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# Department of Education

### REGION XII SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SOUTH COTABATO

Office of Schools Division Superintendent

17 May 2021

DIVISION MEMORANDUM SGOD No. **106**, s. 2021

SYNCRONIZED ORIENTATION ON ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (ARH)
PROGRAM

To: Education Program Supervisors

Public Schools District Supervisors/Principals In- Charge

Public Elementary School Heads

School Health Personnel All Others Concerned

- 1. In reference to DepEd Order No.031, s. 2018 entitled **Policy Guidelines on the Implementation of the Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)**, the Schools Division of South Cotabato strengthens its implementation in the school especially in this time of COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. CSE aims to establish a common understanding of Comprehensive Sexuality Education key concepts, messages, and to ensure clear implementation and its protocols. CSE is also designed to ensure that the learners are receiving comprehensive and appropriate information that can advance gender equality and empowerment. CSE has been shown to increase learners' knowledge, clarify their values and attitudes, develop the skills to reduce risks related to poor health outcomes, and achieve their full potential.
- 3. Based on the data collected from the schools, there was a significant number of early pregnancy among learners, hence, the school health personnel together with the School ARH Coordinators shall conduct a synchronized orientation on Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) program.
- 4. Anent this, all ARH coordinators in both elementary and secondary schools are directed to attend the activity in their respective district/municipality on June 04, 2021.
- 5. The School Health personnel and trained school ARH Coordinators shall be the speakers during the activity. The topics to be discussed shall be the Overview of the Adolescent Reproductive Health Program (ARH), activities to be implemented in schools, and the suggested ARH topics to be discussed during advocacy campaign such as sexual and reproductive health, positive attitude towards sexuality, effective communication, decision making, goal setting and personal safety.

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- 6. A consolidated post-activity report shall be submitted to the Schools Division Office- School Health Section **on or before June 30, 2021**.
- 7. For more information, please contact Ms. Joy D. Adelantar, RN, Division ARH coordinator at 083-228-78-94
- 8. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is directed.

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Encl.: None

Reference: DepEd Order No.031, s. 2018 To be indicated in the <u>Perpetual Index</u> under the following subjects:

HEALTH EDUCATION ORIENTATION

JDA/DM- synchronized ARH orientation 0000/May 17, 2021

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