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MEMORANDUM
23 August 2021

For: **Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister
Schools Division Superintendents
All PSDS, Principals, and School Heads
All Others Concerned**

Subject: **DESIGNATION OF ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
(ARH) PROGRAM FOCAL PERSONS**

The Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), implements the Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd through DepEd Order (DO) No. 28, s. 2018.

One of its flagship programs is the Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) which aims to support DepEd's delivery of its mandate under the Republic Act (RA) No. 10354 titled *Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Act of 2012* calling for age- and development-appropriate reproductive health education and having a supportive school environment. RA No. 11166 titled *The Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act* also mandates that the Department ensures the development and provision of psychosocial support and counseling in learning institutions for the development of positive health, and the promotion of values and behavior pertaining to reproductive health.

In view of the existing policies and to further strengthen the ARH Program, all Regional Directors (RDs), Schools Division Superintendents (SDSs), and school heads (SHs) are required to **designate a focal person for the Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Program.**

The designated ARH Focal Person shall have the following qualifications:

- preferably health personnel, guidance counselor, or a clinic teacher; and
- has undergone trainings related to ARH, or willing to undergo series of trainings.



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The designated focal person shall lead the implementation of the program for their respective areas of assignment, specifically:

- a. attend and roll-out **capacity building activities** related to the ARH Program;
- b. **establish public and private partnerships** to implement activities for the ARH Program;
- c. ensure participation and **consultation of learners** in policy making and program management in every governance level;
- d. develop and **maintain local systems** for program management and delivery of services related to ARH;
- e. **spearhead advocacy campaigns**, in coordination with learners, other DepEd offices, external partners, and CSE implementers;
- f. **deliver basic health services** upon training (e.g., psychosocial assessment, health counseling, psychological first aid, referral);
- g. conduct **monitoring, evaluation, and learning** activities including program implementation reviews for ARH and related acts and policies;
- h. submit consolidated and validated **reports**, including data and analysis regarding adolescent health in the assigned area and documentation of ARH practices, as necessary; and
- i. participate in the national and local **policy development and review** through appropriate mechanisms to be placed.

The RDs, SDSs, and SHs shall ensure support and resource allocation for the designated personnel in capacity building activities and implementation of program and activities in schools.

All Regional Offices (ROs) shall submit a list of ARH Focal Persons from the ROs and Schools Division Offices using the attached template **on or before 30 August 2021** to the Bureau of Learner Support Services - School Health Division through email at arh@deped.gov.ph with subject line: **ARH Focal Persons**.

ARH Division Focal Persons shall consolidate and keep records of school level designations from both elementary and secondary schools. The list shall be updated every school year. In addition, all designated ARH Focal Persons shall answer the Training Needs Assessment through bit.ly/ARHTrainingNeeds.

For more information, queries, and concerns on the abovementioned subject, please contact Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao, Chief Health Program Officer, or Ms. Lien Ivy C. Callado, Health Education and Promotion Officer II, BLSS – SHD, through (02) 8632 9935 and email at arh@deped.gov.ph.

For immediate and appropriate action.


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Undersecretary



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ANNEX A

List of Adolescent Reproductive Health Program Focal Persons

Region: _____

Region/ Division	Name	Position (e.g. MO IV, Nurse II, etc.)	Contact Details		Office Details	
			Personal DepEd Email	Mobile Number	Office Email	Office Contact Number
1. RO						
2. SDO						

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** Send the filled-up form to arh@deped.gov.ph (Subject Line: ARH Focal Persons) on or before August 31, 2021.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Date Accomplished: