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GMHA Hosts its 1st Pediatrics Family Advisory Council

(Monday, February 19, 2024; Tamuning, Guam) Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) is proud to announce the launch of its first Pediatrics Family Advisory Council (PFAC), supported by the GEDA QC3 Series 6 Grant, a milestone achievement. Hospital Administrator/CEO Lillian Perez-Posadas was present at the initial meeting to welcome and thank the volunteers for their participation. The Council consists of seven parent-family advisors and various hospital staff, including its Physician Representative, Pediatrician Dr. Michael Um and the hospital's Pediatric Unit Supervisor, Registered Nurse, Hope Camacho.

According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), PFACs are an invaluable resource to help hospitals develop effective partnerships with patients and family members, where the ultimate goal is to improve quality, safety, and the patient experience.

The initial goals of the GMHA PFAC include:

- Expand the library of books available to Pediatric patients. Progress towards this goal includes the launch of a staff book donation campaign, which has resulted in 300+ donations of children's books. GMHA hopes to expand this donation campaign island wide.
- Brighten up the décor of the Pediatric Unit at the hospital. GMHA hopes to partner with a local art organization to accomplish this.

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