

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2010-025

**SUPPORTING THE PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELING IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING
THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, the New Family Code provides that all would-be couples who are below 25 years of age are required to attend pre-marriage counselling prior to the issuance of the marriage license;

WHEREAS, the enactment of the 1991 Local Government Code led to the devolution of the national government agencies' functions to local government units including the pre-marriage counselling services;

WHEREAS, Pre-Marriage Counselling is a vital tool in disseminating accurate and important information about marriage and relationships; human sexuality; maternal, neonatal and child health/nutrition; family planning; sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS; responsible parenthood; and home management to would-be couples;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Population, Department of Health, Department of Interior and Local Government and the Department of Social Welfare and Development through Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, Series of 2002, required the creation of an Inter-agency Pre-Marriage Counselling Team in every city and municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN G. BONGAT, City Mayor of Naga by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. The PMC Team shall be composed of the following:

Team Leader:	Ms. Teresita A. Del Castillo, City Population and Nutrition Officer
Members:	Ms. Joy F. Macaraig, Population Program Officer III, CPNO
	Ms. Evangeline Manalo, Social Welfare Officer II, CSWDO
	Ms. Ma. Lourdes P. Mira, Midwife III, CHO
	Ms. Maria Edna B. Bongalonta, Agricultural Technologist, CAgO

Section 2. The PMC Team shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Develop and maintain a responsive mechanism to effectively implement the PMC Program in the city;

(b) Advocate for the effective implementation of the PMC Program to ensure continued awareness and support for the program;

(c) Undertake preparatory activities for the PMC sessions by:

(1) Disseminating information about the PMC program at community assemblies, barangay meetings, and other media outlets.

(2) Posting schedules of PMC sessions at the Office of the Local Civil Registrar, Offices of the mandatory members of the PMC team, and other conspicuous places in the city hall.

(3) Ensuring appropriateness, readiness, and availability of a venue for PMC sessions.

(4) Preparing schedules of PMC sessions of mandatory team members to enable them to plan these activities

(5) Ensuring availability of PMC supplies and materials.

(d) Conduct a PMC session to not more than 15 couples at a time;

(e) Issue PMC Certificates which are signed by accredited mandatory PMC team members to engaged couples who have completed the PMC session.

Section 3. All issuances and orders inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

Section 4. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

Issued this 10th day of November 2010 at Naga City, Philippines.

JOHN G. BONGAT
City Mayor

Attested by:

FLORENCIO T. MONGOSO, JR., CSEE
Department Head II and Acting City Administrator