUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CPUC Procurement Regulations. Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CPUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CPUC.

/s/ Joseph C. Guerrero
Chairperson, CPUC

Victim Advocates Reaching Out

Revised Financial Statement – Oct. 1, 2013-Sept. 30, 2014

Income	
Contributions & Grants	\$68,502
Fundraising	\$ 1,864
Other	\$ 724
Total Income	\$71,090
Expenses	
Salaries & Benefits	\$59,778
Professional fees	\$ 850
Utilities & Rent	\$ 4,188
Printing	\$ 2,640
Other	\$ 8,211
Total expenses	\$75,467

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**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
of
Wednesday, November 26, 2014
12:33 p.m.
PDSC Conference Room**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

This meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres at 12:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr., Chairman
Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena, III, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Annette J.U. Ada, Member

Absent: Attorney Cynthia Ecube, Guam Bar Association President
Attorney Donna M. Cruz, Member

Others Present: Attorney Eric D. Miller, PDSC Executive Director
Attorney AnaMaria C. Gayle, Alternate Public Defender
Bernadette L.P. Lizama, PDSC Acting Administrative Director
Michael S. Moreno, Chief Fiscal Officer
Julito B. Tingson, MIS Administrator
Robbie T. Call, Chief Investigator
Kenneth A. Lim, Computer Systems Analyst
Cecelia M. Fernandez, Administrative Assistant
Attorney Mikaela s. Henderson

III. PROOF OF DUE NOTICE OF MEETING:

“Notice of Public Meeting” was published in Marianas Variety on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 and Friday, December 19, 2014.

IV. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

With the presence of three (3) board members, a quorum was determined for this meeting.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 were adopted and approved, subject to corrections.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Financial Status Update (PDSC and APD Allotment Releases):** Chief Fiscal Officer Michael Moreno reported that PDSC received full funding for October and half of November. APD is at 100%, with first quarter allotment received.
- B. Domestic Violence Program Update:** Chief Fiscal Officer Michael Moreno reported that DVP is currently at \$13,000 and that should last approximately another 11 pay periods.
- C. Alternate Public Defender Update:** Attorney AnaMaria Gayle provide a 10 year report of cases that were assigned, status of cases and appointed cases per fiscal year. Attorney Gayle requested for more assistance as to what the Board is requesting. Chief Justice Robert Torres would like to see annual reports from both PDSC and APD that looks at issues, statistics and/or milestones of each agency that should be done once a year, which maybe fiscal year or calendar year that could be before the budget hearings as this would help justify the budget request. Chief Justice Robert Torres suggested that PDSC and APD take a look online at other Public Defender agencies such as the state of Maryland, which has their FY2013 annual report with a strategic plan; operations; appeals; cases completed; annual average case load reports. There was also Connecticut, which looks at special units, costs, legislative issues, budget issues, case loads, staffing patterns, organizational charts. Chief Justice Robert Torres suggested that this report can be done at the beginning of March, since our budget cycle will take place in May, June or July timeframe.
- D. PDSC Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Appropriation Breakdown:** Attorney Eric Miller provided a breakdown funds authorized for FY2014 \$3,772,298; Actual FY2014 expenditures \$3,675,272; actual funds received minus what was spent for FY2014 \$88,758. Conclusion for FY2014 lapsed funds \$88,758. FY2015 expected expenditures \$4,726,359; FY2015 authorized \$4,723,517; expected expenditures minus authorized funding will result in a shortfall of \$2,842, which for a \$4.7 budget is really good.
- E. CWA Update:** Chief Fiscal Officer Michael Moreno reported that our office still has not received funding for the CWA; that our office is still corresponding with DOA who is corresponding with BBMR who has control over the release date. Our office has exhausted all avenues that we could try to get the funds expedited and to this date no solid reply. Chief Justice Robert Torres requested that our office write a formal letter to DOA Director, citing the public laws and that we want to avoid having to obtain a writ to get the amounts paid (cc: Chairman of the Board, Legislative Oversight Chair).
- F. Resolution No. 15-14: Request to Use Lapsed Funds to Purchase 50 User Licenses for VLA Office Prop Plus 2013 (Microsoft Office 2013):** This Resolution has already been authorized and approved two meetings ago, but holding back on the funding due to whether or not to buy Microsoft Office 2013 or 365. PDSC will purchase Microsoft Office 2013.
- G. Performance Review for APD Managing Attorney:** Chief Justice Robert Torres requested that Presiding Judge Alberto Lamorena and Attorney Donna Cruz work on the preliminary part of the review. They will look at the performance review samples provided by Attorney Eric Miller and they will establish a process for the review to occur on a regular basis. Attorney AnaMaria Gayle inquired if the review will be in line with the CWA. Acting Administrative Director Bernadette Lizama provided copies of the

CWA policies and procedures which provides guidelines and the job specification for the Managing Attorney Level 5, which will assist the review process.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Credit for Outreach Time and Limit Credit for Mock Trial:** Attorney Eric Miller presented that a question came up regarding time credit given to Attorneys coaching Mock Trial. He stated that Mock Trial is an important outreach activity and he believes that some amount of time should be allowed as time worked for the attorneys who spend time on it. However, he feels that there should be a limit on how much time should be credited. Attorney Mikaela Henderson reported that it is usually done outside of work hours and that she is fine with a cap for credit time. Acting Administrative Director Bernadette Lizama explained the difference between straight time and compensatory time and that straight time and compensatory time is authorized for non-exempted employees only in lieu of overtime. Chief Justice Robert Torres requested that we get with Superior Court Human Resource, Barbara Jean Perez, HR Administrator and see if they have a policy for straight or compensatory time for professional employees. This has been tabled until more information has been gathered.
- B. Resolution No. 05-15: Request to Use Lapsed Funds to Hire a Special Projects Coordinator on an Unclassified Part-time Appointment to Research Grant Programs for PDSC:** Attorney Eric Miller presented that PDSC would like to have some grant writing and research done. There is currently an unclassified position, Special Project Coordinator that may be utilized. However, PDSC is looking for someone that can research for grants that PDSC would be able to utilize. The position will be part-time at a salary of about \$25,000 plus benefits. Acting Administrative Director Bernadette Lizama provided that part-time employees are entitled to the following: if they work 30 hours they are entitled to medical and dental insurance as well as life insurance; if they work 20 hours they are entitled to life insurance only. Presiding Judge Alberto Lamorena amended the resolution to change the Whereas clause to say the appointment may be an unclassified or a contractual appointment with an amount not to exceed \$25,477 part-time. He also moved to have the amended resolution pass.

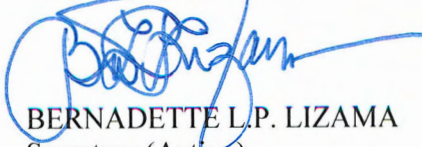
Resolution No. 05-15 (Amended) was then duly adopted and approved.

- VIII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Attorney Eric Miller reported that PDSC has started some strategic planning and invited APD to participate. The facilitators are Attorney Eric Miller and Investigator Séa Alvarez. There are ten different areas that we are looking to improve and we have broken it down to subcommittees. The Strategic meetings are once a month for an hour to discuss generalities and we are inviting our Board Members to participate. Chief Justice Robert Torres provided that the Courts have been working with a consultant from the National Center for State Courts and that this may be a good opportunity for PDSC to piggybank. He will have the Administrator of Courts touch bases with Attorney Eric Miller.

- XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.

There being no further business up for discussion, this meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



BERNADETTE L.P. LIZAMA
Secretary (Acting)