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## **Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center Approved as National Health Service Corp Site**

[Tamuning, Guam]—As of July 27, 2019, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center has become a National Health Services Corp (NHSC) site.

The NHSC under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration (HHS) strives to build health communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the United States with limited access to care. The NHSC helps approved sites specifically in two critical areas: recruitment and retention of both clinicians and technical assistance providers.

As a NHSA approved site, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center has the opportunity to:

- 1) Inform potential clinicians that they may be eligible to apply for loan repayment.
- 2) May be eligible to hire an NHSC Scholar and/or an NHSC Students to Service Loan Repayment Program.
- 3) Create a site profile and post job openings on the Bureau of Health Workforce, which directly feeds into the Health Workforce Connector.
- 4) Participate in Virtual Job Fairs and connecting directly with qualified job seekers.

“Recruiting and retaining qualified mental health professionals has been a challenge for many years and this award is a big step toward improving the quality of mental health services for our community,” said GBHWC Director, Theresa Arriola.

Acting Clinical Administrator, Reina Sanchez, of GBHWC said, “The application process was completed with the assistance of the non-profit organization, Pacific Island Health Officers’ Association (PIHOA) and we are very thankful for their partnership.”

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center is located in Tamuning and is Guam’s only public mental health and substance abuse agency. GBHWC offers child outpatient services through I Famagu’on-ta; healthy transition services for young adults through Project Tulaika; adult outpatient services; Professional Support Services (Psychological, Psychiatric, and Pharmacy); outpatient drug & alcohol services through New Beginnings; residential recovery homes/services; child inpatient, adult inpatient and medication clinic services; sexual assault and abuse services through Healing Hearts Crisis Center; and Prevention and Training services through P.E.A.C.E.

For more information on GBHWC’s NHSC approved site status, please contact Reina Sanchez at (671) 647-1901.

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