

C/MTF Sub-Committees Outreach Meeting with 29th Guam Legislature
FRIDAY, January 25, 2008, 9:00 am
A.B. WonPat International Airport, Conference Rooms 2 & 3

MEETING SUMMARY

Invitations were hand-delivered and e-mailed to all Senators on Monday, January 14, 2008. RSVP calls were made to ensure senators received invitations, as well as gathering car information for airport parking permits. RSVPs were slow in receiving as late as the day before the meeting. The following Senators were present at the meeting:

- Acting Speaker Edward Calvo
- Senator Judy Won Pat
- Senator Frank Blas, Jr.
- Senator Jim Espaldon
- Senator Judith Guthertz
- Senator David Shimizu
- Senator Benjamin Cruz
- Senator Tina Muña-Barnes

(See Tab A: Copies of e-mail & electronic invitations; RSVP Log)

A total of 75 people registered at breakfast outreach meeting, which included senators, sub-committee chairs & staff. However, there are an estimated 10 people who probably did not sign-in. *(See Tab B: Copies of Sign-In Sheets)*

Meeting began with Tony Lamorena providing Welcoming Remarks, and then introducing Lt. Governor Cruz who presented Opening Remarks. Lt. Governor's speech summarized the following:

- This is a national policy; therefore, it should be a National Priority with the federal government taking responsibility in assisting Guam in preparing for the buildup.
- This buildup is to occur in a much abbreviated timeframe, which significantly accelerates Government of Guam's original improvement plans for a normal growth of the island.
- The buildup should not affect the civilian population in a negative way.
- It is too late to insert our needs into the Federal FY09 budget which is already in the process of being finalized. Our opportunity is to submit our requirements into the FY10 Federal budget which will be submitted in the summer of 2008.

Governor's speech highlighted the following:

- We continue to open the doors for our sub-committee chairs and 'turn on the lights' for Federal departments and agencies at the quarterly FRC & IGIA meetings.
- Government of Guam needs to seek federal assistance through grants and other funding sources as FY08 & FY09 budgets are finalized.
- Port assistance is a near-term priority.
- CODEL coming to Guam to view various basing sites.

Mr. Lamorena began the lead-in C/MTF PowerPoint presentation, and followed by the sub-committee Chairs with their sub-committee's specific presentation. The subcommittees gave their presentation in the following order *(See Tab C: Copy of PowerPoint presentation)*:

- 1) Health & Social Services – Chair J. Peter Roberto
- 2) Public Safety – Chair Chris Duenas
- 3) Education – Chair David Okada
- 4) Labor – Chair Maria Connelley

BREAK – Q&A with the above sub-committee

- 5) Natural Resources – Presenter Vangie Lujan (GCMP, BSP)
- 6) Ports & Customs – Chair Ken Tagawa
- 7) Economic Development – Chair Tony Blaz
- 8) Housing – Chair Ron de Guzman

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- 9) Environmental – Chair Lorilee Crisostomo
- 10) Social & Cultural – Presenter Thelma Hechanova
- 11) Infrastructure – Chair Larry Perez

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The following concerns/comments were raised by senators / attendees:

- Referencing education presentation, “Where did civilian population (20,000 outside fence) planning factor come from?” Per GIMDP & BSP statistics. Given this information, it would be a good idea to use the same planning factor for the Health Sub-Committee. In fact, every sub-committee’s needs and concerns may be different if the planning factors used vary.
- The Government of Guam is not being truthful to the public regarding where the money to make improvements outside the fence will come from. The likelihood of the federal government providing all necessary funding is slim given other pressures on the federal budget.
- Government of Guam needs a backup plan in the event federal funding is not available for civilian improvements.
- There is lack of information on the hospital and behavioral health areas of the presentation. Government of Guam needs to gather Okinawan crime statistics as it relates to the Health and Public Safety sub-committees. Local mental health services are already experiencing challenges (Permanent Injunction) with aged facilities and minimal to no services being provided.
- Government of Guam is working closely with JGPO & Naval Hospital.
- Health needs to show how to progress from Step 1 to Step 2. Guam resources already experience aged facilities, limited resources, etc. The challenge is to address current problems (Step 1) in order to get to where we need to be (Step 2).
- Sen. Won Pat notes that we are not even at Step 1, and where do we want to be at Step 2.
- Sen. Won Pat expressed disappointment on not hearing Government of Guam’s response to GAO questionnaire.
- When FSM community comes in, we need dollar for dollar matching.
- Where is \$70 million for hospital? We need to break it down. Government of Guam needs a better strategy for transparency. Use similar format as the Education Sub-Committee’s presentation, which was well organized and had more relevant information on its slides.

- The Health Sub-Committee should use national standards of care (health professional to patient) ratio as the baseline for determining adequate services.
- Regarding federal collaboration (i.e. FRC and IGIA meetings), “Why isn’t Guam taking lead?”
- Why are IGIA federal leads (officials and staffers) making the determination on what Guam needs are (i.e. IGIA meeting capstone)? Guam should be making its own case on what our needs are.
- What are the rules of engagement when dealing with the federal government?
- The CMTF wants to know how we can become more transparent. Please let us know how we can help you?
- There was concern over a rumor that a congressional delegation was coming to Guam and the Legislature has not been notified of a meeting with them. Carlotta Leon Guerrero will contact the Congresswoman’s office to find out if they’re also engaged.
- Senators take offense when we say that we need to build low-cost housing. There are ancestral lands that could be used to build nice homes. Developers are willing to build outside fence with the condition that military will rent.
- Guam should replicate military presentations and budgets. Need to think like them.
- There is concern that we should carefully review and monitor our system to ensure we are capturing taxes from off-island companies for MILCON projects.
- Senator Shimizu suggests that we should use a similar concept utilized by former Governor Bordallo in securing funds and support from the Federal Government and Congress – Omnibus (?)

Education Sub-Committee provided a 22 page Information Brief to senators. Labor, Economic Development, Housing, and Social & Cultural Sub-Committees provided hand-outs to senators, which highlighted the following:

- Subcommittee’s mission statement (in line with overall CMTF mission)
- Subcommittee membership & single POC for subcommittee
- Accomplishments to date
- Issues/concerns they are presently addressing

Input Cards were available for individuals who could not stay for the duration of the meeting or had suggestions. No written comments / suggestions were submitted.

Copies of CDs were disseminated to senators that were present. CDs included the following information:

- C/MTF Executive Order, signed in April 2006
- Gov’s Infrastructure Forecast Report (April 2006)
- CMTF Purpose & Organizational Structure PowerPoint presentation (July 11, 2006)
- C/MTF Scoping Comments (May 2007)
- CMTF Sub-committee Chairs Contact List (As of: July 27, 2007)
- C/MTF Quarterly Needs Assessment Reports (July 2007 & November 2007)
- GAO Report on Guam’s Military Buildup (September 2007)
- KPMG Report (November 2007)
- The Joint Guam Program Office’s (JGPO) Scoping Meeting Summary

Legislative outreach PowerPoint presentation and list of regular C/MTF sub-committee meetings were e-mailed to all senators in the afternoon on same day, regardless if they attended or not.

Recommendations:

- For future briefings, both the visual and verbal presentations need to be consistent format. The Education Sub-Committee's presentation should be used as an example.
- Briefing slides and associated materials should be prepared well in advance of presentation to ensure conformity with the prescribed format.
- All presentations should be rehearsed.