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DILG: 20th ASEAN SOMTC tackles trafficking in persons, regional cooperation during COVID-19 pandemic

As part of the unified quest to fully defeat the COVID-19 pandemic, the Philippine hosting of the 20th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) held today tackles trafficking in persons and other areas of regional cooperation, according to the DILG.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that the growing challenges and new forms of crime emerging out of this pandemic call for stronger collaboration among the Association of Southeast Asian (ASEAN) member countries.

“Kung dati personal ang kalakaran sa mga trafficking in persons, ngayon ay online na din dahil sa pandemya. Kaya kinakailangan ang mas pinaigtig na pagtutulungan ng ating mga karatig-bansa para tuluyan nating masugpo ang napakalaking problema na ito,” Año said.

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“To win the war against transnational crimes at this trying time of global crisis, we must closely monitor opportunities where criminal organizations may seek to gain profit.”

-DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año



DILG: 21 LGU-run RT-PCR Laboratories now fully operational

Twenty-one (21) Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) laboratories run by local government units (LGUs) are now operational and serving the needs of their constituents significantly helping improve the country's overall testing capacity for COVID-19.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año welcomed this development and congratulated the local chief executives for this significant achievement. "Before we only had Marikina City as has having its own LGU-run RT-PCR laboratory. Now we have 21 all over the country and more are on the pipeline. I'm proud of these LGUs for passing the stringent DOH licensing procedure," he said.

All of the laboratories passed the 5-stage DOH criteria before it received its license to conduct testing.

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DILG to LGUs: Endorse mild and asymptomatic patients to Oplan Kalinga facilities

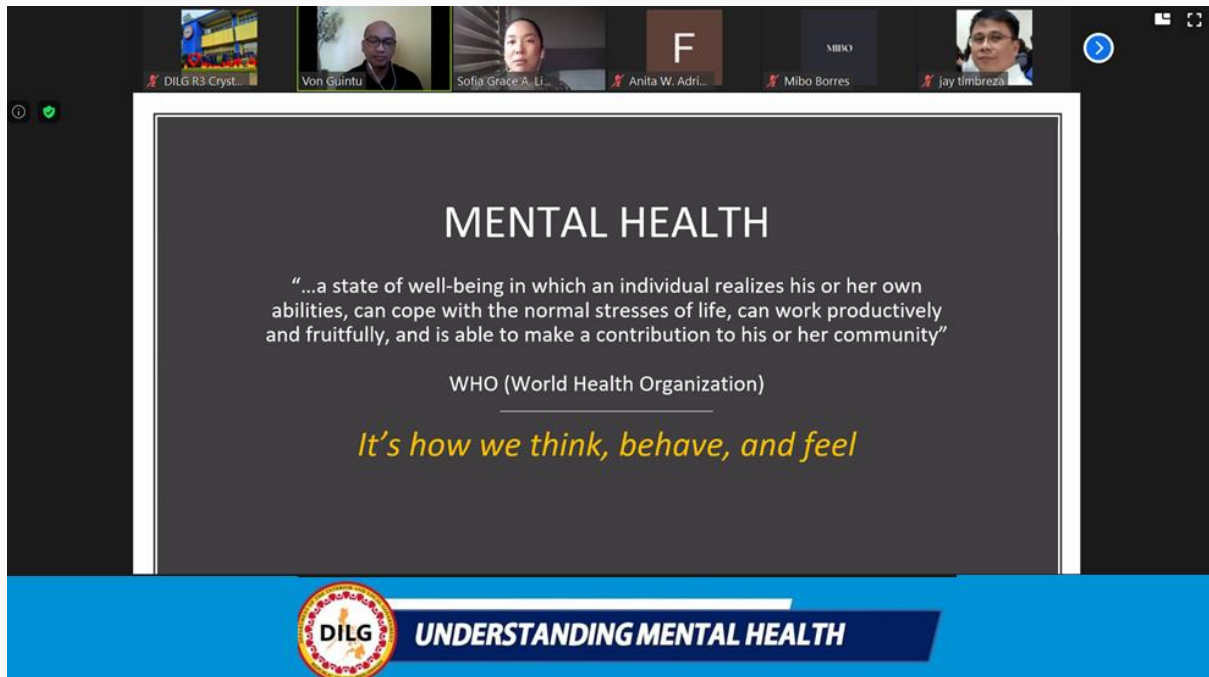
The DILG is enjoining all Metro Manila local government units (LGUs) to endorse mild and asymptomatic patients to Oplan Kalinga hotels and quarantine facilities if their local isolation facilities are already full since there are 4,000 beds now available due to the increase in discharges or recoveries in the past weeks.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that this is compliance with IATF Resolution No. 74 where all confirmed mild and asymptomatic COVID-19 patients are now required to isolate in government-approved facilities, except those who are vulnerable or have comorbidities as certified by a local health officer.

