



AGA Guam Chapter General Membership
July Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 31, 2013, 12:00pm
Onward Beach Resort, Tamuning, Guam

1. Meeting called to order at 12:10pm by Rachel Field, President-Elect. Attendance: members - 39, non-members - 2, Guest - 1.
2. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report – None.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Many Educational and Community Service events to come this program year.
 - b. John M. Phillips Award deadline extended to August 16, 2013.
 - c. Re-launched AGA website. Looking for insights on user-friendly website. Follow AGA-Guam Chapter on Instagram and FaceBook.
 - d. Benavente Middle School Clean-Up scheduled for August 17, 2013 at 8am. For AGA members who participate in this event, it will go towards your eligibility for the PDC raffle.
 - e. 19th Annual Coastal Clean-Up is scheduled for September 21, 2013.
 - f. Extending much appreciation to the 5K volunteers. Next meeting: presenting certificates of appreciation.
4. Guest Speaker – Mr. Alan Ulrich, Chief Financial Officer of Guam Memorial Hospital Authority. Topic: Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Finances. Note: CPE will be given for today's meeting.

GMHA has empty pockets, but the public expects high quality services. Transparency is important internally and externally. GMHA has kept the Governor's Office abreast of their financial situation.

Teamwork is rigid between clinical and fiscal. To achieve clinical excellence, GMHA needs balanced financials. GMHA's goal is to have processes and reports done daily to have a true picture of their financials. Financials are only correct until the financial audit. For FY 2012, GMHA received an unqualified "clean" opinion. Five findings were identified in the Reports on Compliance and Internal Control relative to patient receivables, pharmaceutical department inventory, unbilled patient receivables, procurement and suspension and debarment, and equipment and real property management.

GMHA Board of Trustees and Executives' FY 2014 are:

1. Balance the budget;
2. Capture ALL expenditures and define appropriations;
3. Identify ALL sources of revenue; and
4. Ensure that ALL insurers – federal, territory and private – appropriately reimburse GMHA.

GMHA will submit its request for fee changes to the Legislature, which is allowed per their enabling legislation (10 GCA §80109(b)). The FY 2014 budget assumes the Legislature will approve GMHA's recommended fee increases. While the overall fee increase is 60%, the departmental average fee adjustments range from 5% to 300%. There are fees that have not been modified since 1997. GMHA needs to change the fee methodology to appropriately charge services. On another note, if you are registering through the Emergency Room, GMHA adheres to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) of 1986 that requires and assessment of your medical condition and treatment of that medical condition.

GMHA's reimbursement is unique such that:

1. 75/25 in-patient/out-patient mix as compared to 60/40 mix in other hospitals;
2. Medicare reimburses GMHA using U.S. Territory-specific TEFRA reimbursement (Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982). This is based on a fixed amount per discharge. Medicare makes interim payments using a per diem reimbursement. They reimburse out-patient charges using a fixed percentage of charges;
3. Medicare and MIP reimburse on a per diem basis; and
4. Insurers reimburse GMHA on a discounted fee-for-service basis.

GMHA's Primary Accounting Issues:

1. Charge recognition;
2. Contractual allowances;
3. Reserves for Bad Debt;
4. Grant accounting; and
5. Materials management, purchasing and accounts payable.

5. Announcements: Additional Raffles for next meeting.
6. Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

/s/ Clariza Roque
AGA – Guam Chapter Secretary