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Hafa Adai Ms. Blas,

This is in response to your email of April 15, 2019 requesting to transfer the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council documents to the GCEC and the use of the GCEC physical and mailing address. As the Chairperson for GCEC I am responding to your requests. While 17 GCA 12111(e) indicates the GCEC is to provide clerical and administrative support, the GCEC is not in the position to assist the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council.

The GCEC does not have the space, funding, or personnel to provide services to the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council. The GCEC has never had that capability. We have never been granted the budget necessary to fully implement the GCEC law, let alone provide services to other organizations. Further, this year we have been informed by BBMR that we are expected to cut 34% of our approved budget, which will mean furloughing our one employee.

While we have an office, it is small and we do not house our own documents at the office. We have an agreement with G.C.C. to store our documents electronically at their site. This expense is absorbed by our non-appropriated funds and we cannot expend funds from that account that are not GCEC specific.

As for our physical and mailing address, again, we cannot accommodate you. Our one employee does not have the time to complete our mandated requirements and at the same time entertain customers from your organization, especially at this time of year when new applicants, renewals, and those seeking temporary certification are trying to complete the processes prior to the opening of the new school year. Our mailing address is an agreement between UOG and the Commission and has strict requirements, which allows us to use it. Violation will cost us our address and, again, money we do not have.

I hope you understand our dilemma and our inability to assist you.

Sensaramente,



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