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Dear **Dir. San Antonio**:

Greetings!

The Technical Committee for Guidance Counseling (TCGC) of the Commission on Higher Education strongly supports and endorses the Resolution issued by the Network of Career Guidance and Advocates of the Philippines, Inc. (NCGAP, Inc.) to promote the implementation of quality guidance and counseling staff development by institutionalizing the offering of Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling Scholarship program.

As the lead department of the Career Guidance Advocacy Program (CGAP), we respond to this concern by establishing a validated directory of **all Guidance Practitioners** from **private and public high schools** in the region.

In connection with this, we would like to request for a memorandum from your office endorsing this undertaking for the participation of all guidance practitioners: **Guidance Counselors / Designate Guidance Counselors / Guidance Teachers / Guidance Coordinators / Guidance In-Charge / Guidance Officers** especially those from DepEd 4A both in private and public institutions by answering an online form that may be accessed thru tiny.cc/dolero4a_ngcca. The said link will be valid until **05 August 2016**.

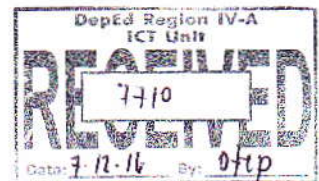
We believe that the information that will be gathered will be an indispensable factor for the Department for the conduct of capacity-building activities and to assist the Guidance Counselors and Career Advocates once the CHED Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling Scholarship gets implemented.

Again, we would like to extend our gratitude for DepEd's unending support to this Department's mission.

Warm regards,


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Encl: Letter from the TCGC



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Dear Dr. Biglete:

This is with reference to the communication from Secretary Rosalinda-Dunagillis-Baldoz of the Department of Labor and Employment dated February 17, 2015 which you indorsed to me on September 21, 2015, and which ~~was forwarded~~ to me by Ms. Charity Barrera on January 13, 2016.

The Technical Committee for Guidance and Counseling (TCGC) strongly supports and endorses the Resolution issued by the Network of Career Guidance Advocates of the Philippines, Inc. (NCGAP, Inc.) to promote the implementation of quality guidance and counseling staff development by institutionalizing the offering of a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling Scholarship program.

On the part of the TCGC, we have prepared the draft Policies, Standards and Guidelines for Graduate Programs in Counseling. It has been a long process, with the drafts undergoing study, scrutiny and several revisions to meet the demands of the profession, the move towards outcomes-based education, and the needs of counselor education programs in higher education institutions. The PSG has undergone national Public Hearings in 2013, and a Public Consultation last November 24, 2015. We hope that the CHED Memorandum Order shall soon be released. This CMO shall standardize the masters and doctoral programs in Counseling in the country, and give flesh to the licensure of guidance counselors in the Philippines.


The TCGC also believes that the MA in Counseling program should be one of the priority disciplines for the CHED scholarship. Using the Transition Fund, scholarship grants should be made available through both public and private HEIs. Priority should be given to institutions which have consistently performed well in the board exams since the initial licensure exam. School counselors who need to be licensed in order to continue working as professionals should be encouraged to obtain their masters degrees in Counseling.

We are one with the NCGAP, Inc. and the DOLE in pushing forward the Counseling profession in the Philippines!

Very sincerely,



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