“We urge all Metro Manila LGUs to endorse patients which they can no longer accommodate in their local isolation facilities to endorse them to the Mega TTMFs and Oplan Kalinga Hotels which now has some 4,000 beds available because many have already been discharged,” he said.

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REGIONAL NEWS



DILG-3 holds Mental Wellness webinars toward positive change in the new normal

DILG R-III started its Mental Wellness Series on September 28, 2020, through the activity entitled: "Understanding Mental Health (Batch 1)" held via Zoom Video Conferencing Platform.

The Region's Mental Health Program commits to integrate mental health initiatives in all human resource and organizational development policies and to ensure that every employee is consciously aware and sensitive to mental health issues and support programs.

Facilitated by resource persons from the Ateneo Bulatao Center for Psychological Services,

Mr. Von Guintu and Ms. Sofia Grace Lina, who are at the forefront of promoting mental health and psychological well-being, this activity is very timely not only to help achieve and value the holistic health of our employees that is the primary objective of the Program, but also to become champions for positive change.

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NCR local chief executives share practices in LGA's webinar series

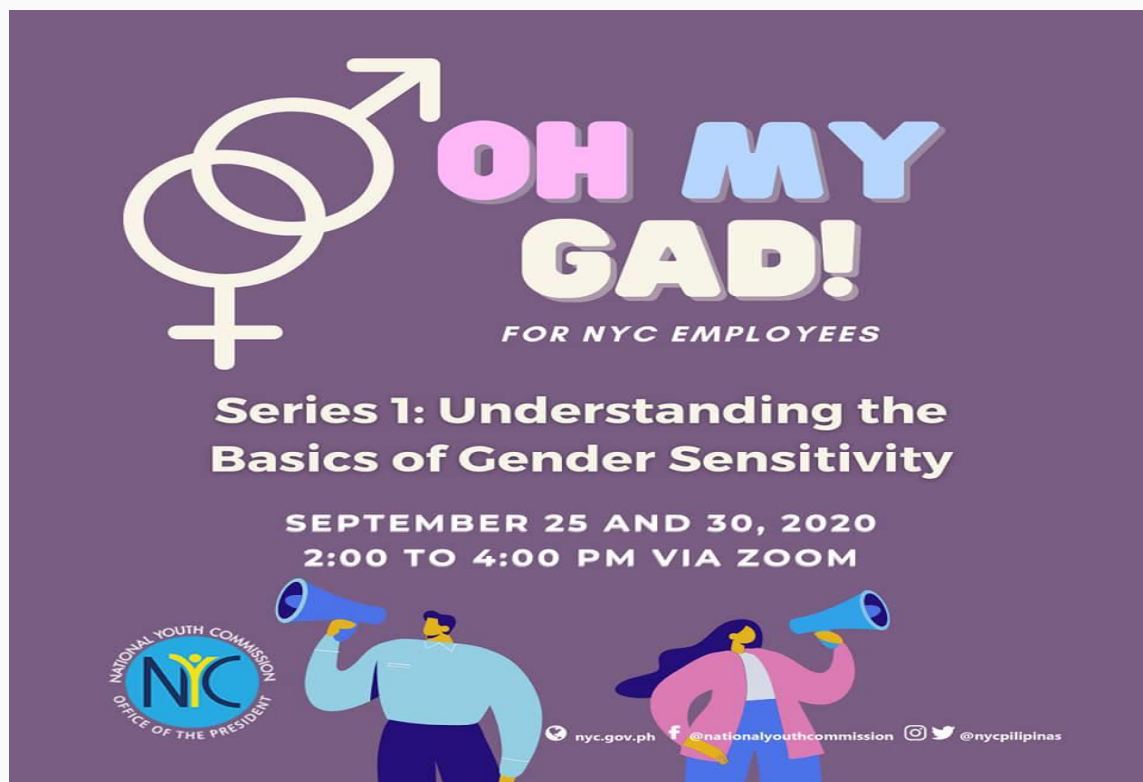
Pasig City Mayor Vico Sotto, Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte, Marikina City Health Officer Dr. Alberto Herrera, and Patricia Singson of the Office of Mayor Marcelino Teodoro shared some of the notable practices of their LGUs in providing services to their constituents amid the pandemic.

