

## Second National Health Assembly

## Agenda 3.1

16 November, 2009

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**Development of Mechanisms to Enhance Participation for the Well-being of  
Children, Youth and the Family**

The Second National Health Assembly,

*Having considered* the report on “Development of mechanisms to enhance participation for the well-being of children, youth and the family”,

*Aware* that family well-being affects the nation’s future in that the country’s well-being is reliant on the capacity of families and societies to care for their children and youth, allowing them to appropriately grow to their fullest potential while developing physically, mentally, socially and spiritually,

*Informed* that at present, while some Thai children and youth have enjoyed success and brought pride to the nation in many areas, many Thai children and youth are growing and developing without proper guidance, faced with malnutrition, both over-nutrition and under-nutrition, and involved in social misconduct such as depression and suicide and drug abuse in higher rates. Furthermore, it is found that more teenagers engage in risky sexual conduct mainly resultant from weaknesses in the powers of themselves, their families, their wisdom, their friends and activities, and their communities,

*Noted* that there is the Family Assembly and the Assembly has useful recommendations

*Concerned* that while the state has enacted laws, policies and Acts, while agencies from various sectors have been involved in advocating for mechanisms, and while certain strengths exist in the implementation of practices concerning children and families, issues relating to child, youth and family are present and increase in severity,

*Having faith* in the Thai social capital in developing and finding solutions to complex issues regarding children, youth and family provided there are mechanisms developed to create integrated strategic innovative drive for knowledge-based implementation of initiatives relating to children, youth and family and efficient process management where all sectors of society converge in active learning and development toward the creation of well-being for Thai children, youth and families,

Hereby adopts the following resolutions:

1. The Ministry of Social Development and Human Security shall appoint a committee to study mechanisms including strengths and weaknesses of existing mechanisms for promoting health of children, youths, and the family. The committee shall be composed of representatives of relevant committees, experts, academicians and other persons whose activities are related. In so doing, public opinion will be widely sought to develop an innovative driver and efficient development process between child, youth and family networks and to bring the study results as well as policy and strategic recommendations together with proposed mechanisms to be considered in the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Health Assembly.
2. Agreeing with recommendations of the Family Assembly 2009 and requesting to the government to proceed on the recommendations as well as to support the Family Assembly as a healthy public policy mechanism for solving health problems and developing health of children, youths and families.