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SULONG ISABELA PARA SA LIGTAS NA PAGBUBUNTIS!

The Rural Health Unit of Benito Soliven, in partnership with the Provincial Health Office conducted the Buntis Congress 2017 with the theme “Ang malusog na pagbubuntis ay kaligtasan ni Baby at Mommy” last March 31, 2017 at the Community Center of District 2, Benito Soliven, Isabela.

The objective of the momentous activity is to promote safe motherhood and child health thru advocacy. Different program coordinators were invited to enlighten mothers on vital topics such as Maternal and Child Health, Family Planning, Expanded Program on Immunization, Adolescent Reproductive Health and Teenage Pregnancy.

Aside from these topics, vital health messages were tackled to include the increase of their involvement in the pregnancy tracking especially the teenagers, the importance of early detection of danger signs among pregnant women, and commitment of LGU Officials including the Barangay Officials and Health Workers thru creation of policies, ordinances or resolutions.



The backdrop developed by LGU Benito Soliven



Guests and resource speakers convene for the success of the activity.



The Dental check-up as one of the vital services for all pregnant women.



The Search for Sexy.Preggy begins !



One of the PHO dentists relays the importance of practicing good Dental Health during the entire course of pregnancy.

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52nd Department of Health National Association of Dentists (DHNAD) Convention

The Department of Health National Association of Dentists (DHNAD), a professional organization duly recognized as an affiliate of the Philippine Dental Association, whose members are Government Dentists and Dental Aides of the Department of Health, Local Government Units and other National government health sector of the Philippines held their 52nd Annual Convention & Scientific Meeting last March 7 - 10, 2017 at Bayfront Hotel , Cebu City.

With this year's theme: ***" Quality Preventive Dental Health Programs through Unity and Reform on Philippine Dentistry towards Excellence "*** our goal is to strengthen government health service on its role in improving the quality of life in the socio-economic development of the nation, and motivate to come up with excellent dental programs.

The Keynote Speaker of the DHNAD is none other than *Dr. Enrique Tayag* the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health attended by more than 600 delegates from Luzon, Vizayas and Mindanao.

Arsen C. Benoza, DMD and one of the dentists employed by the Provincial Government of Isabela won the election as the newly President elect 2018-2019 of the Department of Health National Association of Dentists (DHNAD) and the dentist of RHU-Alicia in the person of Mary Ann Battad,DMD as the number 1 Board of Trustee for 2017-2018.



In Full Force: The Public Health Dentist delegates from the Province of Isabela



The Keynote Speaker Dr. Enrique Tayag Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health with the DHNAD Officers 2016-2017



The newly elected officers for 2018-2019 Department of Health National Association of Dentists

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Summit for a Drug-Free Isabela!

The Province of Isabela has been consistent in its battle against illegal drugs to ensure safety of every Isabeleño family. Along with this noble act, the provincial government of Isabela conducted the 2nd *Anti-Drug Summit* last March 8, 2017 at the Gov. Faustino N. Dy Sr. Session Hall, Isabela Provincial Capitol. The summit aims to educate participants about the magnitude of drug abuse as well as present collaboration of inter-agency strategies and initiatives to eventually promote a safe haven in the province of Isabela.

The forum was comprised of effective speakers with expertise in health, justice, religion and rehabilitation. As a testimony of his steadfast commitment towards this undertaking, Gov. Faustino G. Dy III, stressed his plans to help and rehabilitate surrenderers and preventive mechanisms of drug abuse among Isabeleño youth. Participants include the dignitaries of each local government unit composed of Municipal / City Mayors, Chiefs of Police, Municipal / City Health Officers, Barangay officials, and stakeholders such as academe, media and civic society groups.

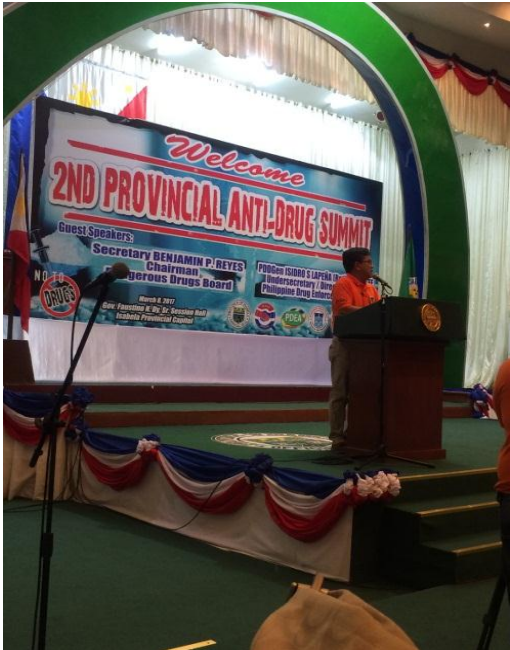
In finality, the Province of Isabela sees this summit as a valuable platform to influence Isabeleños to actively participate in the fight against drug abuse.



