

Republic of the Philippines
AREA-BASED STANDARDS NETWORK (ABSNET)
Zamboanga City-Isabela City Cluster
Zamboanga City

July 2, 2014

EXCERPTS OF THE ABSNET 2ND QUARTER MEETING HELD AT LA VINA HOTEL & RESTAURANT, ZAMBOANGA CITY, MAY 7, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Proceedings:

Opening Program was started Prayer and singing of National Anthem. Chairman Victor A. Liozo gave the words of welcome. Ms. Socorro A. Rojas, the newly installed City Social Welfare and Development Officer, commended the presence and inspired the participants to sustain the active partnership with ABSNET. After expressing her warm greetings and assurance to support the ABSNET, she left for another commitment.

Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of previous meeting was read by Ms. Zenaida Castro, SWO III of CSWDO- FO III, Sta. Maria, this city.

Comment/ Corrections:

Engr. Aranez corrected the address of Titay, Zamboangadel Sur to Titay, Ipil, Sibugay; also suggested to increase font size of the printing of the minutes. Ms. Pilar Francisco clarified that it is only ABBA's Home that did not comply with the requirements of DSWD and not the St. Francis Home, as mentioned in the minutes. Ms. Amelita Lachica, Chairman, ZAMSOWEDCO, expressed the need to attach the Attendance Sheet to the Minutes of the Meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting was approved as corrected on the motion of Ms. Milagrosa P. Jalique, SWO III and seconded by Ms. Zenaida L. Castro, SWO III, both of CSWDO.

As regards the proposed Lakbay-Aral of ABSNET, Chairman Victor A. Liozo Jr. informed that there was PISO Fare, for the travel period June-December 2014, however, it was open for only 3 days, which was difficult to confirm attendance to members. He further discussed on the Raffle Fund Raising Campaign, to which he turned-over the donation of Dr. Sonido in the amount of P3,000.00 to undersigned for the purchase of 1 unit TV set, as major prize of the ticket.

At this point, Mr. Al Cabading, of Hope for Kids, inquired "What is ABSNET?" Ms. Pilar Francisco explained briefly what ABSNET is which was supported by Chairman Victor Liozo Jr.. to possibly come up with ABSNET Brochures to facilitate ready information and advocacy purposes.

Ms. Francisco also encouraged SWADAS to legalize operation and register with ABSNET to avoid the similar case of "Napoles. Failure to register will be subject to penalties as per SWADS Bill (now on 3rd Reading at Congress)

Mr. Al Cabading, of Hope for Kids, notified that they are hiring a new Social Worker, considering that their social worker transferred to DSWD. Engr. Aranez added that ABSNET can provide technical assistance during regular monitoring to avoid discrepancies in implementation. Ms. Lachica shared that in her capacity as Social Worker of CSWDO, she is also providing technical assistance to J-Jireh.

Chairman Victor A. Liozo Jr., requested from DSWD, to make available the design of ABSNET T-Shirt, possibly next week.

Ms. Castro suggested the possibility of maximizing the schedule of ABSNET meetings for monitoring schedules to swadas which was also affirmed by Chairman Liozo Jr.

AGENDA PROPER

Feedback Report: Ms. Pilar Francisco, Division Chief, DSWD
Ms. Pilar Francisco informed that most of the social work graduates are applying at KALAHI-CIDDSS and Pantawid Program of DSWD, thus the difficulty of NGO's to hire social workers.

As per monitoring visits conducted, Ms. Francisco informed the following results:

1. Holy Trinity Orphanage

- During the visit, the building was closed; roof structure was dangerous. Mr. Cabading informed that they are selling parcel of the land to be able to expand building.

2. St. Francis Home for Children

- They preparing for evaluation; to revise Manual of Operation and Child Protection Policy

3. ABBA's Home

- With Social Worker
- With 8 admitted children
- Some recommendations were not yet complied
- Not yet registered to SEC

4. Akay-Kalinga

- Was not yet visited

UPDATES:

- Planning Workshop to be held at Ipil, Sibugay on May 28-29, 2014; to attend are the Focal Person, Chairman and 2 members
- Preparation of Financial Report
 1. Annual Accomplishment Report
 2. Audited Financial Report – below P500 thousand- does not need CPA
 - above P500 thousand – needs CPA
 - need to submit previous year Report
- Program Expenses should be 80% of the total budget; while administrative expenses – 20% of the total budget
- Per findings, some program expenses are under administrative expenses
- copy of guidelines will be furnished to swadas and CPA for compliance

- 2 Residential facilities in Region IX are in level 2 rating which are the AVRC and the Home for Elderly, in Zamboanga City ; and the BDSK (BalayDangpanan Sa Kabayihan) IN Dipolog City and the RRYC (Residential and Rehabilitation Center for the Youth) in Polanco Zamboanga Norte.

- level 3 accredited are exemplary centers which can serve as Model or Resource Centers for others to emulate

-Ms. Emerita Basilio, of ACCORD inquired re. their category, considering their nature as providers of capability building trainings to community-based women and farmers sectors.

- Ms. Pilar Francisco clarified that they belong to the auxiliary SWADAS , who provides indirect services. She informed that they have just deleted some inactive SWADAS from their Roster.

- at this point, Chairman Victor Liozo Jr., requested for a document from DSWD informing the delisting of KAMZA, for proper action from the City Administrator's Office. Ms. Francisco committed to provide copy of the Inventory, as proof that KAMZA is no longer ^{existing} connected with DSWD.

- Engr. Aranez shared to the body that he authored the Resolution for KAMZA to use the area. Later, however, the business was leased to a private person. Ms. Francisco said that the right person to complain is the KAMZA. The ABSNET cannot act as the complainant, however, can recommend to the City Administrator's Office to enforce legal sanctions.

Mr. Romeo Guerzon of DSWD, encouraged unregistered SWADAS to go to the DSWD e-mail address to be included in the on-line Directory.

Chairman Victor Liozo Jr., proposed to start printing the raffle tickets to be distributed in the next quarter meeting. Third Quarter Meeting was scheduled in the month of August, 2014 with the CSWDO, as the sponsor.

He further initiated a Resolution to acknowledge the ACCORD for sponsoring the ABSNET 2nd Quarter 2014 Meeting, which was unanimously approved. Also, he significantly recognized the support of the new CSWDO, Ms. Socorro A. Rojas, especially for gracing the Opening Program of the Meeting, in spite very hectic schedules.

At this juncture, he shared some updates on ZAMCELCO, as Board Member. He informed that ZAMCELCO will buy generators and might consider Solar System in Ayala, this city to address problem of brown-out; also, to expect higher electric bills since we are currently using much diesel and less hydro.

On the other hand, Engr. Aranez, as Board Member of ZC Water District, notified that the ZCWD will sign contract with Villar Corp. to add supply of water but not to privatized ZCWD. He encouraged everyone to report immediately water pipe leakages, as it consumes about 45% of losses; also to any organization that would plant trees, they will sponsor seedlings, as ZCWD is dependent on trees and against Mining.

There was no other matter discussed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Prepare by:


CARMENCITA D. LUNA
SWO III/Focal Person

Noted by:


VICTOR A. LIOZO JR.
Chairman