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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CAPIZ

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**NAVIGATING WELLNESS: CLUSTERED/ REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM
ON CHILD AND ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (ARH)**

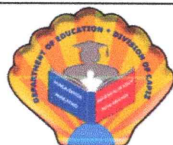
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Chief Education Supervisors
Curriculum Implementation Division
School Governance and Operations Division
Education Program Supervisors
School Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary and
Integrated Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is MEMORANDUM DM-OUOPS-2024-09-06856 from the Office of the Undersecretary for operations dated August 19, 2024 regarding the **Navigating Wellness: Clustered/ Regional Symposium on Child and Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH)**.
2. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


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Encl: As stated
Reference: Letter from PHO
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MEMORANDUM

DM-OUOPS-2024-09-02440

TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
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 SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
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 SELECT SCHOOL HEADS
 ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : *[Signature]*
 ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
 Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : NAVIGATING WELLNESS: CLUSTERED/REGIONAL
 SYMPOSIUM ON CHILD AND ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE
 HEALTH (ARH)

DATE : August 19, 2024

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10354 known as the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Act of 2012, DepEd Order No. 31, s. 2018 or the Policy Guidelines on the Implementation of the Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE); and DM-OUOPS-2024-09-02440 titled Implementing Guidelines on the Allocation, Utilization, Documentation, and Reporting of Program Support Funds (PSF) for the Field Implementation of the Adolescent Reproductive Health Program for FY 2024, DepEd Regions III, VI, and XI in close coordination with the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) will be hosting an event titled: "Navigating Wellness: Regional/Clustered Symposium on Child and Adolescent Reproductive Health." The schedule is as follows:

Cluster	Dates	Venue
1	September 23-27, 2024	Within Region III (Central Luzon)
2	October 7-11, 2024	Within Region VI (Western Visayas)
3	November 4-8, 2024	Within Region XI (Davao Region)

2. The event is a back-to-back activity, a symposium, and an orientation on peer health navigation that will equip adolescents with the knowledge and support they need to confidently navigate their reproductive health and wellness choices. By focusing on education, peer navigation, and community engagement, this event seeks to create a supportive environment that fosters informed decision-making, referral, and enhanced



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access to health services. The symposium's comprehensive approach will contribute to the overall well-being of adolescents, preparing them for a healthier future.

3. The activity specifically aims to:
 - a. **Educate Adolescents:** Provide comprehensive education on reproductive health topics, including puberty, STI prevention, mental health, and healthy relationships.
 - b. **Empower Peer Support:** Train adolescents to become peer health navigators, equipping them with the skills to support their peers in making informed health decisions and accessing necessary services.
 - c. **Promote Healthy Decision-Making:** Encourage informed decision-making by fostering an understanding of reproductive rights, gender equality, and the importance of mental and emotional well-being.
 - d. **Enhance Service Access:** Improve access to reproductive health services by teaching adolescents how to navigate healthcare systems and utilize available resources effectively.
 - e. **Community Partnership and Engagement:** Advocate for supportive community involvement, engagement, and referral in adolescent health.
4. The event is coordinated closely with the host regions, which will provide the necessary administrative and logistical preparations and assistance in implementing the activity.
5. Participants per region are the **Regional ARH and CSE Focals, Guidance counselor representative, ARH Focals trained on Peer Health Navigation (PHN)** last August 7-9, 2024, **selected Schools Division Offices (SDO) ARH Focals** with their **Youth Formation Focals and youth leaders**. The number of participants is listed in **Annex A**. Please secure parents' consent for the learners' participation.
7. Regional Focals are requested to facilitate the identification of their participants. Please access the link to complete the list: <https://rb.gv/oda632>.
8. Regions are encouraged to set up the booth creatively to showcase their good practices. The booth can also incorporate elements of local culture, arts, and traditions, showcase success stories and testimonials highlighting regional initiatives that have positively impacted learners and educators, and show virtual tours, multimedia presentations, and interactive displays.
9. Meals and accommodation, supplies and materials, advocacy and training kits, honorarium and tokens of appreciation, and travel expenses of the host participants and of the resource persons and facilitators will be charged to the host region's ARH program support funds (PSF). However, participants' travel expenses from other regions and SDOs will be charged to the sending offices' ARH PSF. All expenses are subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The RO/SDO is requested to augment any fund shortages.
10. For questions and clarification, please contact **Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao**, Chief Health Program Officer, and **Ms. Phanny S. Ramos**, Health Education and Promotion Officer III of BLSS-School Health Division, via email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph, copy furnished arh@deped.gov.ph, or telephone number (02) 8632-9935.

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