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Puerto Princesa City

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 61ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 44TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL, CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA

PRESENT:

Hon. Leoncio N. Ola	Vice Governor and Presiding Officer
Hon. Winston G. Arzaga	Sangguniang Panlalawigan Pro-Tempore
Hon. Roseller S. Pineda	Floor Leader
Hon. Rafael V. Ortega, Jr.	Assistant Floor Leader – 3rd District
Hon. Juan Antonio E. Alvarez	S.P. Member – 1st District
Hon. Nieves C. Rosento	S.P. Member – 1st District
Hon. Ryan D. Maminta	S.P. Member – 2nd District
Hon. Al-Nashier M. Ibba	S.P Member – 2nd District
Hon. Ariston D. Arzaga	S.P. Member – 2nd District
Hon. Ferdinand P.Zaballa	S.P. Member – President, Liga ng mga Barangay
Hon. Arnel P. Abrina	S.P. Member – IPM Representative

ABSENT:

Hon. Marivic H. Roxas	Assistant Floor Leader – 2nd District
Hon. Maria Angela V. Sabando	S.P. Member – 1st District
Hon. Al-Shariff W. Ibba .	S.P Member – PCL Federation President
Hon. Anyatika R. Rodriguez	S.P. Member – SK Federation President

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PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 3295
Series of 2023

AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 3206 SERIES OF 2023, "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE PROVINCE-WIDE HEALTH SYSTEM, RECONSTITUTING THE INTER-LOCAL HEALTH ZONES IN PALAWAN INTO SUB-PROVINCIAL HEALTH SYSTEMS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS NECESSARY THEREOF AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES"

Authored by:

ALL SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN MEMBERS

WHEREAS, representatives from the Department of Health Center for Health Development - MIMAROPA, the Provincial Health Office of Palawan and the Municipal Health Offices in the Province reviewed and agreed to amend certain provisions of Provincial Ordinance No. 3206 series of 2023 during its meeting held last August 08, 2023, as follows;

Now **THEREFORE,** on motion of Honorable Ryan D. Maminta duly seconded:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGANIN SESSION:

SECTION 1. The following Sections under Provincial Ordinance No. 3206, series of 2023 shall be amended:

A. That Section 1 of Provincial Ordinance No. 3206-23 provides that the Municipal Health Offices are excluded in the composition of the Province-wide Health System (PWHS). The said provision is hereby amended to include the Municipal Health Offices and the same shall be read as:

> **"SECTION 1. PROVINCE-WIDE HEALTH SYSTEM (PWHS).** There is hereby established the Palawan Province-Wide Health System. The Province-Wide Health System (PWHS) shall consist of the Provincial and District Hospitals, Municipal Health Offices, health centers, barangay health stations and other LGU-managed health centers, barangay health stations and other LGU-managed health facilities and services. It is an integrated local health system in which health care providers deliver continuous and integrated health services to individuals and/or communities in a well-defined catchment area. It shall be based on the Primary Health Care Approach that emphasizes strong primary care. The following municipalities are included in the PPWHS:
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> 1. Aborlan
> 2. Agutaya
> 3. Araceli
> 4. Balabac
> 5. Bataraza
> 6. Brooke's Point
> 7. Busuanga
> 8. Cagayancillo
> 9. Coron
> 10. Culion
> 11. Cuyo
> 12. Dumaran
> 13. El Nido
> 14. Kalayaan
> 15. Linapacan
> 16. Magsaysay
> 17. Narra
> 18. Quezon
> 19. Rizal
> 20. Roxas
> 21. San Vicente
> 22. Sofronio Española
> 23. Taytay

B. That Section 3 of Provincial Ordinance No. 3206-23 shall be moved to the preamble or introduction clauses;

C. That Section 5 of Provincial Ordinance No. 3206-23 shall be read as:

> **"SECTION 5. SUB-PROVINCIAL HEALTH SYSTEM MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.** Each and every Sub-Provincial Health System shall forge and concretize an Agreement through the Memorandum of Agreement for Inter-LGU Cooperation (Province-Wide Health System) among its members that shall specify the terms of cooperation among the municipalities involved in the sub-Provincial Health System shall include but shall not be limited to: sharing of resources. The terms of cooperation integrated implementation of programs, projects and activities; integrated planning and budgeting; and establishment of the Health Care Provider Network (HCPN) to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of health services, provided under Section 33 of RA 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991).

