

Department of Education

SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

April 24, 2024

REGION MEMORANDUM ESSD-2024-050

MAPPING RESOURCES FOR THE FACILITATION OR PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR LEARNERS

To: Schools Division Superintendents

- 1. Under RA 11036 (Mental Health Act), the Department of Education is mandated to strengthen the mental health and well-being of learners through the implementation of the School Mental Health Program (SMHP). The SMHP coordinated by the Bureau of Learner Support Services - School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), involves the facilitation of mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) service delivery (especially during mental health crises).
- In line with this, the BLSDS-SHD is mapping the capacities of field offices and 2. schools to facilitate MHPSS by gathering relevant information on human resources and referral systems. Specifically, we would like to request information related to the following:
 - Designated SMHP Coordinators in field offices and schools;
 - Personnel trained and experienced in MHPSS service facilitation or mobilization, or actual service provision for learners; and
 - Existing referral tools and mechanisms for learners mental health.
- 3. For further details of the requested information, please refer to Enclosure A.
- For queries or clarifications, please contact Amina Aisa Boncales, TA II, through email at schoolmentalhealth@deped.gov.ph or Ma. Lourdes A. Ines of ESSD-SHS at 083-228-1667.

5. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

Enclosure: As stated

Reference: OM-OUOPS-2024-09-02832

Allotment: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following Subjects:

LEARNERS MENTAL HEALTH

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