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Region VI – Western Visayas
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CAPIZ

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 464, s. 2026

**DIVISION TRAINING ON SAFE SPACES, STRONG MINDS:
CAPACITY BUILDING FOR COUNSELOR ASSOCIATES AND
GUIDANCE DESIGNATES**

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
OIC-Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools
Heads of Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the Memorandum No. DM-OULS-2025-072 dated September 8, 2025 and in support of Republic Act (RA) No. 11036 or the Mental Health Act, RA 10627 or the Anti-Bullying Act of 2013 and RA No. 12080 or the Basic Education Mental Health and Well-Being Promotion Act, this Office, thru the Human Resource and Development Section (HRDS) of the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) will conduct a live-in training program titled **Safe Spaces, Strong Minds: Capacity Building for Counselor Associates and Guidance Designates** on November 24-27, 2026. There will be a walkthrough on November 23, 2026. The venue will be announced later.

2. The training program seeks to:

a. equip Counselor Associates/Guidance Designates with foundational and policy knowledge-including DepEd issuances, RA No. 11036, or the Mental Health Act, RA 12080 establishing the Basic Education Mental Health and Well-Being Promotion Act, and DepEd Order No. 77, s. 2010, which institutionalized school guidance programs;

b. develop key competencies in delivering core guidance services, such as case management, referrals, and psychosocial support, ensuring they meet the evolving needs of learners, particularly in a post-pandemic educational landscape;

c. provide structured coaching and mentoring support, recognizing that Job-Embedded Learning and professional guidance essential



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to the successful transition of Counselor Associates/Guidance Designates into their new roles; and
d. cultivate a culture of reflective practice, self-care, and continuous learning, reinforcing the importance of the well-being not only of the learners but also of learner support providers,

3. The participants in this training are the Counselor Associates/Guidance Designates from the select elementary, secondary and integrated schools.
4. The first meal to be served will be snacks on November 24, 2026, and the last meal will be snacks on November 27, 2026.
5. The meals of the participants and members of the Program Management Team (PMT) shall be charged to the HRD funds. On the other hand, the travel, accommodation, and other incidental expenses of the participants and PMT members shall be charged against school MOOE/local fund and HRD fund, respectively, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. Attached are the following for reference:
 - a. List of Counselor Associates/Guidance Designates
 - b. Program Management Team
7. For questions or clarifications, please coordinate with Mr. Jerry Mosquite of the HRDS via email at jerry.mosquite@deped.gov.ph.
8. It is understood that in the conduct of this activity, there shall be no discrimination on the account of age, school, gender, civil status, disability, religion, or other similar factors/personal circumstances that run counter to the principles of equal opportunity.
9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated
Reference: DM-OULS-2025-072
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