## RESOLUTION NO. 17-02

## RESOLUTION RECONSTITUTING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (ECCDC-TWG)

Resolution reconstituting the Early Childhood Care and Development Council (ECCDC) Technical Working Group (TWG), expanding its functions and authorizing the payment of honorarium to members of the TWG and Governing Board;

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, the ECCDC has an existing TWG composed of the following:

Chairman: Vice Chairperson and Executive Director

Members: Permanent Representatives of the Member Agencies

- Department of Education
- Department of Social Welfare and Development
- Department of Health
- National Nutrition Council
- Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines
- ECCD Council Secretariat

Whereas, in the pursuit of its mandate, the ECCDC needs to coordinate with the Local Government Units (LGUs). More specifically, under Sec. 5.1(Responsibilities of the ECCD Council) of Rule 5(Responsibilities and Functions of the ECCD Council) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Early years Act of 2013, the ECCD Council is mandated to "consult existing coordinating committees/Local Council for the Protection of Children at the province, city, municipal and barangay levels in (1) establishing national standards;(2) developing policies and programs; (3) ensuring compliance thereof; and (4) providing technical assistance and support to the ECCD service providers";

Whereas, the LGUs, as a formal government entity, need to be represented in the TWG at the ECCDC level. For this purpose, the ECCDC has determined the need to invite to the TWG a representative from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) with a Director/Division Chief rank and a senior technical staff as permanent alternate;

Whereas, the main function of the existing TWG is to prepare the annual work plan of the ECCDC and discuss/ review proposed policies, plans, standards and programs for consideration by the council;

Whereas, the DFAT Independent Progress Review of the Creating the *Foundation for Lifelong Learning* Project and the GPH-UNICEF Education Program Evaluation highlighted the importance of inter-agency technical coordinating mechanisms at the national level;

Whereas, there is a need to maximize the role of the TWG by expanding its functions with the appropriate supporting remuneration;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Governing Board hereby;

- 1. Directs the Office of the ECCDC Vice-Chairman and Executive Director to coordinate with and request the Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to formally nominate a representative from the DILG with a Director/Division Chief rank and a permanent alternate senior technical staff to become members of the ECCDC TWG in addition to its existing members. The Office of the ECCDC Vice-Chairman and Executive Director is further directed to preside over the meetings of the TWG;
- 2. Expands the duties and functions of the TWG as follows:
  - 2.1 Identify and recommend medium-term and annual priority agenda of the ECCDC(policies, legislations and researches)
  - 2.2 Recommend the development/amendment/adoption of ECCD policies, standards, guidelines, plans, programs, systems and tools;
  - 2.3 Prepare the integrated annual work and financial plan of the ECCDC;
  - 2.4 Identify and recommend areas for capability building for ECCD structures and service providers;
  - 2.5 Identify emerging opportunities for stronger collaboration with all stakeholders at all levels to ensure convergence and integration of ECCD programs and services;
  - 2.6 Undertake other ECCD related activities by the ECCDC and;
  - 2.7 Conduct regular quarterly meetings two weeks before the meeting of the ECCDC Governing Board.
- 3. Authorize the Office of the Executive Director to pay honorarium to the members of the TWG and the Governing Board on such rates as authorized by existing applicable law, rules and regulations of the Department of Budget and Management and Commission on Audit.

Adopted this \_\_\_ November 2017 in Pasig City.

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