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**Good Governance for a Successful Universal Health Care**

*Date: March 26, 2019*

*Venue: Governor’s Mini Conference Hall, Provincial Capitol*

Multiple emerging health issues have begun to affect the Province of Isabela. As a result, members of the Provincial Local Health Board Committee and development partners convened to discuss these issues during the *1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Provincial Local Health Board Meeting*.

Among the salient features included Isabela as one of the Advance Implementation Sites for the Universal Healthcare Act wherein Dr. Katrina Peca-at of the CV CHD presented a proposal for a Health Care Provider Network through the Fourmula 1 Plus Health Strategy. Others were Measles Outbreak Response Immunization among 6-59 months old children and protocols for the National Immunization Program covering the upcoming Japanese Encephalitis this May, incidence of Dengue Fever in the province. In the end, support and active involvement of all were evident as plans and programs in the next months were laid down.

As they say, “Cohesive working together for a common ground is the hallmark of a good and responsive governance”! Surely, health status of Isabelenos shall continue to be nurtured and flourished to pave the way towards improving their quality of lives!



Dr. Brian Galapia, Cluster Head-Family Health presents the Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine as PHO II Dr. Nelson O. Paguirigan along with the others listen



Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez, the Provincial Administrator expresses full support for the upcoming Japanese Encephalitis (JE) program through visual/graphic IEC



Dr. Marichu S. Manlongat, Rural Health Physician presents the status of Measles outbreak in the province



Dr. Karina Peca-at, Cluster Head- Local Health System of CV\_CHD talks about the Health Care Provider Network through the Fourmula 1 Plus for Health Strategy



Ms. Evelyn Acluba, Regional BHW Coordinator, mentions that identified GIDA barangays will be the priority for the UHC program

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***“Reproductive Health; Everyone’s Responsibility”***

*Date: March 26-27, 2019*

*Venue: Quirino Water Sports Complex, Quirino*

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting of the Region 2 Regional Implementation Team (R2RIT) for the Implementation of Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Law and Team Building took place at the Quirino Water Sports Complex, Quirino Province.

Among the topics discussed were: regionally-relevant discussions from the National Implementation Team (NIT) for the RPRH Law, Family Planning Program Module of the Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD) Incorporated, Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (MRI), submission of Inventory and Order form for FP Commodities, DOH accreditation of Civic Society Organizations (CSOs), DOH Memo on the Implementation of the FP Program, status of submission of Quarterly Accomplishment Report and 2019 Unified Work and Financial Plan, Highlights of the Purple Ribbon Awarding Ceremony, and Agreements during the RPPF Assessment and Planning Meetings.



Ms. Herita O. Macarubbo, DPA Regional Director, POPCOM Region II R2 RIT Co-chair and head of the Secretariat declares a quorum



The Regional Coordinator of the National Program on Family Planning Ms. Sheila Villamil, Nurse V provides update to the participants





The participants enjoy some team-building activities



The R2 RIT poses for a shot after the Training.

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***“Japanese Encephalitis: The New Public Health Enemy”***

*Date: March 22, 2019*

*Venue: Piazza Zicarelli Hotel & Restaurant*

The introduction of a new vaccine in the health system entails a promising development to ensure optimal well-being among young children. A good communication plan for such a program is critical from the national level down to the regional and local levels.

In the light of such endeavor, an *Orientation on Japanese Encephalitis (JE) Vaccine* was conducted last March 22, 2019 at the Piazza Zicarelli Hotel & Restaurant, graced by government officials, healthcare workers, and many of the province’s public and private stakeholders.

JE is a mosquito borne disease and a leading cause of viral encephalitis in Asia and the Western Pacific Region. Most infections are asymptomatic. However, severe disease is estimated to occur in about 1 per 250 cases; this is characterized by rapid onset of high-grade fever, headache, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, seizures and spastic paralysis. Patients who die usually suffered from aspiration syndromes, seizures, raised intracranial pressure and hypoglycemia. There is no specific antiviral treatment or cure for JE. Supportive clinical care is important as it alleviates symptoms and stabilizes the patient.



Dr. Anabelle Paguirigan orients the participants on the Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine



The DTTB of Sta. Maria expresses concern on the implementation of the Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine

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***“Bakuna sa Tigdas, Mga Bata’y Maililigtas”***

*Date: March 19-20, 2019*

**MEASLES OUTBREAK RESPONSE IMMUNIZATION**

A measles outbreak is currently storming the Philippines, and our beloved province is no exception. To curb the ongoing transmission and reduce incidence of measles, an *Outbreak Response Immunization (ORI)* was conducted in the affected municipalities of the province. All children aged 6 months – 5 years regardless of their vaccination status are given one dose of measles vaccine, through home visitations. To ensure that no child is left unprotected, the team conducting the Outbreak Response Immunization continues to make rounds in the following municipalities: Cordon, Ramon, CHO2 Cauayan City, Jones, San Agustin, Echague and San Isidro.



