

National Coordinator Report December 2020

MWIA Philippines MWIA presentation 5th December 2020

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Introduction:

Foundation of PMWA – 1949 now 71 y.o. Dr Fel D Mundo Paediatrician

Founder graduated from Harvard Medical School and this is her legacy to Philippines MW

Mission and Vision:

Promote networking/ Advocacy/ Continuing Education

VPs from each region because P made up of islands

Annual convention: scientific meeting / induction of new elected officers

PMWA: does an election every year so president serves only one year – too short – looking to extend to 2 years

Business meetings and awards of different chapters

Each chapter of PMWA – have different advocacy and compete with each other to get most outstanding chapter of PMWA

e.g. build a child care centre – as part of their advocacy

Other activities:

1. Leadership management seminar. Workshops

2. Foundation Day:

To honour the past presidents and to get together

In official dress of their region

3. Regional travelling seminar:

4 travelling seminars every year

To discuss what is going on with MWIA

Since they cannot travel to Manila, Manila travels to them.

Discussions around: mental health/ suicide rates / especially during the lockdown / medical students are in the audience and talk about breast cancer in regional seminars.

Other continuing education like cyberbullying and –

Each has 3-4 meetings /year

4. Advocacy: Part of PMWA = advocacy

Cebu chapter: cervical cancer screening

Screening flagship of the chapter of Cebu.

They go to the different towns in Cebu and work together with the LGU mayor of the town and conduct VIA = visual inspection acetic acid application – is rapid effective screening procedure in low resourced areas

Every year – Cebu chapter visits 4-6 towns to do Cervical Cancer Detection programme.

2018-2019 >300 VIAs conducted and out of these detected biopsied – identified 5 HPV infection

Dept of health has HPV vaccination programme but scare vaccine and not accessed by all therefore HPV is prevalent.

HPV positive – is referred to HPV specialist of the chapter and no fee is incurred for the service.

Thyroid tumour screening: involves all patients men and women who have thyroid nodules and have thyroid Bx for free / positive findings are referred to municipal doctors

Breast Self-Examination – during ‘pink month’ in October every year.

Cyber pornography: cyber pornography – one of the Cebu islands is very well known for this and involves child pornography. 3 y.o-15 y.o

They do a quarterly visit to the shelter for physical examination and psychological support

No pictures are permitted of the patient facing the camera

Members can bond after this

Women who are rescued from domestic violence.

Physical examination and psychological support

Environmental support: mangrove plantation – Philippines is typhoon prone.

Mangroves are a good shelter for the winds and typhoons

Underprivileged children: help them and support them – every Sunday their caretaker picks them up brings them to the centre and educates them a bit to help them at school. During lockdown, they provided food to the child shelters. Started with 50 children and now involves feeding the family also.

Food is delivered by a volunteer.

They adopted a school – PMWA conduct physical examination mostly aimed at adolescents and advise them about smoking and drug taking.

Infection education e.g. Dengue fever

Adopt a community: another outreach programme

Involvement in international events:

1982 PMWA was host of MWIA

MWIA Vienna – 9 attended

MWIA New York 2019 attended

WHO WPRO – annual meeting/ met with Dr Tedros

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6 members of PMWA – from October 10th 2020 meeting – recruited already

Congratulations to Marissa Daniels.

PMWA: has a school – started as day centre then became a school and is called PMWA school with primary school children for marginalised and under privileged children Subsidised by PMWA and is credited by the dept of Education and Culture.

Also a multipurpose cooperative – not in other countries: group of people get together and save money in coop and is offered to the members for loans if they need money as a reduced interest rate. This has helped members who needed money.

Also the PMWA Foundation: part of the PMWA the money is placed to earn interest to support the organisation.

Benefit death plan: every member of good standing will be given a certain benefit from PMWA taken from the funds of the foundation.

PMWA is 71 y.o. and going strong

Q+A

Q: Fund raising for the Foundation. How is this conducted?

A: Chapter awards carry a big prize – which they spend for Christmas events

Each chapter has to raise their own funds

In Cebu they have a board meeting e month and during meeting 15 board members

E.O contributes 100 pesos for a small prize – e.g a lotion/ a soap/ so it costs nothing for anyone to contribute this and they can raise \$300/yr.

Donations: scientific meetings are sponsored

Advocacy – e.g. Cervical Cancer screening is tied up with local mayor and local health officer.

Most of the mayors are their friends and feed the PMWA and provide the volunteers.

PMWA has many O+Gs who are dedicated to do the cervical cancer detection.

Leadership in PMWA chapter is very good. Every week there is an event.

Members: active members are the ones that count.

Active members: - maybe 100 members listed but 40 active.

Not an accurate register

A mixed range of medical skill sets

If you do not pay your dues after 5 years not considered a member.

My Comments:

Partnership with sister organisations to increase impact of advocacy and our own visibility and relevance in the eyes of policy makers and government of that we are at health reform discussions.