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DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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**JOINT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES, WOMEN, CHILDREN AND
FAMILY RELATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SANITATION &
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, CID and SGOD
Public and Private Schools
Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD), hereby disseminates the communication received from the Sangguniang Panglunsod of Tagbilaran City, titled **“JOINT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES, WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND FAMILY RELATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SANITATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.”** This entails the manifestation of Hon. Gemma M. Inting during the Regular Session held last March 24, 2024, regarding concerns on teenage pregnancy.
2. In reference to this Joint Committee Report, all public and private schools shall activate their respective Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and initiate proactive programs and activities that increase awareness of the risks and social impact of teenage pregnancy. By activating PTAs and implementing proactive programs, schools aim to address and mitigate the issue of teenage pregnancy through education, awareness, and community involvement.
3. Please see the attached communication for reference.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For the SDS:

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February 19, 2024

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SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF C.R. NO. 49, Series of 2024**

Respectfully forwarded for information and appropriate action the herein attached Committee Report No. 49, Series of 2024 by the Committee on Social Services, Women, Children and Family Relations jointly with the Committee on Health, Sanitation and Environmental Protection of the Fifteenth Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tagbilaran City on the action taken relative to the item referred to the joint committee: **Manifestation of Hon. Gemma M. Inting during the Regular Session held last March 24, 2024 regarding concerns on teenage pregnancy.**

C.R. No. 49 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during the Regular Session held on February 16, 2024 with the findings and recommendations contained therein.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you and more power.


LYNNETH MAE S. IBBA
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THE FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

To : THE HONORABLE PRESIDING OFFICER
THE HONORABLE MEMBERS
Sangguniang Panlungsod
This City

Subject : Joint Report of the Committee on SOCIAL SERVICES, WOMEN,
CHILDREN AND FAMILY RELATIONS and the COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH, SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Date : February 14, 2024

The committee convened on February 7, 2024 at 2:00 in the afternoon at the SP Session Hall.

Present were: Committee Chairperson Hon. Gemma M. Inting, Hon. Malvin Misael C. Torralba, Hon. Jonas R. Cacho, Hon. Fausto S. Budlong (represented), Hon. Adrian Clark P. Bandija (represented), Hon. Charles T. Cabalit (represented), Hon. Charles T. Cabalit (represented), Hon. Sergio M. Bangalao (represented), Esperanza Brunidor-TCPC, and Mark Francis Nasayao- TCPC.

Present from the invited guests were: Dr. Jeia N. Pondoc- Dept. Head of CHO, Robin R. Culpa-CHO, Desiree Faith R. Lingo- CSWDO, and Wilfreda D. Bongalos represented by Rosene D. Olaivar- DepEd Tagb.

The Committee proceeded to take up the item referred to it for action with findings and recommendation/s.

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 49 Series of 2024

I. Item Referred:

1. RE: Manifestation of Hon. Gemma Inting, during the SP Regular session held last March 24, 2023, regarding Concerns on teenage pregnancy.

II. Findings:

1. Teenage pregnancy, also known as adolescent pregnancy, is pregnancy in a female adolescent or young adult under the age of 20. Worldwide, pregnancy complications are the leading cause of death for women and girls 15 to 19 years old. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines *adolescence* as the period between the ages of 10 and 19 years.
2. As per manifestations of Mr. Robin Culpa of the City Health Office:
 - Based on the records, there are 78 teenagers pregnant in the entire City of Tagbilaran as of 2023.
 - The City Health Office, CSWDO, and DepEd have already conducted lectures on Mental Health Awareness and Teenage Pregnancy Advocacy Awareness in some public schools within the City to address important concerns, especially on matters regarding sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), or sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and HIV (human immunodeficiency virus).

3. As per manifestations of Dr. Jeia Pondoc, department head of the City Health Office:
 - The main concern on the issue of teenage pregnancy is the lack of awareness regarding the dangers of teenage pregnancy, and such unawareness results in fear of the teenage pregnant to undergo pre-natal checkups, which is harmful to the teenage mother and her child.
 - During the times of the pandemic, when the curfew was strict, teenage pregnancy cases have dropped.
 - Lectures regarding sexual education were conducted in Elementary Schools at a teaching level that a child can comprehend, and in High Schools within the City of Tagbilaran. It would also be better if private schools within the City were included in the lectures, subject to invitations or approval by such private schools. Moreover, the lectures on sexual education being conducted in schools can duly aid in addressing the curiosity of the child or young adults.
 - The City Health Office shall conduct appropriate counseling before HIV testing.
 - Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccines were given by the CHO, for free to females (dosage depends upon age range) as protection against cervical cancers.
4. Sex education has long been a source of anxiety for parents with strong religious beliefs. Many parents wanted to ensure that the DepEd curriculum doesn't undermine moral and religious views.
5. The Department of Education has fully accepted teenage pregnant students in schools, as expelling them would only bear another traumatic experience. Hence, a child should not be deprived of the opportunity to have an education.
6. Parents or Legal Guardians have significant roles in a child's sexuality education which is not limited to the following:
 - providing the family perspective
 - supporting your child's level of comfort in discussing sexuality-related issues
 - maintaining an open dialogue with the school about the school-based sexuality education program
 - responding positively and supportively to learning opportunities at home
 - attending the school's parent information meeting or PTA meetings
7. Research shows that those children who are well-informed and comfortable talking about sexuality with their parents are the least likely to have intercourse when they are adolescents. Lack of information poses greater risks. *(Dilorio, C, Resnicow, K et al. 2006; Hutchinson, K, 2002; Jemmott JB, Jemmott LS. 2000).*
8. Based on records, teenage pregnancy incidences were shown to be mostly caused by lack of education, and lack of access to contraception and health information. Teenage pregnancy is greatly influenced by early marriage, rape, or sexual abuse.
9. According to "The Encyclopedia of World Problems", the lack of sexual education reinforces existing taboos and leads to sex by trial and error, possible impotence or lack of satisfaction, guilt complexes, and where contraceptive advice is lacking, unwanted pregnancies, and abortion results from ignorance.

III. Recommendation:

The committee hereby recommends that the City Health Office (CHO), the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), and the City DepEd to further intensify their effort to provide a more comprehensive sex education through the conduct of lectures in all private and public educational institutions within the City of Tagbilaran, and to adopt means to further enhance appropriate access to contraception, to strongly encourage parental involvement, and to implement proactive programs, activities, and approaches to increase awareness of the community regarding the risks and social impact of teenage pregnancy.

Committee on Health, Sanitation and Environmental Protection



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