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MEMORANDUM

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FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND BARMM EDUCATION MINISTER
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS CONCERNED
HEALTH AND NUTRITION PERSONNEL CONCERNED
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary



SUBJECT : **ORIENTATION ON SCHOOL HEALTH DIVISION POLICIES**

DATE : July 20, 2026

In line with the Department of Education's (DepEd) commitment to promote the health and wellbeing of learners, the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) will conduct the **Orientation on School Health Division Policies** on **August 17–20, 2026**, at the **DepEd National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP), Tuguegarao City**, to effectively guide field personnel in the implementation of school health programs based on set policies and standards.

The following are the objectives of the activity:

1. To equip school health personnel with relevant policies and standards of BLSS-SHD;
2. To ensure alignment and consistency in the delivery of school health services across governance levels; and
3. To enhance the capacity of personnel in implementing effective and responsive school health programs.

With this, the following are the list of target participants for the activity:

School Health Personnel (17 DepEd Regional Offices [ROs], BARMM RO, and selected Schools Division Offices [SDOs])	(1) Education Support Services Division Chief (1) Medical Officer IV (1) Dentist III (1) Medical Officer III/Dentist-in-Charge/Nurse-in-Charge (1) Nurse II
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Attached is the Indicative Program of Activities (**Annex A**) for reference. In case identified regional participants are unavailable or unable to attend and need to be replaced, ROs are instructed to identify SDO SHN personnel who can best contribute to or benefit from the program activities. Confirmed participants are requested to register at <https://tinyurl.com/OrientSHDPolicies> on or before **August 7, 2026**.

Confirmed participants are expected to attend and complete the entire activity. Board and lodging shall be provided by the BLSS-SHD within the inclusive dates of the activity. Participants who need to travel before and/or after the inclusive dates may coordinate directly with the venue regarding the necessary accommodation arrangements.

In instances where personnel are required to attend the activity during a declared work suspension, weekend, or holiday, or are required to travel during such days due to flight availability or other transportation arrangements (e.g., on the Sunday before the opening of the activity, on August 21, a national holiday, following the closing of the activity, or on a local holiday declared in the personnel's locality), concerned ROs and SDOs are requested to grant compensatory time-off (CTO), as applicable, to participating personnel, computed based on the actual days of participation, in accordance with existing Civil Service Commission (CSC) rules and regulations.

Transportation and other related expenses specific to this activity may be charged against the downloaded LSP funds for DepEd participants, or their respective local funds for BARMM participants. Any remaining balance shall be utilized only for expenses directly related to this specific activity. Offices concerned are requested to augment funds should the downloaded LSP funds prove insufficient. All expenses incurred shall be subject to the usual accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations.

BLSS shall issue subsequent advisories about the activity.

For concerns and clarifications, **Ms. Nina Iubel Escobedo, Technical Assistant II**, BLSS-SHD may be contacted through Viber at 09063358633 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

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C. Indicative Program of Activities

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
DAY 1		
1:00-3:00PM	Arrival of Participants Registration/Check-in	Shirley T. Laurel Lead Secretariat
3:00-3:30PM (Inclusive of Health Break/Snacks)	Preliminaries - Nationalistic Song - Opening Prayer	Gian Erik M. Adao Education Program Specialist (EPS) II Weigela Shaina V. Besar Technical Assistant (TA) II
	Opening Program - Ice Breaker - Welcoming of Participants - Program Overview and Objectives - Session Norms	
3:30-3:45PM	Welcome Message	Dr. Miguel Angelo Mantaring Director IV, BLSS
3:45-4:15PM	Session 1. Learner Support Framework	
4:15 – 4:45 PM	Session 2. Orientation on the Joint Administrative Order on the Provision of Health Services in Basic Educational Institutions Presentation of the Operational Guidelines, Scope and Coverage, and Implementing Guidelines	Gideon John E. Tuliao Health Education and Promotion Officer (HEPO) II
4:45 – 5:00 PM	End-of-day Evaluation and Clearing House/Other Reminders	Weigela Shaina V. Besar
DAY 2		
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Management of Learning - Program Matrix - Session Norms - Ice breaker	Weigela Shaina V. Besar
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Session 3. Guidelines on the Program Support Funds (PSF) for the Field Implementation of Learner Support Programs (LSP) 2026	Dr. Lilibeth M. Gonzales Supervising Health Program Officer, OIC John Denver F. Pineda TA II
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Health Break	

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Session 4.1 Presentation of the DM on School Health Services (SHD) - Overview of SHS SY 26-27 - Enclosures: - Head-to-toe (Incl. IPAO Protocol) - Oral Health - Commodity-based	Gian Erik M. Adao Dr. Lilibeth M. Gonzales Dr. Cynthia D. Coronado Dentist III Girlie G. Azurin Senior EPS
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break	
1:00 – 4:45 PM (Inclusive of Health Break)	Session 4.2 Presentation of the DM on School Health Services (LWO), Focusing on HEEADSSS and CARS	Phanny S. Ramos HEPO III Invited Representative Learner Wellness Office Belle Beatrice D. Hombrebueno TA II
4:45 – 5:00 PM	End-of-day Evaluation and Clearing House/Other Reminders	Weigela Shaina V. Besar
DAY 3		
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Management of Learning - Program Matrix - Session Norms - Ice breaker	John Denver F. Pineda
8:30 – 12:00 PM (Inclusive of 15-minute break, and post-presentation Q and A)	Session 5. Special Topics on Tobacco Control 5.1 Updates on Novel Recreational Product Use and Addiction 5.2 Adopting Evidence-Based Interventions on Tobacco Use Prevention: The DLSU ASSIST Project Experience	Gian Erik M. Adao Peter V. Larin TA II Dr. Donnabel Tubera-Panes Tobacco Cessation Specialist Baguio City Health Office Dr. Niño Jose Mateo, RPsy, RGC Co-Investigator, ASSIST PH; Full Professor, De La Salle University

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
	5.3 Championing Tobacco Control through TobaccOFF NOW! Films	Atty. Benedict G. Nisperos, HealthJustice Philippines
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Session 6. Other Program Updates	Dr. Cynthia D. Coronado Girlye G. Azurin Phanny S. Ramos Gian Erik M. Adao Gideon John E. Tuliao Mary Grace D. Florentino TA II
2:00 – 3:45 PM (Inclusive of Break)	Session 7. Sharing of Innovative Practices and Plans (Selected Regions)	Gian Erik M. Adao
3:45 – 4:45 PM	Session 8. Guidelines on Unified M&E for School Health for SY 2026-2027	Phanny S. Ramos Anna Mae M. Sotto TA II
4:45 – 5:00 PM	End-of-day Evaluation and Clearing House/Other Reminders	John Denver F. Pineda
DAY 4		
8:00 – 8:15 AM	Management of Learning • Leveling of Expectations • Program Objectives • Program Matrix • Session Norms	John Denver F. Pineda
8:15 -11:00AM	Session 9. Consultation on School Health Service Manual	Gian Erik M. Adao Education Program Specialist (EPS) II Weigela Shaina V. Besar Technical Assistant (TA) II
11:00-12:00 PM	Closing Program • Awarding of Certificates to Participants	Dr. Lilibeth M. Gonzales John Denver F. Pineda
12:00 PM	Egress/Lunch/Check-out	

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