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✓	38GL-26-2678	Civil Service Commission	Board Meeting Packet for July 30, 2026*
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✓	38GL-26-2680	Guam Solid Waste Authority	Unaudited Revenues and Expenditures Report for the month of June 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2681	Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority	FY2026 3rd Quarter Staffing Pattern.*
✓	38GL-26-2682	Department of Public Health and Social Services	FY2026 Travel Report- 3rd Quarter ending June 30, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2683	Bureau of Budget and Management Research	Appropriation Reserve Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2684	Guam Environmental Protection Agency	FY2026 3rd Quarter Aboveground Storage Tank Management Fund Expenditures Report; FY2026 3rd Quarter Environmental Trust Fund Expenditures Report; FY2026 3rd Quarter Underground Storage Tank Management Fund Expenditures Report; FY2026 3rd Quarter Recycling Revolving Fund Expenditures Report*
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Kamarin J. A. Nelson

Committee on Rules Director

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Speaker Frank Blas Jr. <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>

Thu, Jul 30, 2026 at 4:07 PM

To: 38th Committee On Rules <committeeonrules@guamlegislature.gov>, Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

Håfa adai,

Please see attached M&C Doc. No. 38GL-26-2679

38GL-26-2679	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Petition for the Above Step Recruitment of Patrick Sotto for Territorial Epidemiologist*
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*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'**Bernice Rivera*

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Date: Thu, Jul 30, 2026 at 2:20 PM

Subject: DPHSS Above Step Request: Territorial Epidemiologist

To: speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>Cc: Theresa C. Arriola <Theresa.C.Arriola@dphss.guam.gov>, PeterJohn D. Camacho <peterjohn.camacho@dphss.guam.gov>, DPHSS_HR <HR@dphss.guam.gov>

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- * Department of Administration Notice of Intent (NOI) – Above-Step Request
- * Proof of DPHSS Public Notice Posting on the DPHSS Website

Please kindly confirm receipt of this submission at your earliest convenience, as we would like to proceed with Mr. Sotto's onboarding upon completion of the legislative review process.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact our office. We kindly ask that you reply to all recipients on this email.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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MAY 26 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, Department of Administration

FROM: Director, Department of Public Health and Social Services

SUBJECT: Petition for Above-Step Recruitment for Patrick Sotto as the Territorial Epidemiologist.

Pursuant to Public Law 28-112 and 4 GCA Chapter 6 §6205, as the Appointing Authority for the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), I respectfully submit this petition requesting approval for an Above-Step Recruitment for Mr. Patrick P. Sotto for the position of Territorial Epidemiologist.

This request is based on Mr. Sotto's exceptional qualifications, extensive public health experience, specialized education, and the critical workforce need associated with this hard-to-fill position. Following recruitment efforts, Mr. Sotto was the only applicant deemed eligible and qualified for the position, further demonstrating the limited pool of candidates available with the necessary expertise and competencies required to effectively perform the duties of this highly specialized role.

Mr. Sotto possesses significant experience in epidemiology, disease surveillance, public health emergency preparedness, data analysis, and program coordination, all of which directly align with the operational needs and strategic priorities of DPHSS. His professional background and demonstrated leadership capacity will greatly strengthen Guam's public health infrastructure and enhance the department's ability to respond to emerging health threats and ongoing public health initiatives.

Given the critical nature of this position and the importance of recruiting and retaining highly qualified public health professionals, I am respectfully petitioning for Mr. Sotto to be appointed at Pay Grade SX, Step 05, with an annual salary of \$100,335.00 under the General Pay Plan (GPP). This recommendation is both reasonable and necessary to remain competitive within the current recruitment environment and to secure a qualified candidate whose expertise will provide immediate value to the department and the Government of Guam.

Your favorable consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. Should additional information or supporting documentation be required, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase,


THERESA C. ARRIOLA, MBA



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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lt. Governor (Sigundo Maga'låhi)

June 23, 2026

HRD No.: 26-272

To: Director of Administration

From: Personnel Services Administrator, Human Resources Division

Subject: Review of Above-Step Recruitment Request
RE: Mr. Patrick P. Sotto

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! This is in reference to the Department of Public Health and Social Services' Above-Step Recruitment request for Mr. Patrick P. Sotto for the Territorial Epidemiologist position.

The Department of Administration, Human Resources Division is requesting to employ Mr. Sotto as a full-time classified employee at Pay Grade SX, Step 05, at \$100,335.00 per annum. The request is based on the following authority:

- *Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, Section 6205 relative to the ability of the Appointing Authority to petition the Department of Administration (DOA) for the recruitment at a higher step not to exceed step 10 because of recruitment difficulty or exceptional qualifications.*
- *Chapter 6, Rule 6.001 (a)(b), of the current Department of Administration' Personnel Rules and Regulations.*
- *CSC Resolution No. 95-02 relative to the above-step recruitment for initial employment.*

The minimum experience and training requirement for the Territorial Epidemiologist position is:

- A) A Guam physician's license; OR
- B) A MD degree from an American Medical Association approved medical school with a minimum of two (2) years of experience; OR
- C) A Guam veterinarian's license with a minimum of two (2) years of experience in the field of epidemiology; OR
- D) A MPH (epidemiology major) or a graduate degree in epidemiology or biostatistics, both from a U.S. Accredited college or university and with one (1) to two (2) years of experience in the field of epidemiology; OR
- E) A MSPH degree with a focus in epidemiology or analysis and assessment from a U.S. accredited college or university; OR
- F) A PhD degree in epidemiology from a U.S. accredited college or university; OR
- G) A graduate degree in epidemiology from a non-U.S. accredited institution, with at least four (4) years of experience designing, overseeing, implementing, and conducting epidemiological studies related to public health; OR

- H) A non-epidemiology professional graduate degree, such as a RN, MD/DO, DDS/DMD, DVM or PhD, from a U.S. accredited college or university, with a least four (4) years of experience performing epidemiology work under the guidance of an epidemiologist.

