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REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 298 s. 2024

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF HEEADSSS ASSESSMENT AT ORMOC CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a Memorandum from Atty. Suzette T. Gannaban-Medina, OIC-Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services and Learner Rights and Protection Office, requesting for a report on the conduct of HEEADSSS Assessment including interventions provided to the **22 Ormoc City Senior High School learners** with a history of self-harm.

2. It was reported that there was a delayed response from the Guidance Office of the school.

3. This HEEADSSS Assessment Report and the interventions provided must be submitted on **March 13, 2024 to blss.shd@deped.gov.ph** cc **eden.dadap001@deped.gov.ph.**

4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

EVELYN R. FETALVERO CESO IV
Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated
References: As stated
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV**
Regional Director, Region VIII

ATTENTION : **CARMELINO P. BERNADAS**
Schools Division Superintendent, SDO Ormoc City

FROM : **ATTY. SUZETTE T. GANNABAN-MEDINA**
Officer-in-Charge, Director IV
Bureau of Learner Support Services and Learner Rights and Protection Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF HEEADSSS ASSESSMENT AT ORMOC CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

DATE : March 11, 2024

This is in reference to the letter of Mr./Ms. Jemmar Java De Asis regarding the conduct of HEEADSSS Assessment to learners at Ormoc City Senior High School last November 17, 2023. The results identified 22 learners with a history of self-harm; yet, a delayed response from the Guidance Office was reported.

While we acknowledge that assessment is a key component of a holistic wellbeing promotion and service delivery, we would like to reiterate that **mass administration of HEEADSSS should be limited to schools with established referral systems** to ensure that learners who have been identified to be at risk are provided with appropriate and timely interventions.

Further, **we request a report on the conduct of the HEEADSSS assessment**, including the interventions provided to the 22 learners and/or a request for technical assistance as necessary. **Kindly submit the report by March 13, 2024 (Wednesday)** through email (blss.shd@deped.gov.ph | cc: schoolmentalhealth@deped.gov.ph).

For your immediate action.

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ABG. SUZETTE GANNABAN MEDINA
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Mahal na Abg. Suzette Gannaban Medina,

Ang pag-ibig ng Diyos ay sumasainyo!

Ako'y nagsulat ng liham sa inyo upang magpaliwanag sa inyo ukol sa aking pakikipag-ugnay kay Bb. Juliet Bendicio sa tanggapan ng UNICEF Phils.

Nabasa ko po sa National Youth Commission ang isang post sa kanilang facebook page ukol sa kanilang ginawa na NYC Mental Health Peer to Peer Support Program at ang naging tagapagdaloy sa nasabing pagtitipon ay si Bb. Juliet Bendicio. Naisip ko kung puwede ba akong makipag-ugnayan sa kanya at ako'y nagpadala ng mensahe sa kanya at tumugon siya sa aking mensahe. Nag-usap kami ukol sa status ng aking mga mag-aaral batay sa datos sa HEADSS (Home, Education employment, peer group Activities, Drugs Sexuality, and Suicide/depression) , ang pinaka layunin ko lamang sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa kanya ay mabigyan ako nang gabay paano mabigyan ng GABAY ang aking mga mag-aaral na sumasagot ng YES sa katanungan sa may SUICIDAL AT DEPRESSION.

Ang aking pagkakamali sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa kanya dahil hindi ko naipabatid sa aming Guidance Designate Counselor ang aking ginawa at siya ay walang alam dito na ako'y nakipag-ugyan sa kawani ng UNICEF, at hindi ko naisip ang tamang protocol na dapat sundin lalo na dahil may kinalaman sa usaping mental health. Sa katunayan ang aming paaralan ay may ginawa na mga hakbang para matulungan ang mag-aaral na sumagot ng YES at ito pala ay buwanang gawain at sa susunod na buwan ay ang aking seksiyon na ang sasalang para sa *Psychosocial at Mental Awareness* at ito'y aking nakalimutan na may nakasalang na pala na gawain para sa aking mga mag-aaral.

Isa din sa aking pagkakamali ay hindi ko naipasa ang resulta sa HEADSS na isinagawa na dapat ay na validate muna ito ng aming guidance counselor upang matukoy kung ano-ano ba ang sanhi at o dahilan bakit sila sumagot ng YES.

Pangalawa, nalimutan ko din na ang aming SDO ORMOC sa pangunguna ni Mam Mae Esther Arones na koordeynitor sa programang Mental Health advocate ay may mga gawain na nakasalang at ito'y on going implemented na para lalong mag-alab ang adhikain na matulungan ay mga mag-aaral na may balakid sa usaping mental. At sila ay susog upang masugpo ang kanser na ito na lumalamon sa usaping mental ng mga kabataan.

Sa bandang huli, humihingi ako ng pasensya, paumanhin sa aking nagawang gusot dahil hindi ko nasunod ang mga tamang protocols sa usapin ito. Alam ko maraming ginagawa ang Kagawaran ng Edukasyon upang masugpo ang suliranin na ito na bumabalot sa ating lipunan na ito. Salamat po sa inyong tiyaga upang mabigyan nang maayos na akses ang ating mga mag-aaral.

Muli, ako'y humihingi ng pasensya sa aking nagawang pagkakamali at dalangin ko nawa ang pagsibol sa programang Mental Health upang magiging batang matatag ang batang Pilipino!

Sumasainyo,

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