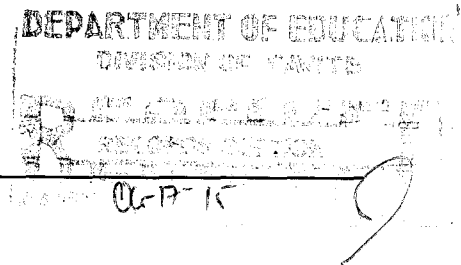


**To : Cherrylou D. De Mesa
Department of Education
Superintendent, Division Office
Cavite City**

Date : June 17, 2015



Dear Madam,

The Philippine League Against Epilepsy (PLAE), a nation wide lay organization through the Epilepsy Awareness Advocacy, Inc. (EAAI), tasked to promote awareness and educate about epilepsy in the country, is celebrating the Epilepsy Week through a national lay symposium about Epilepsy on July 23, 2015 at the Conference Room, Development Academy of the Philippines, Tagaytay City, back to back with the PLAE Annual Convention at the Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City on July 23-24, 2015.


This annual event is supported by the Philippine Neurological Association, an organization of Filipino neurologist responsible in the care and management of the patients with epilepsy, as well as some government and non-government organizations who are advocates in the cause of epilepsy.

This year's theme is "Learning and Understanding the Basics of Epilepsy and Beyond: Its Implication on the Life and Journey of PWE in the Community."

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
OIC, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs CID/SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary & Secondary School Heads

July 15, 2015

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AND GUIDANCE OF ALL CONCERNED.


CHERRYLOU D. DE MESA
OIC - Schools Division Superintendent

The objectives of the symposium are to:

1. Provide basic knowledge on Epilepsy for interested lay people, PWEs and families
2. Familiarize the community on the various concerns and difficulties encountered by PWEs in the community - such as psychological and social concerns, human rights issues of various natures in the schools and workplace
3. Provide a forum for awareness and opportunities for access of basic services, medical assistance and self-representation

In line with this mission, the PLAE through its Committee on Lay Empowerment would like **to request your kind office' support to the advocacy for the welfare of our Filipino patients with epilepsy as well as their caregivers and the epilepsy healthcare volunteers.**

We believe that this is our shared responsibility, and best achieved through a strong partnership.

We would like to solicit your help thru the attendance and mobilization of the officers and members (doctors, staffs, nurses, barangay health workers) to attend the learning activity:

- A. Tagaytay City Health Office
- B. Ospital ng Tagaytay
- C. Association of Barangay Health Workers and Nutrition Scholars
- D. City Social Welfare and Development Office
- E. PWD, OSCA, and Daycare Workers

Since this is a one (1) day activity, we suggest that these individuals shall attend the said activity in an official time. Free snacks and lunch shall also be served for the attendees.

Since there is an interactive session, we also suggest that they prepare themselves for the activity as regards to issues and concerns about persons with disabilities, specifically their rights, privileges and opportunities.

Please see attached information flyer for your information and reference.

Thank you very much and hoping for your most favorable response.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Generaldo D. Maylem', written over the printed name.

GENERALDO D. MAYLEM, MD, MSPH, Dip R&DM, FPNA
National Vice President-1
Chair, Committee on Lay Empowerment
Chair, National Lay Symposium on Epilepsy Awareness

**THE 6th NATIONAL EPILEPSY LAY SYMPOSIUM
PHILIPPINE LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY ANNUAL CONVENTION 2015**

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PROGRAM

DATE: JULY 23, 2015

VENUE: DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES, TAGAYTAY CITY

MORNING:

08:00 - 09:30

Registration

09:30 - 10:00

Opening Ceremonies

10:00 - 10:30

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Hon. Carmen Zubiaga,

Director, National Council on Disability Affairs

(NCDA)

Topic: "Focus: Towards Building the Blocks of a Community Based Comprehensive Development Programs Among PWEs"

