REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE Region XI

Resolution No. 03, Series of 2020

ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO SUPPORT THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FIRST 1000 DAYS PROGRAM THROUGH CLASSIFYING THE NUTRITIONALLY AT-RISK PREGNANT WOMEN

WHEREAS, malnutrition remains a significant public health concern in the Philippines, especially for the nutritionally at-risk pregnant women that increases the possibility of delivering low birth weight babies;

WHEREAS, 17.0% of pregnant women in Davao City, 20.6% in Davao Occidental 20.4% in Davao Oriental, and 10.7% in Davao del Norte are classified as nutritionally at-risk (NAR) delivering low birth weight babies according to the 2018 and 2019 Expanded National Nutrition Survey (ENNS) conducted by DOST Food and Nutrition Research Institute;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) 11148 or the "Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Magnanay Act" provides nutrition programs and interventions through a strengthened integrated strategy for maternal, neonatal, child health and nutrition in the first 1,000 days of life;

WHEREAS, studies shows that ECCD First 1000 days strategy has been identified to address stunting among children;

WHEREAS, ECCD-F1K focus on healthy pregnancies that will produce healthy child and promote the optimum growth potential of the children up to 2 years of age;

WHEREAS, the identification of Nutritionally at-risk pregnant women will give us an opportunity to provide services to the mothers and promote healthy pregnancy, child bearing and child care;

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Committee XI deemed it necessary to identify the nutritionally-at-risk pregnant women using the Body Mass Index (BMI) table for pregnant women based on the Regional Health Information System (RHIS) Guidelines.

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that this Committee urge the Local Government Units (LGUs) to support the Early Childhood Care and Development for the First 1,000 Days Program through identifying the nutritionally at-risk pregnant women.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Nutrition Council XI for its dissemination to NGAs, LGUs, and other stakeholders for their information and appropriate action.

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RNC XI Resolution No. 02 Series of 2020 Adopting the Early Childhood Care and Development for the First 1,000 Days Program to Address Stunting in Davao Region

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