



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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TO: DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT VII, HEADS OF NEWBORN SCREENING CENTERS, DIRECTOR OF NEWBORN SCREENING REFERENCE CENTER, AND OTHER CONCERNED BUREAUS

SUBJECT: Panel of Experts as part of the Accrediting Team to Evaluate the Accreditation of NSC-Central Visayas

The seventh NSC in the country to cater to Region VII has been selected by the Department of Health and the National Institutes of Health. The NSC-Central Visayas, presently located at Eversley Childs Sanitarium and General Hospital, Jagobiao, Mandaue City, Cebu shall undergo joint evaluation by the DOH Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau (HFSRB) as part of their accreditation process in compliance with the Section 12 of Republic Act 9288 – the Newborn Screening Act of 2004 on **July 22-24, 2019**.

Accreditation includes review of the NSC's laboratory capability, as well as, other administrative components (i.e. follow-up of cases, accounting and financial components) and undertaken every three (3) years.

The composition of the panel of experts to complement the HFSRB accrediting team are as follows:

1. *Bradford Therrell, PhD*
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2. *Associate Professor Veronica Wiley*
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For your information and guidance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health

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