



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION IV- A CALABARZON
CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

04 February 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. **083** s. 2026

**12TH HEeADSSS WORKSHOP OF THE PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL
CENTER – ADOLESCENT MEDICINE DIVISION (PCMC-AMD)**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to **Regional Memorandum No. 77, s. 2026** titled **12th Heeadsss Workshop of the Philippine Children's Medical Center - Adolescent Medicine Division (PCMC-AMD)** focusing on LGBTQIA+teens, "Seeing Beyond Stereotypes: Promoting Healthy Gender Attitudes in Teens, this Office announces the invitation of the said activity on **February 27, 2026 (Friday)**, from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the **PCMC Multipurpose Hall, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City**.
2. Invited participants are the DepEd health personnel and guidance counselors. Interested participants are expected to accomplish the registration form through the provided link before February 2026: <https://forms.gle/c4ioTCdEWxY6RLmK8>. The **registration fee** for the workshop is **Php 2,000**. Physician, Nursing Guidance Counselor, Psychologist, and Professional Teacher PRC units and PPS units applied.
3. This office supports the PCMC's request that interested participants 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 MOOE/local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
4. Attached are the aforementioned memorandum and letter of invitation from PCMC-AMD for your reference.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


CELEDONIO B. BALDERAS JR.
Schools Division Superintendent

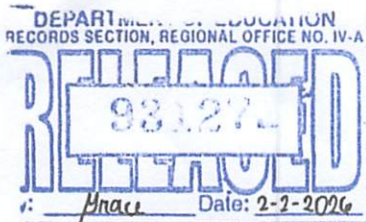
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Reference: Regional Memorandum No. 77, s. 2026

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CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER – ADOLESCENT
MEDICINE DIVISION (PCMC-AMD)**

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**
All Others concerned

1. Relative to Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-08-08058¹, the Department of Education Regional Office IV-A CALABARZON, through the Education Support Services Division–School Health Section, announces the invitation from the Philippine Children's Medical Center–Adolescent Medicine Division (PCMC-AMD) to the **12th HEEADSSS Workshop** focusing on LGBTQIA+teens, titled "*Seeing Beyond Stereotypes: Promoting Healthy Gender Attitudes in Teens*," to be held on **February 27, 2026** (Friday), from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, at the **PCMC Multipurpose Hall**.
2. The workshop aims to:
 - a. conduct SOGIE-inclusive HEEADSSSS 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.
3. Invited participants are the DepEd health personnel and guidance counselors from each of the 25 Schools Division Offices. All attendees are expected to accomplish the registration form through the provided link on or before February 14, 2026: <https://forms.gle/c4ioTCdEWxY6RLmK8>. The registration fee for the workshop is Php 2,000. Physician, Nursing Guidance Counselor, Psychologist, and Professional Teacher PRC units and PPS units applied.
4. This office supports the PCMC's request that interested participants 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

¹ 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)

(ARH) Program Support Funds (PSF)/MOOE/local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. Attached are the aforementioned memorandum and letter of invitation from PCMC-AMD for your reference.
6. For concerns and inquiries, contact Dr. Lea Joana Talucod or Dr. Alexandra De Los Santos, a fellow of PCMC, at 0917-8422084. Other related inquiries about the HEEADSSS workshop, you may 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.
7. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance of this Memorandum is desired.


ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II

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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 HEEADSSSS
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 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 HEEADSSSS) and assessment (Comprehensive HEEADSSSS 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 HEEADSSSS 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 HEEADSSSS 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.

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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@deped.gov.ph or by calling (02) 8632-9935.



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ADOLESCENT MEDICINE DIVISION



THE 12TH HEEADSSSS WORKSHOP

SEEING BEYOND
STEREOTYPES:
PROMOTING HEALTHY
GENDER ATTITUDES IN TEENS

27 February 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

PCMC, 3F, Multi-purpose Hall

7 Physician PAC Units
6 Psychology PAC Units
6 Guidance Counselor PAC Units
4 Professional Teachers PAC Units
5 PPS Units



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. Jopson, MD, MSCHSM, MPM
 - Overview of the Workshop/Introduction of Speakers: Liah Ann C. Cruz, MD, MHCM
- 8:30 - 9:15AM LECTURE 1
 - HEEADSSSS 101: HEEADSSSS 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
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Liah Ann Cruz, MD
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THRU/ATTN:

DR. MIGUEL ANGELO S. MANTARING
Director IV
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Dear Ms. Yang,

Greetings!

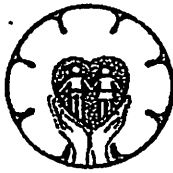
The Adolescent Medicine Division of the Philippine Children's Medical Center will be holding its **12th HEEADSSSS Workshop** on **February 27, 2026 from 8:00am to 5:00pm** at the **PCMC Multipurpose Hall**. This is an annual event that aims to capacitate healthcare providers in understanding challenges faced by adolescents through guided learning sessions in conducting an interview and on screening using the HEEADSSSS Tool. The focus of the 12th HEEADSSSS 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/c4loTCdFWxyGRLmK8>

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,

ERLINDA SUSANA CUISIA-CRUZ MD
Division Head
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