LGA's webinar series aims to promote knowledge sharing among LGUs to empower them in creating innovations to cope with the pandemic.

For Pasig, Sotto discussed “Palengke on Wheels”. The initiative helped residents have access to fresh and affordable goods by bringing it in the communities, at the same time helping out farmers and fisherfolk earn.

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NYC kicks off ‘Oh My GAD!’ webinars on gender, COVID-19 for its new employees

The National Youth Commission (NYC), in its commitment to promote sustainable developmental policies and programs for and with the Filipino Youth, is conducting a series of webinars titled “Oh My GAD!” tackling issues on gender and the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On September 25, 2020 the webinar series opens with ‘Oh My GAD: Understanding the Basic of Gender Sensitivity’, a gender sensitivity training exclusive for the new employees of NYC.

“We are thankful to the Department of Budget and Management for approving our request for additional plantilla positions, kaya naman maraming new employees ang NYC ngayon,” said Executive Director and NYC Gender Focal Point System (GFPS) Chairperson Christine Escobar.

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BJMP launches National Correctional Consciousness Week

As part of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology's celebration of the National Correctional Consciousness Week 2020, the Virtual Ride, Run and Dance charity event has been launched by Marilao Municipal Jail.

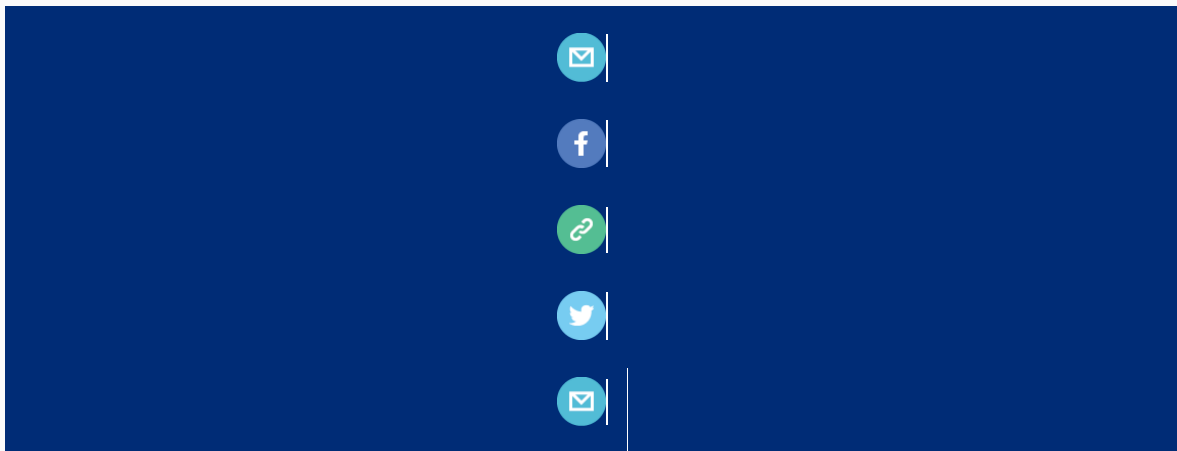
The event runs from September 25 to October 15, 2020 and its proceeds will go to PDL livelihood and welfare programs implemented by the bureau.

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