



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
REGION VIII  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

November 18, 2025

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
No. 452, s. 2025

**Conduct of Healthy Learning Institution for Last Mile Elementary Schools (HLI-LMES) Brief Tobacco Intervention (BTI) Training**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief, Schools Governance & Operations Division  
Division Medical Officer/ Head, School Health Section  
Concerned School Health Section Personnel  
All Others Concerned

1. In support of the **Healthy Learning Institutions (HLI)** initiative covering **130 Last Mile Elementary Schools (LMES)** in the Schools Division of Northern Samar, and guided by the **DOH Health Promotion Framework Strategy (HPFS) Priority Areas** and the **DepEd OK sa DepEd Program**, the **Department of Health – Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development (DOH-EVCHD)**, through the **Provincial Department of Health Office (PDOHO)** and in partnership with the **Provincial Health Office (PHO) of Northern Samar**, with the support of this Office, will conduct the **“HLI-LMES Brief Tobacco Intervention (BTI) Training.”**
2. The training aims to:
  - a. **promote health literacy and preventive education**, focusing on tobacco and vape use prevention among learners in Last Mile Elementary Schools (LMES).
  - b. **prepare participants to deliver cessation services for students and school personnel**, fostering a smoke-free learning environment and equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills.
  - c. **strengthen school personnel capacity to implement sustainable initiatives** in health promotion and tobacco/vape prevention.
3. The training will be conducted at **Dencio's Venue and Catering Services**, Brgy. Dalakit, Catarman, Northern Samar, on **December 1-2, 2025**.
4. **All School Nurses of the Department of Education – Schools Division of Northern Samar**, comprising a total of eight (8) DepEd Nurse Program Coordinators and thirty-six (36) School Nurses, both division-based personnel and those under school plantilla or autonomous positions, are **required to participate in the said activity**.



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5. The **resource speakers and learning facilitators** are trained representatives from the **School Health Section of the Schools Division of Northern Samar**, the **Provincial Health Office (PHO)**, and the **Provincial Department of Health Office (PDOHO)**. Please refer to the attached **Activity Matrix** for details.
6. **Accommodation shall be provided** for participants residing outside Catarman, Northern Samar. Kindly coordinate with the Secretariat upon arrival at the venue.
7. **All expenses relative to the conduct of this activity**—such as meals, venue, and accommodation—shall be charged to the **HLI Fund** managed by the **Department of Health - Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development (DOH-EVCHD)**. Meanwhile, **travel and incidental expenses** of DepEd participants and facilitators shall be charged to their respective **local/school/division funds or MOOE**, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. This Memorandum shall serve as the **Official Travel Authority** for all concerned participants and facilitators.
9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
GAUDENCIO C. ALJIBE JR., PhD, CESO VI  
Schools Division Superintendent

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**CONDUCT OF HEALTHY LEARNING INSTITUTION FOR LAST MILE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (HLI-LMES)  
BRIEF TOBACCO INTERVENTION TRAINING**

**PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES**

DAY 1 – December 1, 2025 (Monday)		
ACTIVITY/TOPIC	TIME	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Arrival/ Registration	8:00AM- 9:00AM	Secretariat
Opening Program/ Preliminaries	9:00AM – 10:00AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lupang Hinirang</li><li>• Prayer</li><li>• <i>Himno san Nortehanon</i></li><li>• DOH Hymn</li><li>• DepEd Northern Samar Division Hymn</li><li>• DepEd Quality Policy Statement</li></ul> <p>Welcome Remarks: <b>WARREN L. OTADOY, MD</b> Medical Officer IV</p> <p>Message of Support: <b>GAUDENCIO C. ALJIBE JR, PhD, CESO VI</b> Schools Division Superintendent</p> <p><b>MA. AURORA DUBONGCO-VICENCIO, MD, FPPS, MMHoA</b> Provincial Health Officer II</p> <p><b>Christy A. Ador, RN</b> Division Nurse In-Charge</p>
Acknowledgement of Attendees/ Checking of Attendance & Context Setting		
Module 1: Building the Momentum	10:00AM – 11:00AM	<b>SHIRLY ALBA, RN</b> Non-Communicable Disease Control Program Coordinator Provincial Health Office

