EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2010-20

RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF THE HEALTH REFORM ADVISORY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, there exists a need to create a special Task Force to ascertain, assess, and potentially implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, as amended, on Guahan; and

WHEREAS, the creation and implementation of a Task Force is vital to improving health care for all residents on Guahan; and

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will provide enhanced access to quality and affordable health care, reduce health care costs, expand Medicaid eligibility and services, and explore possibility of health insurance exchanges on Guahan; and

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act may contain mandates which could have unforeseen negative impact to health care on Guahan; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the public’s health and improvement to our health care system are essential responsibilities of I Gobietnon Guahan; and

WHEREAS, Guahan must continue to move towards parity with the continental United States regarding federal health care programs; and

WHEREAS, the formation of this Task Force will help I Gobietnon Guahan ensure that Guahan receives the benefits set forth in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D., I Maga’låhen Guahan para pa’go, Acting Governor of Guahan, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guahan, as amended, do hereby order:

1. There is hereby established Health Reform Implementation Task Force to consist of the following members:

   i. The Lieutenant Governor of Guahan
i. Office of the Governor - Senior Health Policy Advisor;
ii. Congresswoman Madeline Z. Bordallo or her designee;
iii. Attorney General of Guahan or his/her designee;
iv. Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services;
v. Banking and Insurance Commissioner - Department of Revenue & Taxation;
vii. Administrator of Guam Memorial Hospital Authority or his/her designee;
viii. A Representative of a Health Insurance Provider as appointed by the Governor;
ix. Director of the Department of Administration;
x. Director of Bureau of Budget and Management Research;
x. President of the Guam Chamber of Commerce or his/her designee;
xii. President of the Guam Pharmacy Association or his/her designee;
xiii. President of the Guam Medical Association or his/her designee;
xiv. Chairman of the Guam Retirement Fund or his/her designee;

2. The Lieutenant Governor of Guahan or his/her designee shall also serve as the Task Force Chairperson.

3. The Director of Public Health and Social Services and Banking and Insurance Commissioner shall serve as the Task Force Co-Chairpersons.

4. The Task Force shall:

   a. review, assess, and provide guidance and specific recommendations with respect to implementation of recent health care reform, and involve key stakeholders and groups to further the success of health reform on Guahan;
   b. in accordance with applicable public laws, provide short and long range detailed plans including action steps and timelines to assure the success of health care reform on Guahan;
   c. identify funding sources Guahan could utilize in implementing health care reform initiatives which are favorable to our island;
   d. recommend legislation or Executive actions to improve access to health care for residents; and
   e. perform such other functions as may be directed by the Governor.

5. All departments and agencies of I Gobietnon Guahan are hereby directed to provide such assistance as possible to aid the Task Force in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.
6. The Task Force, with approval of the Governor, may consult with outside experts and retain the services of such experts/advisors or consultants as necessary in the performance of its duties.

7. The Task Force shall engage the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other related federal agencies on activities to support health care reform and activities of the Task Force.

8. The Governor may from time to time designate such other cabinet or executive staff members who shall attend Task Force meetings.

9. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, at the request of a majority of the members, or at the request of the Governor.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guahan this 9th day of August, 2010.

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.
I Maga’låhen Guahan para pa’go
Acting Governor of Guahan

COUNTERSIGNED:

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
I Segundu Maga’ Låhen Guahan, para pa’go
Acting Lieutenant Governor of Guahan