10:30 - 11:00

Epilepsy 101: Recognition, Diagnosis, Emergency and Long Term Management

11:00 - 11:30

Quality of Life Among PWEs: Coping and Living with Epilepsy

11:30 - 12:00

Magna Carta for PWEs and UNCPRD
(United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)

12:00 - 12:30

Narrowing and Bridging the Gaps in Epilepsy Health Care in the Philippines: DOH National Policies Revisited

12:00 - 01:00

LUNCH

AFTERNOON

01:00 - 02:30 Panel Discussion
 Moderator: Generaldo D. Maylem, MD, FPNA

TOPIC: Promoting Comprehensive Development of PWE in Various Living Environments:

1. Epilepsy in the Community
2. Epilepsy in School
3. Epilepsy in the Work Place
4. Income Generating Projects and Livelihood Programs and Opportunities for PWE

Highlights and Summary: Mr. Edgardo Cabacungan, Epilepsy Exemplar Awardee, 2015

2:30-3:30 PM Workshop on Issues and Concerns of PWEs
 Moderator: Generaldo D. Maylem, MD, FPNA
 Mechanics: Participants will be divided into 2 groups and will tackle both topics. Each group will have a 25 minutes discussion and remaining 5 minutes for the summary

Topics for Discussion: Common Concerns of PWEs: Suggestions and Recommendations

Group 1 (PWEs and Families)
Facilitators: Lead Facilitator: Mr. Edgardo Cabacungan, Epilepsy Exemplar Awardee, 2015. Support Facilitator: Dr. Gener D. Maylem, PLAE-COLE Chair
Highlights/Review/Summary Facilitator: Ms. Johan X. Delos Reyes, Program Officer, HELP Learning Center

Topic 1: Making the Rights Real for PWEs: IRA 7477, RA 9442, UNCRPD, and EO 437 on Community Based Rehabilitation and Development.

- a. Problems in the Issuance of PWD IDs on Local and National Level: Can NCDA help address concerns for LGUs who are non compliant?
- b. Health Issues: Problems with Access to Healthcare and Medicines
- c. Education Issues: Refusal of PWEs to access regular education. Priorities for scholarships for PWEs to high school, vocational, college education

Resource Persons:

1. Hon. Carmen Zubiaga
Director, NCDA
2. Generaldo D. Maylem, MD, MSPH, Dip R&DM, FPNA
Chair, COLE, PLAE
3. Marlyn H. Ortiz, MD, FCNSP, FPNA
Regional Supervisor Department of Education, Region IV

Group 2. (Community Health Workers and Volunteers)

Facilitators: Lead Facilitator: Ms. Rita Aquino, Treasurer, EAAI

Support Facilitator: Mr. Paul Muego, Vice President, EAAI

Highlights/Review/Summary Facilitator: Mr. Baldwin Kho, Past President EAAI

Topic 2: Organizing Support Groups and Partnership with National Agencies and Networks

- a. Training for Leadership and Organizational Development
- b. Strengthening the organization (EAAI and Chapters) and Partnership with National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) (formerly National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP)
- c. Fund Source and Training for Livelihood

Resource Persons:

1. Leonor I. Cabral-Lim, MD:
Consultant, Neurology and Epileptology/Former President, PLAE
UP-PGHMC; Recipient Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum Grant, AAN
2. Josephine C. Gutierrez: What is the middle initial of Dr. Gutierrez/
Consultant, Neurology and Epileptology/Former President, PLAE
UP-PGHMC
3. Gil A. Gan, MD, FPNA
Regional Director
TESDA Region IV

- 3:30:4:00 Workshop Report:
Group 1 Rapporteur: Mr. Baldwin Kho, Former President, EAAI
Group 2 Rapporteur: Ms. Amy Hidalgo, President, EAAI
- 4:00- 5:00 Closing Ceremonies: Awarding of Certificates of Appreciation to
Speakers/Moderators/Facilitators/Attendees and Participants
Closing Remarks: Josephine Gutierrez, MD, FPNA, Former President,
PLAE

Master of Ceremonies: Generaldo D. Maylem, MD, FPNA
Vice President-2/Chair, COLE
PLAE