D. That Section 6 of Provincial Ordinance No. 3206-23 shall be read as:

> **"SECTION 6. REFERRAL HOSPITALS.** The PGP shall endeavour to upgrade at least one (1) of its existing infirmaries to a level 1 hospital in each Sub-Provincial Health Cluster in the Province-Wide Health System. The PGP shall also endeavour to upgrade the two (2) provincial hospitals in Northern and Southern Palawan to level 2 hospitals that will cater to the needs of its component LGUs. These upgrades shall be made upon availability of funds for the purpose. The Province-Wide Health System shall also be linked to at least one (1) apex or end-referral hospital that will offer more specialized emergency and curative health services. Which could be a DOH-retained hospital(s) and/or private hospital(s) through contracting formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement."

E. That Section 7 of Provincial Ordinance No. 3206-23 shall be read as:

"SECTION 7. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE PWHS.

a. Provincial Health Board (PHB). The PHB shall the steward of the integrated local health system and responsible for setting the policy and strategic directions of the PWHS. The composition, functions, and other matters pertaining to the PHB shall follow the stipulations of Provincial Executive Order for its creation and/or amendment.

b. Provincial Health Office. The PHO shall be strengthened to serve as Technical Secretariat of the Provincial Health Board, oversee the technical integration with in the PWHS, and provide the technical supervision and coordination with the necessary PWHS stakeholders. The composition, functions, and other matters pertaining to the strengthening of the PHO shall follow the stipulations of the Provincial Ordinance dedicated for it. The PHO shall also provide augmentation of commodities such as, but not limited to, drugs, medicines, and medical supplies for the PWHS.

c. Management Support Unit (MSU). The MSU shall be created under the supervision of the PHB to serve as the Board's administrative secretariat and to assist in its operations. The composition, functions, and other matters pertaining to the MSU shall follow the stipulations of the Provincial Ordinance dedicated for it.

d. Technical Management Committee (TMC). A TMC is hereby created for each sub-provincial health system. Existing District Health Board shall be retained and re-organized as the TMC for their Sub-Provincial Health System. Each Sub-Provincial Health System TMC shall oversee the operations of their respective Health Systems. At the minimum, this committee shall be composed of the following personnel:

   i. Technical staff from member health facilities;
   ii. DOH representatives of the component LGUs
   iii. Patient representative;
   iv. Administrative Staff from Participating LGU's; and
   v. PHO representative.

F. That Section 8 of Provincial Ordinance No. 3206-23 shall be read as:

"SECTION 8. FUNCTIONS OF THE TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (TMC)". The functions of the hereby created **Sub-Provincial Health System,** shall include:

a. *Facilitate* participatory health care needs assessment and integrated health planning for both hospital and RHUs/Health Centers at the sub-provincial health system.

b. Supervise navigation, coordination, and referral across component facilities and ensure compliance with the referral system protocol;

c. Recommend policies and guidelines for the establishment of management support systems such as strategic and investment planning, referral system, HRH development, logistics and supply chain, and information systems;

d. Advocate the approval of funds pertaining to the provision of health services;

e. Monitor and evaluate the integration of public health and hospital services within the sub-provincial health system; and

f. Submit necessary reports and health data to the PHO."

G. That in Section 9 of Provincial Ordinance No. 3206-23 the words *"With the assistance of the TMC's"* is hereby removed and amended to read as:

"**SECTION 9. TWO-WAY REFERRAL SYSTEM.** The Sub-Provincial Health System shall formulate and implement a Local Health Referral System and come up with a Local Health Referral System Manual. The Local Health Referral System shall then be consolidated into the Province-Wide Referral System Manual."

H. That in Section 10 of Provincial Ordinance No. 3206-23, the word *"oversight"* in the first sentence be removed and is hereby amended to read as:

"SECTION 10. FUNDING AND OPERATING COSTS. All costs pertaining to the functions and operations of the PWHS and that of the Sub-Provincial Health Systems shall be chargeable against funds and resources of the Province, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules. All participating LGUs may provide additional funds for the operations of the Sub-Provincial Health System. Additional funds may be sourced from the operations of the Sub-Provincial Health System. Additional funds may be sourced from the Special Health Fund and other fund sources that will be created at a later date, subject to existing guidelines."

"SECTION 2. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. The provisions of this Ordinance shall hereby be declared as separable, and in the event one or more of such provisions are held unconstitutional or invalid, no other section or provision hereof shall be affected.

"SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any existing ordinance, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this Provincial Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

"SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Provincial Ordinance shall take effect immediately after approval.

SO ORDAINED.

I CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Provincial Ordinance.

MARGIE G. ONDIONG
Board Secretary IV

ATTESTED:

LEONCIO N. OLA
Vice- Governor

APPROVED:

V. DENNIS M. SOCRATES
Governor
OCTOBER 17, 2023
Date

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