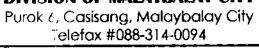


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TO:	Chief Education Supervisors & Staff, CID & SGOD Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads This Division Company Control of the Control of
From:	Schools Division Superintendent Schools Division Superintendent Serial Ser
Date:	January 30, 2018
Subject:	DISSEMINATION OF DEPED MEMORANDUM NO. 012, S. 2018 RE: UPDATE ON THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION UNIT DIRECTORY
	This Office hereby disseminates the herein DepEd Memorandum 018 entitled "Update on the Women and Children Protection Unit for information and guidance.
2.	Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is highly desired.
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UPDATE ON THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION UNIT DIRECTORY

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

- 1. Section 40 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9262 otherwise known as the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004 mandates the provision of medical assistance through a socialized scheme by the Women and Children Protection Unit (WCPU) in the Department of Health (DOH)-retained hospitals or in coordination with local government units (LGUs) or other government health facilities.
- 2. DepEd Memorandum No. 226, s. 2013 entitled Women and Child Protection Unit (WCPU) Directory was issued pursuant to RA 9262 and DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 entitled DepEd Child Protection Policy, which states that in all cases involving child abuse, violence, exploitation, discrimination, bullying and other acts of abuse, the school head (SH) or the Child Protection Committee (CPC) may refer the pupil/student to the Local Social Welfare Development Office (LSWDO) or other agencies or offices for assessment or appropriate intervention.
- 3. The WCPU, a unit under the DOH and the local government, composed of a multidisciplinary team of trained physicians, social workers, mental health professionals and police, provides comprehensive medical and psychosocial services among others for women and children survivors of violence. The following health programs and services shall be made available by the WCPU:
 - a. Complete physical and mental examinations;
 - b. Medical/surgical treatment;
 - c. Psychological and psychiatric evaluation and treatment;
 - d. Hospital confinement when necessary;
 - e. Referral to a specialty hospital and other concerned agency as needed;
 - f. Management of the reproductive health concerns of victim-survivors of Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC); and
 - g. If necessary, contact the DSWD or social worker of the LGU for emergency assistance to the woman and her child/children, or the police women and children concerns protection desk officer.

- 4. In this connection, in cases of sexual abuse and physical violence, the SH or the CPC may refer the pupil/student to the nearest WCPU for free medical and psychosocial intervention. Further, the DepEd Child Protection Specialists shall take note of WCPUs within or near their respective areas of assignment. They shall use this information in providing technical assistance to schools and schools division offices in handling and referral of child protection cases.
- 5. Enclosed is the updated WCPU Directory for the information and guidance of all concerned.
- 6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Memorandum (No. 226, s. 2013) DepEd Order (No. 40, s. 2012)

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