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RE: Meeting Regarding Transition Report and Cooperation for Improvement

Dear Honorable Franklin Arriola,

Hafa Adai!

Thank you on behalf of our Board of Officers and members of the Guam Medical Association for taking the time to meet with me yesterday to discuss the transition report and moving forward in a collaborative relationship in improving the health care for the people and visitors of Guam.

We both realize the widening gap of healthcare disparities here on Guam and among our island nations has inflamed an atmosphere of financial challenges. That said, we must treat everyone that walks through our island's only civilian hospital regardless of ethnic origin. Public health will need to work with our private physicians clinics to ease the burden to the hospital and better improve continuity of care for patients. At the same time, our community physicians are committed to work with the current good members of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners to ensure that we are following the national standards of continuing medical education, board certification and licensing. Only through a collaborative relationship can we achieve continuous improvements in health care here on Guam.

The Guam Medical Association being the largest medical organization on Guam with over 150 health care providers will rise to assist our Governor, the Legislature, the Board of Medical Examiner, Public Health, GMH administration and the Board of Trustees to provide constructive solutions.

Sincerely,

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President

Cc: 31st Guam Legislature, GMHA BOTs, GBME, GMHA President, Public Health Director, GMA Board of Directors, Guam Media Network