The 2nd Provincial Anti-Drug Summit held at Gov. Faustino N. Dy Sr. Session Hall, Isabela Provincial Capitol



Gov. Faustino G. Dy, III together with (R) Secretary of the Dangerous Drugs Board, Chaplain of GFNDM Hospital, (L) PDEA Region II Regional Director.



(Top) Acknowledgment of guests and participants by the Isabela- Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council Secretary, (Left) I-PADAC Action Officer welcomes the participants of the 2nd Provincial Anti-Drug Summit



The Medical DParticipants of the 2nd Provincial Anti-Drug Summit excitedly sits in anticipation for the meeting.



The Secretary of the Dangerous Drugs Board delivers his message during the summit



The Acting Provincial Director of Isabela Police Provincial Office presents the current status of Isabela in relation to the use of prohibited drugs



The Regional Prosecutor delivers the roles of the prosecutors in dealing with issues on drugs



One of the highlights of the drug summit is an interactive forum

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TB in Jail Caravan

World TB Day, falling every March 24th each year, is designed to build public awareness that Tuberculosis today remains an epidemic in many places of the world, causing deaths of nearly one and a half million people each year, mostly in developing countries and ranked as number 8th leading cause of death among Filipinos in the Philippines. Furthermore, TB is four to five times more prevalent in jails and prisons than in civilian communities in the Philippines. Late diagnosis, inadequate treatment, overcrowding, poor ventilation and repeated prison transfer encourage the transmission of TB infection. Prisons act as a reservoir for TB, pumping the disease into the civilian community through staff, visitors and inadequately treated former inmates.

In celebration of this event, the National Tuberculosis Program of the DOH-RO2 in partnership with the Isabela Provincial Health Office and Ilagan City Health Office conducted a *TB Caravan in Isabela Provincial Jail last March 17, 2017* wherein more than 300 inmates were able to undergo screening TB through examination of their sputum by means of direct sputum microscopy. Inmates that would eventually turn out to be positive in their sputum examination will be immediately referred to Ilagan City Health Office for treatment. Advocacy on the control and prevention of TB were also simultaneously held to increase awareness among inmates and staff.

The program ended with a message from Mr. Emelito Marquez, Provincial Jail Warden, expressing their strong partnership and commitment in the prevention and control of TB within their facility.



The TB program coordinator enlightens the 300 inmates of the Isabela Provincial Jail on facts and figures about the dreaded disease- Tuberculosis



Smearing of sputum specimen of screened presumptive inmates.



Active TB case finding prompts the IPHO Medtechs to perform direct sputum microscopy work



The Isabela Provincial Jail Warden awards the TB personnel a Plaque of Appreciation in cognizant of their effort on TB advocacy and active case finding

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“Mag BBB (Bantay Buntis sa Bawat Barangay) Tayo”!

Community assembly is one of the powerful strategies in health promotion focused on helping individuals learn and develop healthy practices. In the Province of Isabela, the presence of maternal deaths due to pregnancy is a priority concern since this contributes largely towards promotion of a happy family. Building around this premise, the continued conduct of “*Bantay Buntis sa Bawat Barangay (BBB), Ikalawang Yugto*” targeting 10 municipalities conceptualized by the Provincial Health Office is extremely necessary.

Among other significant indicators in Maternal and Newborn Health include ante-natal and post-partum care, especially among adolescent group as these remain as major challenges. Many women only seek pre-natal care during their 3rd trimester missing maternal care during the 1st trimester where risk is most high.

Initially and moving closer to the grassroots, there were three (3) barangays from 3 municipalities (Sto. Tomas, Gamu and Delfin Albano) that the “BBB” strategy was conducted in celebration of Women’s Month. It will be a continuing advocacy project for the months of April to May to commemorate Safe Motherhood Month, one of the DOH featured health events. The project further intends to solicit full cooperation of local leaders who are instrumental to attain better health system in the barangays. Thus, promoting women’s welfare from pre-pregnancy until post-partum periods remain to be the forefront concern. Aside from the pregnant women, the involvement of their husbands, parent leaders, BHWs and the whole barangay are sought to promote active involvement of the whole community towards promotion of maternal health in their community and to intensify management tracking of all women with reproductive age, by utilizing the concept of *T.S.I.S.M.I.S* or “*Tama, Sigurado, Sapat, at Makabuluhang Information System*” as a communication strategy to improve health seeking behaviour through informal discussion of health issues in the barangay.

