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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
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**CONDUCT OF FIELD CONSULTATION FOR THE DRAFT DEPED ORDER ON
THE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

Attached is an unnumbered memorandum from DepEd Central Office Bureau
of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD).

The memorandum informs the Conduct of Field Consultation for the Draft
DepEd Order on the School Mental Health Program on July 11, 2025, from 1pm to
4pm, via MS Teams (Meeting ID: 420 356 928 388 2 Passcode: iY2cX2SR).

This advisory informs Mary Jean Hidalgo and Marna T. Lopez to attend the
said virtual consultative meeting.

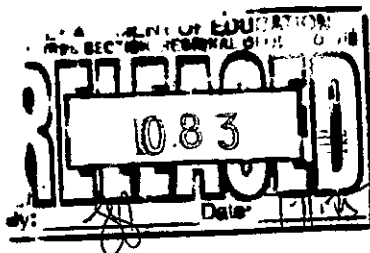
Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-
disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled *Instituting
Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

More information may be inquired from:

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Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are
given the discretion to act on this matter.

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MEMORANDUM

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**TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOL DIVISIONS SUPERINTENDENT
MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMAN
Assistant Secretary, Officer-In-Charge,
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations



**SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF FIELD CONSULTATION FOR THE DRAFT DEPED ORDER
ON THE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

DATE : July 1, 2025

DepEd is committed to promoting and protecting the mental health and well-being of learners by fulfilling its mandates under **Republic Act (RA) of 11036** or the *Mental Health Act* and **RA 12080** or the *Basic Education Mental Health and Wellbeing Promotion Act*. In line with this, the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) has drafted the following policies:

1. **DepEd Order on the School Mental Health Program.** This aims to strengthen learners' resiliency and well-being by (a) promoting their mental health and well-being; (b) preventing further mental health risks; and (c) addressing their mental health concerns and conditions of through appropriate interventions.
2. **DepEd Memorandum on the Interim Guidelines for Mental Health Crisis Response and Management (MHCRM).** The MHCRM guidelines outline the steps to respond, manage, monitor, and refer cases to ensure the safety and well-being of learners during and after a crisis.

In compliance with Republic Act (RA) 12080, BLSS-SHD will conduct a consultation with **guidance counselors and advocates to gather their comments on the subject policies**. This consultation serves to complement the previous consultations conducted on June 5 and 19, 2025, with parents, learners, and other relevant school personnel. The consultation aims to gather valuable information, input, and recommendations from relevant offices to ensure a comprehensive, and aligned with existing mental health policies, laws and memorandums.

The said consultation meeting will be held on **July 11, 2025, online, via MS. Teams** (<https://tinyurl.com/FieldConsultationOnSMHP2025>), from 9 AM to 4 PM, see Annex A for the Indicative Program. As such, we are **requesting two representatives (two Registered Guidance Counselors, and two Guidance Advocates) per region** to participate for the said consultative meeting.

Offices concerned are requested to respond with their confirmation with their representatives through blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

For concerns and clarification, you may contact Jordan P. Concepcion, Technical Assistant II, through the email mentioned above, or via Viber, 0945-321-1229.

Annex A. Indicative Program

Consultative Meeting on the Draft School Mental Health Policies

Date : July 11, 2025
Time : 9 AM to 4 PM
Venue : Online, via MS Teams
<https://tinyurl.com/FieldConsultationOnSMHP2025>

Time	Activity	In-Charge
9:00-9:30 AM	Preliminaries Opening and Welcoming Remarks	BLSS-SHD Dr. Miguel Angelo S. Mantaring, <i>Director IV</i>
9:30-9:45 AM	Ice Breaker Introduction of Program Management Team and Participants	BLSS-SHD
9:45-10:30 AM	DepEd Initiatives to Further the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Learners Overview of the School Mental Health Program Overview of the Mental Health and Crisis Response	Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao, <i>Chief Health Program Officer</i> Gian Erik M. Adao, <i>Education Program Specialist II</i> Belle Beatrice D. Hombrebueno, <i>Technical Assistant II</i>
10:30-10:45 AM	Virtual Health Break [AudioVisual Presentation]	BLSS-SHD
10:45-11:30 AM	Presentation of the draft DO for the School Mental Health Program	Jordan P. Concepcion, <i>TA II</i>
11:30-12:00 NN	Presentation of the draft DM/ Toolkit on Mental Health and Crisis Response Rules and Decorum of Breakout Session	Niña Iubel H. Escobedo, <i>TA II</i> Jordan P. Concepcion, <i>TA II</i>
12:00-1:00 PM	Virtual Lunch Break	
1:00-3:00 PM	Breakout Session	In-Charge Facilitator
3:00-3:30 PM	Virtual Health Break	
3:30-4:00 PM	Finalization of Breakout session Closing Activity (Reminders, Q&A)	In-charge Facilitator