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**RESOLUTION NO. 17-01**

**RESOLUTION REITERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (ECCD) COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 15-03**

Resolution reiterating the implementation of Early Childhood Care and Development Council (ECCDC) Resolution No. 15-03 entitled “Resolution Approving the Standards and Guidelines for Center-Based Childhood programs for 0 to 4 years old Filipino Children and the Guidelines on Registration and Granting of Permit and Recognition to Public and Private Child Development Centers/Learning Centers”

Whereas, under Republic Act 10410, also known as The Early Years Act of 2013, the ECCDC is mandated to implement the provisions of the said law;

Whereas, Section 3 of RA 10410, also known as The Early Years Act of 2013, specifically mandated that the National ECCD system should aim to “xxx (f) upgrade the capabilities of service providers and their supervisors to comply with quality standards for various ECCD programs”, and “(i) improve the quality standards of public and private ECCD programs through, but not limited to, a registration and credential system for ECCD service providers and facilities”;

Whereas, in pursuance of the above mandate, the ECCD Council Technical Working Group composed of representatives of the member agencies of the ECCD Council, in consultation with subject experts and stakeholders, submitted to the Governing Board of the ECCD Council the Standards and Guidelines for Center-Based Childhood programs for 0 to 4 years old Filipino Children and the Guidelines on Registration and Granting of Permit and Recognition to Public and Private Child Development Centers/Learning Centers(Program Standards and Accreditation Guidelines, for brevity);

Whereas, on 10 September 2015, the Governing Board of the ECCD Council unanimously approved ECCD Council Resolution No. 15-03 entitled “Resolution Approving the Standards and Guidelines for Center-Based Childhood programs for 0 to 4 years old Filipino Children and the Guidelines on Registration and Granting of Permit and Recognition to Public and Private Child Development Centers/Learning Centers”;

Whereas, with funding and technical assistance from Australian Aid and UNICEF, the Office of the Vice-Chairman and Executive Director printed and distributed to cities and municipalities copies of the above Program Standards and Accreditation Guidelines after the conduct of numerous orientation training of the City and Municipal Social Development Officers;

Whereas, as of September 2017, the Office of the Vice-Chairman and Executive Director conducted training on the above Program Standards and Accreditation Guidelines for more than 2,230 ECCD Service Providers in cities and municipalities nationwide;

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Whereas, it has been recently brought to the attention of the Office of the Vice-Chairman and Executive Director that former DSWD Secretary Judy M. Taguiwalo had signed a document entitled “Memorandum from the Secretary” dated 28 June 2017 on the subject “Guidance on various ECCD Concerns”. Among others, the memorandum directed all Regional Directors to use the DSWD’s Guidelines for the accreditation of child development centers under DSWD Administrative Order No. 15 issued in 2011 before the enactment of the Early Years Act;

Whereas, the said memorandum directly contravenes the above Governing Board Resolution No. 15-03 unanimously approved by the Governing Board on 10 September 2015;

Whereas, the letter and intent of the Early Years Act clearly vests in the ECCD Council, through its Governing Board, the implementation of the Early Years Act including all policies and programs in pursuance of the objectives of the law;

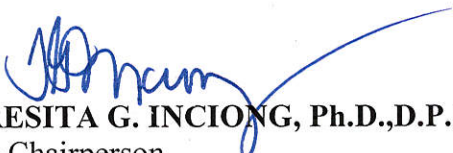
Whereas, being a member of the Governing Board, by an apparent oversight, former Secretary Taguiwalo may have overlooked the legal requirement to bring the matter to the Governing Board of the ECCD Council in view of the earlier Governing Board’s Resolution No. 15-03;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Governing Board hereby;

1. Directs the immediate and full implementation of the Standards and Guidelines for Center-Based Childhood programs for 0 to 4 years old Filipino Children and the Guidelines on Registration and Granting of Permit and Recognition to Public and Private Child Development Centers/Learning Centers approved under the Governing Board Resolution No. 15-03;
2. Directs the office of the Vice-Chairman and Executive Director to convene the inter-agency Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of representatives of member agencies of the Council to:
  - 2.1 Update the TWG on the current status of the implementation of the above program Standards and Accreditation Guidelines and prepare a roadmap for the orientation training of the remaining local government units who have not yet received orientation training and;
  - 2.2 Conduct the annual workshop mandated by Sec. 7 of the Early Years Act “to prepare work and financial plans that will coordinate technical assistance and support for the National ECCD Program”.
3. Reiterates the critical need for collaborative work among the member agencies of the Council, particularly in the crafting of policy issuances. This measure helps ensure consistency with existing Resolutions and policy directions of the Council pursuant to Early Years Act.
4. Directs the Office of the Executive Director to synthesize the outputs of the member agencies of the Council and submit said synthesis to the Governing Board, for its review and consideration



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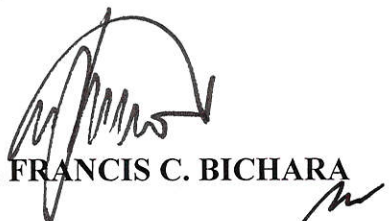
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