Validation of reports and feedbacking to MHOs of Ramon, Jones, Cauayan City CHO2, San Agustin Echague and San Isidro. A souvenir shot with SP Napoleon M. Hernandez Jr. – Chairman, Committee on Health after the Outbreak Response Immunization activities.





House-to-house Outbreak Response Immunization with MHOs and PHO team



Immunization day at RHU San Agustin at the time of the visit

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**“BHWs Hanggang Wakas !”**

*Date: March 21, 2019*

*Venue: Maconacon Sub-office- Lingap, Capitol Ground, Alibagu, City of Ilagan, Isabela*

Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) are one of the front-liners who provide and deliver health care services to the members of the community. They provide assistance and support to the physicians, nutritionists, nurses and other health care providers in delivering essential key messages.

Due to these complex and vital roles, there is a great need for them to undergo trainings and seminars in order to equip them with skills and knowledge for more effective and efficient health service delivery. As a result, last March 21, 2019, the BHWs of the coastal town of Maconacon, Isabela had the opportunity to participate in the 1-day orientation/seminar as especially requested by their Local Chief Executive, Hon. Mayor Lycelle Kate D. Vicente and supported by the Provincial Health Office – Field Health Services program coordinators.



The BHWs listen attentively to updates on the Maternal and Child Health Program and the National Program on Family Planning.



Topics on STI-HIV, and Leprosy piques their interest



The provincial BHW coordinator elicits laughter from the participants as they do some unfreezing activity



The Provincial Rabies Coordinator talks about Rabies and how to be Responsible Pet Owners



Lecture on Water and Sanitation Hygiene, Malaria and Dengue

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**“DUGONG ISABELEÑO: ALAY SA INYO”**

*Date: March 15, 2019*

*Venue: Sto. Tomas Isabela*

The Local Government Unit of Sto. Tomas through the Rural Health Unit conducted another Blood-letting Activity (BloodLympics/Inter-Barangay Blood Letting Activity) at the Sto. Tomas National High School Covered Court. This activity is one of the featured activities during the town’s fiesta celebration and spearheaded by the CVMC Bloodbank Team.

This noble undertaking produced thirty-seven blood donors from different agencies such as barangay leaders, DEPED and PNP. Hence, the spirit of solidarity is clearly evident in this humble place.



LGU members took charge of the registration



A police officer assigned in the town acted as blood donor





The CVMC Bloodbank team with Provincial Voluntary Blood Services Coordinators and members of LGU Sto. Tomas

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***“Sa Bakuna ni Baby, Mapapanatag si Mommy”***

*Date: March 6, 2019*

*Venue: FLDY Coliseum, Cauayan City Isabela*

In the region, a recent decrease in the number of Fully Immunized Children was noted. This was followed by an increase in cases of children susceptible to vaccine preventable diseases. Given this scenario, there is a need to intensify strategies and create new activities that will ensure all children are vaccinated and protected.

The Cagayan Valley – Center for Health and Development conducted an *Immunization Summit* tagged as ***“Bida si Baby sa Bakuna”*** or the **BBB party** at Faustino L. Dy Coliseum, Cauayan City, Isabela. The activity aimed to bring together parents, their children, health workers from private and public organizations, as well as other stakeholders in one event to discuss the advantages of immunization and raise awareness to parents on how their children can grow healthy and happy.



CV-CHD Reg. Director Dr. Rio Magpantay imparts a message for everyone from Bill Gates which states; *“Vaccination is one of the easiest things on the way to development. It is much easier than roads and a great Education System. It’s one of the first things you want to get right”.*



Health stewards from different DOH Central office, CV-CHD Director pose with the Provincial Health Officers of Region 2 together with the program coordinators during the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

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***“Cagayan Valley: Sama-sama sa Pagsugpo ng Measles”***

*Date: March 6, 2019*

*Venue: Cagayan Valley- Center for Health Development, Tuguegarao Cagayan*

Given the increasing cases in the region from January-February 28, 2019, there is a need to intensify strategies that will ensure or enhance immunization campaign in the region.

Relative with the above, the Cagayan Valley-Center for Health Development conducted a *Stakeholder’s Meeting* last March 6, 2019 at the Greenyard Hotel, Cauayan City, Isabela participated by Provincial Health Officers of Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino, Batanes and Isabela, program coordinators, managers and stakeholders from the private sector. The meeting was spearheaded by CV-CHD Regional Director Rio L. Magpantay and DOH Usec. Myrna C. Cabotaje which aims to bring together different groups of stakeholders to plan for strategies to halt the spread of the disease and vaccinate all 6-59 months old children. Furthermore, it is also an avenue to resolve issues and concerns regarding the ongoing Outbreak Response Immunization activities in the region.



PHO II Dr. Nelson Paguirigan presents the strategies and action taken to address the outbreak which gained applause by the body



DOH Usec. Cabotaje and Dir. Magpantay acknowledging the efforts of Region 02 Provincial Health Offices for their support in all the Measles activities

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