Guam InterAgency Coordinating Council

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The GICC Board held its quarterly meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 4:00 PM in the GDOE Headquarters - Building B, 2nd Floor Conference Room. This meeting was open to the public to attend in-person and virtually via Google Meet via the following link: https://shorturl.at/lhAr5

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order:
Meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Medwin De Castro at 4:27PM.

Roll Call :

Six (6) Members present for quorum and Three (3) non-voting members:

1. Ms. Melissa Meno - Chairperson, Parent
2. Mr. Medwin De Castro - Co-chairperson, Child Care Agency Representative
3. Ms. Marie Wusstig - GEHDI Rep.
4. Ms. Annette Cruz - Parent Rep.
5. Ms. Sangi Susuico – EDIS
6. Bridgette Lobo

Non-Voting Members Present:

1. Ms. Joanne Joshua - GDOE 0-3 Service Provider
2. Ms. Candace Lujan - ICC Admin Support
3. Ms. Christina Noket - GDOE 0-3 Service Provider

Approval of Minutes from December 29, 2025

Marie Wusstig moved to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2025 meeting were reviewed. No corrections were requested. Motion approved unanimously.

NICU Transition & Part C Appropriations

The council discussed an upcoming August leadership conference presentation titled **"Two Critical Conversations in Early Intervention: NICU Transitions and New Part C Appropriations."**

The new Part C appropriations language may expand Child Find activities to include public awareness and referral activities for expectant parents of children with disabilities. The council discussed the possibility of locally developing prenatal education and outreach activities, building on similar programs previously offered through schools and public health.

FY2026 Grant and Funding Initiatives
The FY2026 grant application was submitted and is awaiting a determination. A focus group met in February and March to identify funding priorities. Two primary ideas were identified:

- Send a GICC parent/council representative to the August 2026 leadership conference and have the representative share the information learned with the council/community.

- Develop parent training and education sessions on topics such as developmental services, public awareness, and available resources.

Motion: Marie Wusstig moved to use remaining FY2024 funds to support attendance at the August 2026 leadership conference. Annette Cruz seconded that motion.

Result: Motion approved unanimously.

The council approved changing the attendee requirement from a parent representative to another eligible GICC council member if needed. Members agreed to identify an attendee offline by the following week.

Membership

There were no major new membership updates. Recruitment letters and membership packets will be followed up on, and vacancies will continue to be addressed.

Program and Community Updates

- **Early Intervention:** Staff are closing out the reporting year, cleaning data, and preparing for the SPP/APR report.
- A summer **Family Read and Play** series will be held at the Hagåtña Library on June 10, June 24, July 8, and July 22 for active early intervention families.
- Parent training sessions on developmental monitoring/Learn the Signs. Act Early. were noted for June 10 and July 8, from 6–7 PM via Zoom.
- **Early Childhood:** Recruitment is underway for four teacher positions, including positions opening due to an upcoming retirement. Outreach to GCC and UOG early childhood programs is planned.
- **Hearing Services:** Data continues to be entered manually for GMH due to system compatibility issues. Access to diagnostic audiology services remains a challenge, and discussions are underway with Public Health regarding possible solutions.
- A data-sharing agreement is being updated to include outcomes data for children with hearing loss.
- **EDIS:** Staff discussed collaborating with other programs on trainings, developmental screenings, evaluations, and NICU-related topics.

NICU Training

Members discussed providing NICU-related training to new staff and providers. Training will likely be scheduled in the fall when appropriate staff are available.

Bridget made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Annette Cruz seconded the motion.

Adjournment at 5:17 PM.