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Region XI





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POSTPONEMENT OF THE CONDUCT OF THE 4-HOUR SEMINAR ON LEGAL LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR PEER FACILITATORS AND GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

SECONDARY GUIDANCE DESIGNATES/GUIDANCE COUNSELORS TO:

- 1. In relation to Division Advisory 057, series of 2019, the conduct of the 4-Hour Seminar on Legal Laws of the Philippines for Peer Facilitators and Guidance Counselors was moved by the organizer Davao Association of Guidance Counselors, Inc. (DAGCO) from July 6, 2019 to September 21, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Ateneo de Davao University-Junior High School amphitheater.
- 2. Participants will be limited to 200 persons only.
- 3. Please be guided accordingly.

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> GepEd Schools Division of Digos City RECORDS SECTION

References: DAGCO-PGCA Communication

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects: Continuing Professional Development
GOVERNANCE, Postponement of the Conduct of the 4-Hour Seminar on Legal Laws of the Philippines for Peer Facilitators and Guidance

RDM: Postponement of the Conduct of the 4-Hour Seminar on Legal Laws of the Philippines for Peer Facilitators and Guidance Counselors



Davao Association of Guidance Counselors, Inc. – Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association Davao Chapter (DAGCO – PGCA Davao Chapter)



June 27, 2019

WINNIE E. BATOON, Ed.D.

Schools Division Superintendent Department of Education – Digos City Roxas corner Lopez-JAena Streets, Digos City

Dear Dr. Batoon:

Greetings!

The Davao Association of Guidance Counselors, Inc. (DAGCO-PGCA) is grateful to your office for responding positively to our request. Schools under your jurisdiction had been properly notified of the seminar entitled "Legal Laws of the Philippines for Peer Facilitators and Guidance Counselors" to be given by Atty. Edgar B. Pascua II, MA, Data Privacy Officer of Ateneo de Davao University on July 6, 2019. However, the association decided to move the said seminar to a later date, September 21, 2019, in consideration of some schools whose academic year start in August.

It is in this line that we would like to once again request your office if you could endorse the same seminar and encourage the school administrators to send their Guidance Counselors and Peer Consultants/Facilitators? Attached is the seminar rationale and mechanics.

Hoping for your favorable response.

Sincerely,

PATRICK JOHN M. LENTEJAS, RGC

President



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RATIONALE:

Every school is mandated by DepEd and CHED to maintain a child-friendly atmosphere in the campus. School administrators are trying their best to maintain this kind of atmosphere by working closely with support services offices. Guidance Office is identified as one of the support services offices. Guidance supports academic by providing counseling, group and career guidance sessions, and even student-parent-teacher conference. Guidance works closely with Students Affairs/Prefect of Discipline and Clinic for cases that need Guidance's expertise.

On the other hand, in the age of technology, Guidance Counselors are challenged with the reality that students nowadays do not only have a physical world that they live in but also have a digital world. It is a world where everyone is subject to the abuse of the perpetrators if not being careful and not knowing one's rights and boundaries. Often, victims end up as clients of Guidance Office, Student Affairs, and/or Clinic. The only way to prevent this from happening is to educate the people of the available laws of the land. Counselors and Peer Facilitators must be equipped with knowledge of these laws so as to provide proper guidance to students who fall in the trap set by perpetrators. Specifically, these laws are as follows:

RA 10175 (Cyber Crime Prevention Act of 2012)

RA 9775 (Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009)

RA 7877 (Anti Sexual Harassment Act of 1995)

RA 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act)

RA 10627 (Anti-Bullying Act of 2013)

RA 10173 (Data Privacy Act of 2012)

A school system whose personnel are equipped with knowledge of legal laws can help in maintaining a more child-friendly atmosphere. To help peer facilitators/consultants and Guidance Counselors understand and know how to manage situations violating the said Republic Acts, the Davao Association of Guidance Counselors, Inc. (DAGCO-PGCA), as part of its 50th year celebration in August, will be conducting a seminar entitled "Legal Laws of the Philippines for Peer Facilitators and Guidance Counselors" to be given by Atty. Edgar B. Pascua II, MA, Data Privacy Officer of Ateneo de Davao University.

MECHANICS:

It will be a 4-hour seminar on September 21, 2019 from 8:00pm – 12:00nn at the Ateneo de Davao University – Junior High School amphitheater. As this will be a compressed seminar session, it will be <u>limited to 200 participants only</u> coming from Junior High School to College level. Guidance Counselors are also welcome to attend the seminar. Session fee is at Php150.00/head for students and accompanying counselors who are DAGCO members (Php300 for non-students and non-DAGCO members) inclusive of certificate and merienda. Reservation of slots to the session will be upon payment of the fee. Cut-off date is set on September 16, 2019 or earlier as soon as the slots are filled.



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Please send a scanned copy of bank transaction slip to dagcopgcadavao@gmail.com following the format:

Subject: RA seminar

Complete Name/s of participant/s: E-mail addresses of participants:

School: Contact #:

We will be sending you a confirmation letter for additional instructions once your payment has been confirmed.

Or you may personally pay to Ms. Bong or Ms. Lilay at the Ateneo College Guidance Center, ground floor of Weiman building.

For clarification and queries, you may email us at dagcopgcadavao@gmail.com, or send us Personal Message (PM) through our Facebook page: DAGCO Moderators, or send text/SMS to 0922 476 1660. Please use the following format for ease of communication flow:

Subject: RA seminar

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