

FISCAL YEAR 2022

CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT



FY 2022 witnessed unprecedented dramatic program improvements, especially after a prolonged hiatus from the forced closure of the CoVid-19 pandemic all the while an increased number of our fellow residents were struggling with substance misuse and behavioral infractions from pandemic triggered emotional and mental stresses. Renewed optimism, Rededication to clinically screened and informed residential recovery services treatments, expansion of services to include problem gambling and re-entry services, and a plethora of direly needed professional development trainings--all of which required an infusion of funding resources that Governor Torres transferred without any hesitation--were the result. Why? SAAR has been and is about the quintessential residential recovery treatments and services of our very own people then, now, and tomorrow!



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADDICTION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM



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MISSION

Our mission is to **CHANGE** the lives of individuals struggling with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and addiction.

VISION

SAAR's vision is to **LEAD** the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands towards building a safe, sober, and addiction free society.

The **Substance Abuse, Addiction & Rehabilitation (SAAR) Program**, under the Office of the Governor, established the **Hinemlu O'hala Para Enteramenti - H.O.P.E. Recovery Center ("HOPE")**. HOPE is dedicated to providing quality clinical care and social services to individuals struggling with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and educational support for their families.

"Every sunset brings the promise of a new dawn"

-RALPH WALDO EMERSON

SAAR was developed through the reestablishment of the Special Assistant for Substance Abuse & Rehabilitation position under the **Executive Order 2018-07**.

The **HOPE Recovery Center** provides an evidenced-based residential treatment program thru the use of the Matrix Treatment Model, with the support of a 24-hour staffed, safe-environment living. SAAR also established the **Offender Advocacy (OA)** program to provide a transitional support service for formerly convicted and incarcerated individuals who are soon to be released and have struggled as a result of substance misuse.



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FISCAL YEAR 2022 CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS



HOPE RECOVERY CENTER CLEARED

The Hope Recovery Center was cleared of Hazardous munitions in coordination with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the HOPE Recovery Center Staff, BECQ, DPL, and other CNMI Government Agencies

USS JACKSON SAILORS ASSIST SAAR

USS JACKSON Sailors on deployment alongside Cpt. Kimberly Hofschneider volunteered their valuable time to assist in our efforts in rehabilitating the future wellness center, while they were on port call on Saipan.

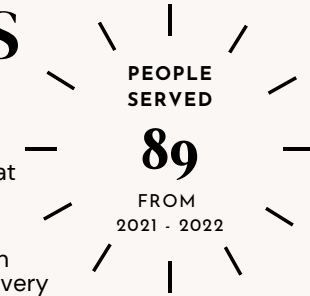


HOPE RECOVERY CENTER IS A BENEFICIARY OF FY23 IRT PROJECT

In partnership with the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs, the HOPE Recovery Center is a beneficiary of the Fiscal Year 2023 DOD Innovative Readiness Training Medical project for behavioral health support services. This allows military personnel to set up a temporary medical clinic to provide counseling services to SAAR participants and members of our community in need of such service.



HOPE RECOVERY CENTER'S RESIDENTIAL SERVICES



- Updated Demographic Data
- Level 3.1 residential treatment constituted at least 5 hours of direct treatment
- Provided 12hrs a week in services excluding recovery support meetings, physical recovery activities, and instake/assessments.
- September 2021 - Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) Training
- November 2021 - Understanding and Treating Substance Use Disorders
- March 2022 - Smoking cessation for participants and staff done
- June 2022 - Problem Gambling Education implemented
- July 2022 - Staff and Participants attended Trainer of the Trainee (TOT) for Recovery Coaching offered by Haggan Woong in collaboration with Faces and Voices of Recovery
- July 2022 - National Association of Drug Court Professionals Rise22 Conference Attended
- July 2022 - Collaboration and services with the US Department of Veteran Health Administration and the Pacific Island Healthcare System - Saipan VA Clinic; IVET Mental Health Telehealth
- Intensive Virtual Evidence Based Therapy Team (iVET) for PTSD
- October 2022 - Family Education Orientation
- October 2022 - Will implement Gender-Specific trauma therapy
- Continuous Intense case management services provide for all residents.

OFFENDER ADVOCACY PROGRAM (OAP)

The **OAP** reopened in November 2021 from the closure of the CoVid-19 pandemic. Since opening, we have worked closely with community partners and have been receiving referrals for Re-Entry Services from the Department of Corrections & Division of Youth Services.

From proactive outreach and service promotions with stakeholders services, OAP's numbers for Re-Entry services have been adding up. Thanks in large part from community and self-referrals.

We've completed a good number of assessments and have successfully assisted individuals seeking assistance by providing resources that can benefit themselves and their families.

“Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising up every time we fall.”
OLIVER GOLDSMITH





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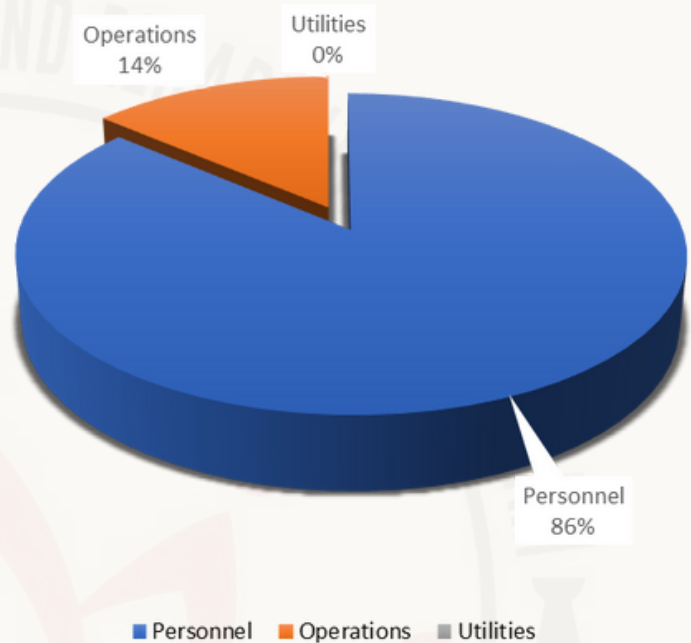
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FINANCIALS






FY 2022 APPROPRIATIONS

Through Public Law 22-08, the Substance Abuse Program was awarded \$635,335.

86% towards personnel and the remaining 14% towards the cost of operations.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS

-  Western Regional Center Problem Gambling Vancouver, WA - April 2022
-  National Association of Drug Court Professionals Nashville, TN - July 2022
-  Maui Recovery Site Visit Maui, HI - August 2022
-  Ohana Addiction Treatment Center Site Visit Kona, HI - August 2022
-  Re-Entry Summit West Palm Beach, FL - October 2022



AWARENESS OUTREACH EVENTS

-  Rotary Club Spooktacular Event
-  Re-Entry Week Proclamation 04/24 -29, 2022
-  Spread awareness of Re-Entry Week & SAAR HOPE Program Services via KKMP
-  Re-Entry Week Roadside Waving
-  Re-Entry Week Volleyball Tournament / Fit to Lead
-  DYS Family Fun Day
-  National Recovery Month Planning committee in collaboration with CNMI Drug Court, CGC Treatment and Recovery, Women of Destiny, and Haggan Woong.
-  Recovery Month Proclamation 09/07/2022
-  Recovery Hike
-  Volleyball Fun Day
-  Recovery Mass
-  Recovery Beach Clean Up
-  SAAR's 1st Annual Family Fun Fair