<b>Module 2: Brief Tobacco Intervention Essentials</b>	11:00AM – 12:00NN	<b>MARVIN D. SOCORRO, RN</b> Nurse II, Division Alternate-Focal Person for HLI DepEd – Schools Division of Northrn Samar
<b>LUNCH</b>	12:00NN – 1:00PM	
<b>Module 3: Not Ready to Quit</b>	1:00PM – 2:00PM	<b>ROSALIE A. ROJERO, RN</b> Nuse II – Laoang I District
<b>Module 4: Ready to Quit</b>	2:00PM – 3:00 PM	<b>ROSALIE A. ROJERO, RN</b> Nuse II – Laoang I District
<b>Simulation Activities</b>	3:00PM – 5:00PM	<b>ROSALIE A. ROJERO, RN</b> Nuse II – Laoang I District
<b>DAY 1 – December 2, 2025 (Tuesday)</b>		
ACTIVITY/TOPIC	TIME	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
<b>Preliminaries</b>	8:00AM – 9:00AM	Secretariat
<b>Module 5: Staying Quit or Relapse</b>	9:00AM – 10:00NN	<b>John Ezekiel T. Valera, MD, MBA</b> Medical Specialist IV Chief, Technical Service Health System Delivery Division
<b>Simulation Activities</b>	10:00AM – 12:00NN	
<b>LUNCH</b>	12:00NN – 1:00PM	
<b>Module 6: Establishing Strong Connections</b>	1:00PM – 2:00PM	<b>John Ezekiel T. Valera, MD, MBA</b> Medical Specialist IV Chief, Technical Service Health System Delivery Division
<b>Simulation Activities</b>	2:00PM – 4:00PM	
<b>Closing Program</b>	4:00PM – 4:30PM	<p>Awarding of Certificates of Appreciation to Resource Speakers</p> <p>Distribution of Certificates of Participation / Certificates of Appearance to Participants</p> <p>Closing Message:</p> <p><b>NOE M. HERMOSILLA</b> Chief—Schools Governance &amp; Operations Division (SGOD)</p> <p><b>ROMMEL C. FRANCISCO, MD, MPH</b> Provincial DOH Officer/ Development Management Officer V</p> <p>Photo Opportunity</p>

Ceremonies Officer: **Ms. Richelle Paz Delizon**



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**PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE**

November 5, 2025

**GAUDENCIO C. ALJIBE JR., PhD, CESO VI**  
Schools Division Superintendent  
Department of Education  
Catarman N. Samar

Dear Supt. Aljibe,

Greetings!

Pursuant to Section 30 of Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Health Care (UHC) act, schools under the supervision of the Department of Education will be designated as healthy settings, with DepEd and Department of Health developing standards, programs, and modules on health literacy, health promotion and disease prevention. All of these will be addressed through the Healthy Learning Institutions (HLI) program of the DOH.

In this regard, the DOH Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development in coordination with the Provincial Health Office of Northern Samar would like to invite the following from your division to attend the **Healthy Learning Institution for Last Mile Elementary Schools (HLI- LMES) Brief Tobacco Intervention Training** on December 1-2, 2025 in Catarman, Northern Samar

1. Dr. Warren Otadoy
2. Eight (8) DepEd Nurses Program Coordinators
3. Thirty six (36) School Nurses

To facilitate coordination and answering of queries, please feel free to contact **Ms. Naomi L. Mercader**, Health Education and Promotion Officer @09283501846 and **Ms. Alma M. Cuanico**, HLI Focal @09268100766.

We are hopeful of their participation and we look forward to your indispensable contribution to strengthen our services to all children in the province.

Very truly yours,

**MA. AURORA DUBONGCO-VICENCIO, MD, FPPS, MMHoA**  
PGDH- Provincial Health Office  
Provincial Health Officer II