All the target municipalities will benefit from the activity which consists of interactive lectures, awarding of pregnancy-related prizes from the Q & A session and commitment-setting of Pledges among barangay leaders and health workers. Indeed, with the “BBB” campaign, maternal and newborn health will soar high to reach its desired health goals in the Province of Isabela!

Sto. Tomas: March 29, 2017



The MCH Coordinator discusses the Maternal Health in Pregnancy



The Barangay Officials and Health Workers oath to protect the welfare of pregnant women



The Assistant AHYD coordinator during the Q&A portion where prizes are given to the participants

Gamu: March 30, 2017



The Municipal Mayor of Gamu gives his opening message to everyone



The Health Education & Promotion Officer (HEPO) discusses the rationale and objectives of the activity among the participants

Delfin Albano: March 31, 2017



Pledge of Commitment for Safe Pregnancy and Delivery among the pregnant women



The participants actively listen to the lectures from the Provincial MCH coordinator regarding rationale and objectives among the participants

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IPHO in Unity towards Drug Abuse Prevention Program

The Isabela Provincial Health Office demonstrates once again its steadfast cooperation in battling drug abuse with its efforts in continuous screening and advocacy among various groups towards drugs abuse reduction and increasing public awareness. Along with this thrust, the personnel participates in the *Seminar on Drug Abuse Prevention Program for Dangerous Drugs Board Authorized Representatives* in the whole region held at Department of Health- Treatment and Rehabilitation Center(TRC), Centro, San Antonio, City of Ilagan last March 8, 2017.



The Chief of Hospital of the Department of Health- Treatment and Rehabilitation Center conveys her welcome message to the participants.



Keynote speakers from the office of the Solicitor General and Dangerous Drugs Board



(Top) Secretary of Dangerous Drugs Board lectures on the Medical Aspect of Drug use, (R) a lawyer from the Dangerous Drugs Board tackles on “the Legal Aspect of Drug Abuse”





A lawyer from the Office of the Solicitor General lectures on “*Oplan Sagip: Guidelines on Voluntary Surrenderers of drug abuse*”.



Question and answer portion between the participants and the speakers.



Participants from the Isabela Provincial Health Office receive their designation as Dangerous Drugs Board representatives with specific duties and responsibilities under Board Resolution No. 3 s. 2007.

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Dog Impounding: A Collective Strategy for a Rabies-Free Barangay!

The Provincial Health Office-Field Health Services in partnership with the Provincial Veterinary Office geared for the implementation of Executive Order No.2 on *Dog Impounding in all municipalities of Isabela*. Focusing towards the decrease of rabies bite victims in the province, as reflected in the consolidated report submitted by the four (4) district for the months of January to February of 2017, both departments work closely to attain the goals stipulated in EO # 2.

In coordination with the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVET), Provincial Health Office (IPHO), Local Chief Executive (LCE) and Liga ng mga Barangays (LMB), a special meeting was conducted which aims to facilitate dog impounding in all barangays in order to decrease the number of stray dogs in the area and eventually decreasing the number of bite victim brought about by these stray dogs.



A courtesy call to the Local Chief Executive of Jones for the conduct of a special training on Rabies for the Liga ng mga barangay in the municipality.



The Provincial Veterinary Coordinator emphasizes to all barangay captains their important roles in the implementation of dog impounding in their areas of concern.



A representative from the Provincial Veterinary office discusses basic facts about Rabies.



The Assistant Provincial Rabies Coordinator gives information about transmission as well as prevention of Rabies.



The Assistant Provincial Veterinary Officer presents the situation on Rabies Bite victim in the municipality of Jones and its impact

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ADVOCACY AT ITS BEST!

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Isabela Provincial Office in City of Ilagan celebrates *Women’s Month* with various activities that supports women empowerment. Health awareness is one of highlighted activities conducted last March 22, 2017 wherein program managers from Isabela Provincial Health Office delivered key messages on specific health concerns such as *Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, Non-Communicable Diseases and Healthy Lifestyle*.

With much vigor and enthusiasm, students from different vocational programs actively participated during the discussion with their interesting queries and clarifications with regards to the topics discussed. In the same manner that the staff expressed their gratitude for the opportunity accorded to them to disseminate vital information regarding the programs they handled.

The partnership with the academe is truly a valuable venue to raise public awareness towards health issues that shall paved the way to increase the pool of health advocates in the Province of Isabela.



IIPHO staff as resource speakers during the interactive rundown of interesting topics to the eager students of TESDA.



Left: The different resource speakers empower most women students of TESDA. Right: TESDA staff awards the certificates after the stimulating and motivating health awareness activity.

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