Upon review of Mr. Sotto's application, he was evaluated utilizing the "D" clause, which requires seventeen (17) months work experience and a Master's degree in Public Health with an emphasis in Epidemiology, for a combined total of sixty-five (65) months of required education and experience in Territorial Epidemiology or related experience to qualify for the position.

Work Experience

- DPHSS Territorial Epidemiologist: 11/15/2024 to 11/19/2025, Credits – 12 months.
- Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, Applied Epidemiology Fellow: 07/15/2023 to 11/01/2024, Credits – 16 months.
- CDC Foundation, CDC Coordinator II: 10/15/2021 to 05/01/2023, Credits – 4.75 months.
- CDC Foundation, Emergency Response Coordinator: 11/15/2020 to 10/01/2021, Credits – 5.5 months.
- DPHSS, CDCD Coordinator I: 04/15/2020 to 11/01/2020, Credits – 3.5 months.
- UOG, Research Associate I: 06/15/2016 – 04/01/2020, Credits – 11.5 months.

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, California State University, Northridge, 2016 and Master of Public Health, Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University, 2023

Mr. Sotto was credited 101.25 months of work/ education experience and a final earned rating of 73.02. Furthermore, he was the sole qualified applicant identified through the recruitment process for this hard-to-fill position, underscoring both the specialized nature of the role and the value of his qualifications.

Mr. Sotto brings extensive expertise in epidemiology, communicable and noncommunicable disease surveillance, public health emergency preparedness and response, data analysis and program management, which is critical to the mission and objectives of the Department of Public Health and Social Services. In addition, Mr. Sotto possesses the technical knowledge and analytical judgement necessary to make informed, evidence-based decisions and effectively address complex challenges. His professional qualifications and demonstrated leadership will play a key role in advancing Guam's public health capabilities, improving the Department's responsiveness to emerging threats, and supporting the successful implementation of ongoing public health efforts.

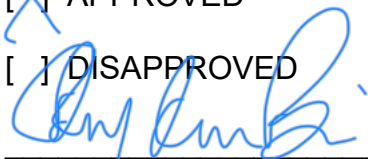
Therefore, based on the information reviewed, HRD recommends that Mr. Sotto be hired as a Territorial Epidemiologist at pay grade SX, Step 05, or \$100,335.00 per annum based on exceptional qualifications and recruitment difficulty.

Final approval and implementation of the above-step salary is contingent upon satisfying the legal requirements of 4GCA, sections 6205 and 6303.1(a), Transparency and Disclosure, which involves posting the “petition” for the Above Step Recruitment on the appropriate website(s) as well as notifying all major print and radio news media. Public Law 38-82, requires the department to post the “petition” on the Guam Public Notices Portal and transmit to the Speaker of I’ Liheslaturan Guahan at least 10 days before the applicant is hired.

Should you require additional information, please contact the Human Resources Division, Recruitment Branch at 475-1128/1141. *Dangkolo na Agradesimiento!*



TONY C. AGUON

☒ APPROVED
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EDWARD M. BIRN, Director Department of Administration
Date: <u>6/27/26</u>



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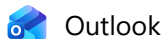
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**NOTICE OF INTENT
Above-Step Recruitment**

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! The Department of Public Health and Social Services is announcing their intent to employ Mr. Patrick Sotto as a Territorial Epidemiologist at the salary of \$100,335.00 per annum at step 05 of pay grade SX. This announcement is in compliance with 4GCA, Section 6205 - Recruitment Above-Step, and 4GCA, Section 6303.1 - Transparency and Disclosure requirements, involving the posting of this notice on DOA's website and informing the local medias of circulation, to include posting on the Guam Public Notices Portal and notifying the Speaker of I' Liheslaturan Guahan.

Should you require additional information, please contact the Human Resources Division, Recruitment Branch at 475-1128/1271 or you can email the HR manager at Tony.C.Aguon@doa.guam.gov. ***Dangkolo na Agradesimiento!***

EDWARD M. BIRN, Director
Department of Administration



Outlook

Territorial Epidemiologist: Above-Step Recruitment Petition of Intent - Local Media Outlets**From** Laureal B. Villagomez <Laureal.Villagomez@dphss.guam.gov>**Date** Tue 7/14/2026 11:24 AM**To** Theresa C. Arriola <Theresa.C.Arriola@dphss.guam.gov>; PeterJohn D. Camacho <peterjohn.camacho@dphss.guam.gov>; Patrick Sotto <Patrick.Sotto@dphss.guam.gov>; Catherine P. Angcao <catherine.angcao@dphss.guam.gov>**Cc** DPHSS_HR <HR@dphss.guam.gov>; Joaquin Blaz <Joaquin.Blaz@dphss.guam.gov>; Gabrielle Quenga <Gabrielle.Quenga@dphss.guam.gov>; Russell J. Perez <Russell.Perez@dphss.guam.gov>; Julia N. Rivera <julia.N.rivera@dphss.guam.gov>

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Hafa Adai,

For your situational awareness, the Above Step Recruitment for the Territorial Epidemiologist for Patrick Sotto has been posted on our website [DPHSS – News](#) | [Open GovGuam](#). We will keep it up for 10 days. Once we meet that requirement, we will notify the Speaker and the Legislature next.

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Subject: Above-Step Recruitment Petition of Intent - Local Media Outlets

Hafa Adai:

Please see the attached Notice of Intent for the ASR of the Territorial Epidemiologist for the Department of Public Health and Social Services. Thank you.

DOA Recruitment

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