



**ISLAND OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96932
U.S.A.**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-21

**RELATIVE TO ADDRESSING THE MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG,
ALCOHOL AND REHABILITATION NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GUAM
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER ANNEX**

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 86101, Chapter 86, Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated, it is the policy of the government of Guam “to provide comprehensive inpatient and community-based outpatient mental health, alcohol and drug programs and services for the people of Guam;” and

WHEREAS, work toward achieving the public policy objectives with regard to mental health, alcohol and drug programs and services is the obligation of the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (“GBHWC”); and

WHEREAS, the GBHWC is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (“CARF”), which sets out certain standards for delivering programs designed to serve those involved in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, applicable CARF standards prescribe conditions for provision of programs in either community-based or institution-based settings and address the broad categories of personal interpersonal skills training, conflict resolution, mental health education, driving under the influence/driving while intoxicated education, anger management, education about alcohol and other drugs, information on criminal thinking patterns, or traditional academic education; and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory duty of the Department of Corrections (“DOC”) “to protect the public from the destructive action of law offenders through control and rehabilitation;” and

WHEREAS, federal funding for mental health, drug, alcohol, and rehabilitation services within DOC facilities is largely contingent on coordination with GBHWC; and

WHEREAS, individuals involved in criminal justice settings receive their necessary services from credentialed substance use treatment providers and through peer recovery support; and

WHEREAS, law offenders are part of our island community which GBHWC is called to serve and it is imperative to take advantage of the unique opportunity that is available to address inpatient and outpatient mental health, alcohol and drug concerns; and

WHEREAS, substance use treatment, peer support, and transitional recovery support services are crucial to the prevention of recidivism and relapse, and to encourage successful reintegration into our community; and

WHEREAS, it is policy of the Leon Guerrero Tenorio Administration to encourage and facilitate the DOC in advancing its rehabilitation mission, thereby increasing the likelihood that individuals who complete their sentences or who are otherwise released from confinement do so with the capacity to be contributing members of our community.



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NOW THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam as amended, do hereby order:

- 1. Establishment of the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center Annex at the Department of Corrections.** The GBHWC and DOC shall work together to stand up a satellite operation of the GBHWC within DOC facilities, which shall be known as the GBHWC Annex. Such operation will be equipped with all necessary personnel and resources to support a comprehensive suite of programs directed toward addressing the mental health, alcohol and drug concerns of inmates and detainees housed in DOC facilities. In developing such programming, GBHWC will be guided by applicable CARF standards for criminal justice programs and National Commission on Correctional Health Care Standards for Mental Health Services in Correctional Facilities.
- 2. Sharing of Resources and Budget Development.** In the current fiscal year, GBHWC and DOC shall work within their budgetary constraints to advance this mission to the best of their abilities. The agencies shall work to develop the necessary budget to best facilitate the achievement of this mission in future fiscal years. Such budgets shall be designed to strategically leverage resources from both agencies and encourage resource-sharing to the greatest extent practicable.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this **17th** day of **June 2020**.



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attested by:

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