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**ATTENDANCE OF INTERESTED DEPED HEALTH PERSONNEL AND GUIDANCE
COUNSELORS AT THE 12TH HEADSSS WORKSHOP OF THE PHILIPPINE
CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER – ADOLESCENT MEDICINE
DIVISION (PCMC-AMD)**

With reference to Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-08-08058, this memorandum invites interested DepEd Health Personnel and Guidance Counselors to the 12th HEEADSSS Workshop focusing on LGBTQIA+teens, titled "Seeing Beyond Stereotypes: Promoting Healthy Gender Attitudes in Teens," on February 27, 2026, Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the PCMC Multipurpose Hall.

In this regard the office supports PCMC's request that interested participants be on official business. Registration fees and travel expenses for the activity will be charged to the available Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Program Support Funds (PSF)/MOOE/local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Interested participants may register through this link <https://forms.gle/c4ioTCdEWxY6RLmK8> until February 14, 2026. Please contact Dr. Lea Joana Talucod or Dr. Alexandra De Los Santos, a fellow of PCMC, at 0917-8422084 for any questions or clarification.

More information may be inquired from:

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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*.

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



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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR GOVERNANCE AND OPERATION

MEMORANDUM

OM-OUGOPS-2026-08-08058

TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ESSD AND SGOD CHIEFS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary

SUBJECT : **ATTENDANCE OF INTERESTED DEPED HEALTH PERSONNEL
AND GUIDANCE COUNSELORS AT THE 12th HEEADSSS
WORKSHOP OF THE PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL
CENTER – ADOLESCENT MEDICINE DIVISION (PCMC-AMD)**

DATE : **January 8, 2026**

Aligned with the Department of Education's delivery of its mandates under the Republic Act (RA) No. 10354 or the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Act of 2012, RA No. 11166 or the the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2018 titled the Policy and Guidelines on *Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd*, and supported by the 5-Point Reform Agenda which highlights the protection of learners' well-being, DepEd supports and recognizes the role of school health and its personnel in strengthening mechanisms against all forms of discrimination and dangers, improving learning environments, and ensuring learners have access to relevant health services (e.g., psychosocial screening (Rapid HEEADSS) and assessment (Comprehensive HEEADSS Interview), counseling, and referrals.

In line with these policy directions, The Philippine Children's Medical Center-Adolescent Medicine Division (PCMC-AMD), in coordination with the Department Education, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), will conduct its **12th HEEADSSS Workshop** focusing on LGBTQIA+teens, titled **"Seeing Beyond Stereotypes: Promoting Healthy Gender Attitudes in Teens,"** on **February 27, 2026, Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the PCMC Multipurpose Hall.** This is an annual event that aims to capacitate healthcare providers in understanding challenges faced by adolescents through guided learning sessions in conducting an interview and on screening using the HEEADSSS Tool. DepEd's health personnel and guidance counselors are invited to attend the workshop on a **first-come,**

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first-served basis. Please register at <https://forms.gle/c4ioTCdEWxY6RLmK8>. Registration is open until February 14, 2026.

The workshop aims for the participants to:

- a. conduct SOGIE-inclusive HEEADSSS psychosocial assessments by explaining environmental factors affecting diverse adolescents, applying gender-neutral communication, and integrating affirming principles in practice scenarios;
- b. demonstrate stigma-reducing communication by discussing adolescent sexual behaviors' STI/HIV risks across genders and orientations, while advocating for accessible sexual health services in simulated scenarios with diverse SOGIE youth; and
- c. recognize strengths in SOGIE-diverse adolescents and their families and communicate in ways that respectfully support adolescents and caregivers in working through concerns together.

In this regard, this Office respectfully supports PCMC's requests that interested personnel attend the workshop and learn effective approaches to supporting and managing adolescent psychosocial health **on official business**. Registration fees and travel expenses for the activity will be charged to the available Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Program Support Funds (PSF)/MOOE/local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Please contact **Dr. Lea Joana Talucod** or **Dr. Alexandra De Los Santos**, a fellow of PCMC, at 0917-8422084 for any questions or clarification.

For further inquiries about the HEEADSSS workshop, please contact **Dr. Lilibeth Midrano-Gonzales**, OIC, Chief Health Program Officer, or **Ms. Phanny S. Ramos**, Health Education and Promotion Officer III of the BLSS-School Health Division, via email at blss.shd@depe.gov.ph or by calling (02) 8632-9935.



PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER
ADOLESCENT MEDICINE DIVISION



THE 12TH HEEADSSS WORKSHOP

**SEEING BEYOND
STEREOTYPES:
PROMOTING HEALTHY
GENDER ATTITUDES IN TEENS**

1. Physician PRC Units
2. Psychology PRC Units
3. Guidance Counselor PRC Units
4. Professional Teachers PRC Units
5. PPS Units

27 February 2026
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
PCMC, 3F, Multi-purpose Hall

PROGRAM of ACTIVITIES

AM Session

AM Moderator: Mary Angeli A. Conti-Lopez, MD, MPH

- 7:30 - 8:00AM REGISTRATION
- 8:00 - 8:15AM OPENING CEREMONIES
 - Prayer
 - National Anthem
 - PPS Hymn, PCMC Hymn
- Welcome Remarks: Maria Eva I. Jepson, MD, MScHSM, MPM
- Overview of the Workshop/Introduction of Speakers:
Liah Ann G. Cruz, MD, MHCN
- 8:30 - 9:15AM LECTURE 1
 - HEEADSSS 101: HEEADSSS Screening for the LGBTQIA+ Teen
Speakers: Erlinda Susana Cuisia-Cruz, MD
Alexandra Delos Santos, MD
- Q&A
- 9:15 - 10:00AM LECTURE 2
 - Let's Talk About SEX: STI and HIV Education for Adolescents and Young Adults
Speakers: Jay Ron O. Padua, MD
Lea Joana Talucod, MD
- Q&A
- 10:00 - 10:15AM BREAK
- 10:15 - 11:30AM LECTURE 3
 - My Story, My Pride: A Panel Discussion
Panelists: Katherine B. Camus, MD
Niño B. Galacgac, PhD, RPsy
Erlinda Susana Cuisia-Cruz, MD
- Video clips: 2 parents
- 11:30 - 12:00PM Q&A
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PM Session

PM Moderator: Darlene R. Pecache, MD

- 1:00 - 1:15PM Game Master: Niña Jose-Santos, MD
Franklin Marc Patrick Tarronas, MD-MBA
Gianina Loisa Guillermo, RPsy
- 1:15 - 1:30PM RECAP OF MORNING SESSION AND WORKSHOP ORIENTATION
- 1:30 - 2:30PM CASE 1
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Deborah A. Red, MD
- 4:15- 5:00PM CLOSING CEREMONIES
 - Awarding of Certificates: Moses C. De Guzman III, MD
 - Closing Remarks: Erlinda Susana S. Cuisia-Cruz, MD

FACILITATORS:

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Vincent Carreon, MD
Ralph Stephenson Tan, MD
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THRU/ATTN:

DR. MIGUEL ANGELO S. MANTARING
Director IV
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School Health Division

Dear Ms. Yang,

Greetings!

The Adolescent Medicine Division of the Philippine Children's Medical Center will be holding its **12th HEEADSSS Workshop on February 27, 2026 from 8:00am to 5:00pm at the PCMC Multipurpose Hall**. This is an annual event that aims to capacitate healthcare providers in understanding challenges faced by adolescents through guided learning sessions in conducting an interview and on screening using the HEEADSSS Tool. The focus of the 12th HEEADSSS Workshop is on LGBTQIA+ teens and is entitled: **"Seeing Beyond Stereotypes: Promoting Healthy Gender Attitudes in Teens"**.

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In this regard may we request your good office to allow interested staff to attend on **OFFICIAL BUSINESS/ OFFICIAL TIME**. Interested participants may register through this link: <https://forms.gle/c4ioTCdEWxY6RLmK8>

The fee for the workshop is 2,000 PHP. Physician, Nursing, Guidance Counselor, Psychologist, and Professional Teacher PRC units and PPS units applied. Registration is open until February 14, 2026.



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Attached is the activity poster and program. For questions, you may contact our fellows Dr. Lea Joana Talucod or Dr. Alexandra De Los Santos via 0917-8422084.

We look forward to your favorable response.

Very truly yours,

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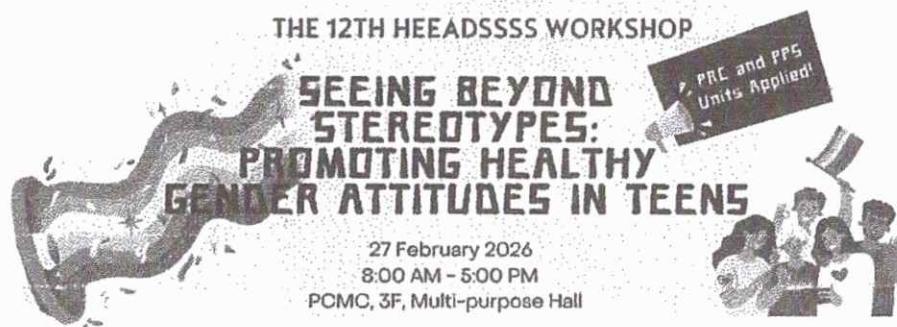
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