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TRAINING PROGRAM FOR DRUG ADDICTION COUNSELING

To : Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Private and Public Secondary School Principals
Vocational High School Principals

1. In compliance with DepEd Order No. 63, s. 2003 re: "General Guidelines on Random Drug Testing of High School Students", the Department of Education, in close coordination with the Dangerous Drugs Board, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, CHED, TESDA, and the Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association, will conduct the training program for designated guidance counselors in secondary schools for the purpose of enhancing their skills in handling drug abuse prevention programs and drug dependency cases. The 4-day training shall aim to:

- a. increase the knowledge of the participants on the nature of drugs and their ill-effects on the user;
- b. clarify their role in counseling drug users;
- c. familiarize them thoroughly with the Individual Counseling and Drug Prevention (ICDP) Approach in drug addiction counseling and with the preventive aspect of the Approach ;
- d. identify their skills and weaknesses in drug addiction counseling; and
- e. hone their skills in counseling drug users.

2. Participants to the training are the designated guidance/drug counselors in public and private secondary schools nationwide. The initial sites for the training are as follows:

Region	Tentative Schedule	Proposed Venue
NCR (Public Sec. Schools only)	September 20 – 23 (139 participants)	Richville Hotel, EDSA, Mandaluyong City
IV-A, IV-B & NCR (private sec. schools only)	September 27 – 30 (104 participants)	Richville Hotel, EDSA, Mandaluyong City
XI	October 26 – 29 (92 participants)	Apo View Hotel, Davao City
VII	November 2 – 5 (105 participants)	Cebu Business Center, Cebu City

I, II & III	November 16-19 (150 participants)	Teacher's Camp, Baguio City
CAR & V	December 6 - 9 (150 participants)	Teacher's Camp, Baguio City

The schedule for other regions will be announced at a later date.

3. The training will be conducted by the Philippines Guidance and Counseling Association for the designated drug counselors in all public and private secondary schools, however, the 1st wave of training will include the schools that were already visited/ will be visited for random drug testing and those schools with enrolment of more than 1500 students this SY 2004-2005.

4. Travel expenses, board and lodging, honoraria of facilitators and secretariat, rental of conference room and other related expenses shall be chargeable against the P3.0 Million Pesos transferred to DepEd by the Dangerous Drugs Board. Costs for honoraria of trainers, development of the Training Manual including production of video films as support training materials, rental of appropriate AV equipment, and provision of kits and other appropriate training materials shall be packaged by the Philippine Guidance and Counselling Association (PGCA) and payment for the training package shall be made to PGCA, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. All participants are advised to report to the training venue in the afternoon before the 1st day for registration, orientation and initial assessment. Participants who report in the afternoon of Day 1 shall not be allowed to continue the training.

6. For more inquiries, please contact Director Thelma G. Santos, Health and Nutrition Center, DepEd, telephone # 633-7245 or 632-1361 local 2091.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Reference: DepED Order: No. 63, s. 2004

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