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### **Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center Achieves Three-Year CARF Accreditation**

Hagåtña, Guam - The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has earned another three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF surveyed programs and services offered by GBHWC, including outpatient services for adults and children, crisis intervention for adults and children, crisis stabilization for adults and children, prevention services, outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment services for adults experiencing substance use disorders/addictions, and residential treatment services in February 2024.

CARF certified GBHWC at the highest level of accreditation of three years after surveying the organization on more than 1,600 standards. This achievement indicates the organization's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served. CARF reported GBHWC demonstrated substantial conformance to the standards, stating, "GBHWC demonstrates good corporate citizenship and is considered a key member of the community's continuum of care. Leadership takes a highly focused and hands-on approach to the guidance of service delivery practices and business functions."

"Expanding healthcare services on our island means more than just what our hospital offers—it also includes prioritizing mental well-being. The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center's attainment of the highest level of accreditation marks a significant step forward in this effort," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero.

Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio added, "Upon assuming office, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center was under federal receivership. The agency's recent accomplishment of securing a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities underscores the remarkable strides we've made in delivering quality mental healthcare services to the people of Guam. We commend the leadership and the dedicated employees whose relentless efforts have propelled this progress, particularly amidst the challenges our island has faced, including the strains of the global COVID-19 pandemic and the aftermath of Typhoon Mawar. This achievement further solidifies the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center as one of our highest performing agencies."

**If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge, call 988 to receive free, confidential support.** For more information on GBHWC's accreditation, call the GBHWC Director's office at 671- 647-1901.

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