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### **Presiding Judge Calls for Collaboration to Strengthen Treatment**

*Hagåtña*, Guam – Emphasizing the critical role of treatment courts in addressing the community’s drug and alcohol abuse challenges, Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III called on mayors to collaborate with the Judiciary at the Mayors’ Council of Guam’s monthly regular meeting this morning.

The Judiciary of Guam oversees various treatment courts, including Adult Drug Court I, Adult Drug Court II, Juvenile Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Guam Adult Reentry Court, Driving While Intoxicated Treatment Court, and Guam Family Recovery Program. Each court targets specific aspects of addiction, offering rehabilitation and support as alternatives to incarceration.

Judge Lamorena’s presentation focused on strengthening partnerships between the Judiciary and the Mayors’ Council to improve the accessibility of resources and services across all villages. He urged mayors to actively promote and support treatment and recovery programs, helping to connect residents with the support they need.

***“As you all know, being first responders in their community, when people are in trouble, the first people they contact are their mayors,”*** said Presiding Judge Lamorena.

Since the establishment of the first Drug Court in 2002 under Guam Public Law 26-125, the Adult and Juvenile Treatment Courts have seen over 1,100 graduates, including 600 adults and 500 juveniles. Last year alone, 76 participants successfully completed the programs.

***“Our courts are at the forefront of tackling addiction, thanks to partnerships with agencies like the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center and other treatment providers,”*** said Presiding Judge Lamorena. ***“But they cannot do it alone.”***

A meeting with the Judiciary, treatment providers, and the Mayors’ Council will explore further strategies to expand access to treatment and recovery services. The full presentation by the Presiding Judge can be viewed [here](#).

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