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CREATION OF THE TASK FORCE ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH

To : Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau/Regional/Center/Service Directors
School Superintendents

1. Adolescent health is an area that is relatively unexplored and where services are expectedly inadequate. This low priority given to adolescents' health reflects a conventional perception which suggests that adolescence is a period of physiological robustness. With the advent, however, of more complex understandings about psychosocial and reproductive health, as well as the increasing prevalence of drug abuse, unwanted pregnancies and HIV/AIDS, there is now a growing recognition of existing risks confronting adolescents. It is in this context that the DECS Task Force on Adolescent Health is hereby created to ensure that educational programs and services for the development of the total health of the adolescents are systematically planned and effectively implemented.

2. The objective of the Task Force is to strengthen the various school health and health-related programs and services that specifically address the physical, social and emotional needs and interests of adolescents. Specifically, the Task Force will:

- a. review existing DECS health and health-related programs, projects and services that directly/indirectly affect the adolescents;
- b. conduct special studies to determine baseline data on the adolescent;
- c. formulate plans/projects/guidelines to address adolescent issues and concerns; and
- d. establish linkages with local and international agencies and organizations that focus on the adolescents.

3. The Task Force on Adolescent Health shall have the following composition:

Chairman : **Dr. NILO L. ROSAS**
Undersecretary for Programs & Projects,
and Regional Operations

Co-Chair Dr ADELFO A TRINIDAD
 Director Health and Nutrition Center (HNC)

Members Dr CAROLINA S GUERRERO
 Director III Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE)

 Dr TERESITA INCIONG
 Director III Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE)

 Dr SOLEDAD VARGAS
 Director III Bureau of Non Formal Education (BNFE)

The Secretariat shall be composed of the following

Head Mrs Thelma G Santos Assistant Director HNC

Members Dr Thelma Navarrez Chief, Health Division HNC


 Dr Aleli A. Vida, Chief Nutrition Division, HNC

 Mr Virgilio Regular, EPS II, Pop Ed Unit BSE

 Ms Rose Ferrer, EPS II Pop Ed Unit BSE

4 Incidental expenses incurred in the conduct of meetings surveys and other Task Force activities shall be charged against the budget of the Health and Nutrition Center subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations

5 Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired


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Secretary

Reference None

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