



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910
U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2011-03

**RELATIVE TO AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2003-29 WHICH
CREATED THE GOVERNOR'S PEACE (PREVENTION AND EARLY
INTERVENTION ADVISORY COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT) COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Governor's PEACE Council was created in 2003 and whose appointed members represent the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, the private sector and community-based prevention advocates charged with the development of policies, programs and practices to address Guam's substance abuse and suicide problems, and to include planning, implementing and evaluating comprehensive evidence-based prevention strategies that result in positive environmental changes; and

WHEREAS, Guam's State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW), is represented on the Governor's PEACE Council and leads in the collection, analysis, reporting and strategic use of Guam's data to inform and guide decision-making processes for the allocation of funding and resources to promote positive mental health and prevent substance abuse and suicide among targeted priorities; and

WHEREAS, this SEW body of key data gatekeepers will be now known as Guam's State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) whose areas of responsibilities are to manage Guam's mental health and substance abuse related data collectively and collaboratively and to facilitate annual Profile updates and data sharing with program and policy leaders and managers in government and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the PEACE Council endorsed the publications of the Guam Substance Abuse Epidemiological Profile and the Profile of Suicide on Guam (and subsequent updates) which serve as a tool for strategic and comprehensive planning among state and community level mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment partners; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's PEACE Council and the Guam's State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) will be retained with the appointment of key organizational members who will serve to guide and advise the Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor in strategic prevention framework processes that involve assessment, capacity building, planning, implementation and evaluation steps to ensure that substance abuse prevention, mental health promotion and suicide prevention work is data-driven, culturally relevant, effective and sustainable; and



WHEREAS, our island community recognizes the need to improve the quality of life for the people of Guam, as reflected in a vision of good physical and mental health, long life, and the assurance that basic needs for primary health care and behavioral health services for Guam's residents are met; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's PEACE Council will work collaboratively with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA) and the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) to jointly and strategically develop and/or strengthen, comprehensive state plans for mental health promotion and the prevention of substance abuse, suicide, ill health and deaths resulting from non-communicable diseases, via behavioral health and primary health care service systems and within community-based settings on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's PEACE Council will help to guide and advise DMHSA staff as they facilitate opportunities to strengthen Guam's capacity to create a healthier island community following a strategic prevention framework (SPF) process for planning, implementing and evaluating culturally relevant, evidence-based programs, practices and policies that build upon the strengths and resources of the people of Guam.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD J.B. CALVO, *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby order that:

1. PEACE now stands for Prevention Education And Community Empowerment and that the PEACE Council shall consist of state and community-level members (not to exceed 25) representing the following:
 - a) Youths between the ages of 15 and 21 (Representing established youth organizations)
 - b) Parents (Representing established parent organizations)
 - c) Healthcare Providers
 - d) Private Businesses (Not Involved in the Alcohol or Tobacco Industry)
 - e) Media Company (Involved in Promoting Good Health)
 - f) Faith-Based Organization
 - g) Civic or Volunteer Organizations
 - h) Military Sector
 - i) State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)
 - j) Guam Department of Education
 - k) Department of Youth Affairs
 - l) Emergency First Responders (e.g., Guam Police Dept. and/or Guam Fire Dept.)
 - m) Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse
 - n) Department of Public Health & Social Services
 - o) Guam Memorial Hospital
 - p) Mayors' Council of Guam
 - q) Superior Court of Guam
 - r) U.S. District Court of Guam – U.S. Probation Office
 - s) *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, Committee on Health and Human Services



2. Each PEACE Council member shall be appointed by the Governor of Guam and shall serve for a period of up to four years, unless removed sooner by the Governor of Guam, and until the Governor of Guam either formally renews his or her term or replaces him or her with a new, qualified member; and
3. The PEACE Council shall elect a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson from among its members and shall meet bi-monthly to review and revise its By-laws as necessary and to support the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup in meeting its stated goals and objectives; and
4. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse shall remain the lead Government of Guam entity for substance abuse and suicide prevention with the administration of SAMHSA grants and to include the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act - Youth Suicide Prevention Grant and the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup Sub-grants and their implementation.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 31 day of **January, 2011**.

EDWARD J. B. CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guahan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

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Lieutenant Governor of Guam

