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OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Naga



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2014-023

CREATING THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE LIFE COUNSELING CENTER:

WHEREAS, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 51 of Republic Act 9165 (Philippine Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act) mandates: “local government units shall appropriate a substantial portion of their respective annual budgets to assist in or enhance the enforcement of this Act giving priority to preventive or educational programs and the rehabilitation or treatment of drug dependents”;

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 5g and 5h of City Ordinance No. 2013-052 (An Ordinance Consolidating the Anti-Drug Abuse Policies and Programs in the City of Naga) respectively requires the Naga City Dangerous Drugs Board (NCCDB) to “formulate and cause the implementation of short-term and long-term plans, programs, and projects” and to “closely coordinate with line agencies and non-government organizations regarding the plans and actions of the Board” against drug abuse;

WHEREAS, Article V of City Ordinance No. 2013-052 mandates the establishment and operation of the LIFE Counseling Center (or “LIFE Center”) by the City Government to:

- “a. provide free confidential, competent, and reliable counseling to drug users, particularly those who have not yet reached the stage of drug dependence;
- b. refer to the appropriate government agencies for rehabilitation after compliance with procedural and judicial requirements, clients who can no longer be treated by means of counseling; and
- c. recommend such measures to improve the foregoing services”;

WHEREAS, after the initial work of the NCDDDB Committee on Early Intervention, Rehabilitation, and Aftercare which resulted into significant increase of drug dependents who submitted themselves for voluntary treatment, there is now a need to set up and operate the LIFE Counseling Center to support these Nagueños who have completed their rehabilitation treatment;



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WHEREAS, both the Department of Health and the Camarines Sur Treatment and Rehabilitation Center have signified their willingness to collaborate with the City Government in the establishment of the LIFE Center, including potential aftercare services;

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

Section 1. Creation of the Technical Working Group (TWG). A local TWG is hereby created to ensure the establishment of LIFE Center and its collaboration with the concerned agencies and organizations, both government and private, to perform the functions and responsibilities mandated in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. Composition of the TWG. The LIFE Center TWG shall be comprised of the following:

1. Mr. Jose Importante, NCDDDB Executive Director
2. Dr. Vito Borja, City Health Officer
3. Dr. Luningning Luciano, Director, Naga City Hospital
4. Mr. Jaime Reblando, City Social Welfare and Development Officer
5. Mr. Frank Mendoza, City Budget Officer
6. Mr. Paul John Barrosa, Acting Head, Technical and Publications Division, Sangguniang Panlungsod

Section 3. Functions and Responsibilities of the TWG. The TWG shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Drafting of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Naga City Government and the Department of Health and the Camarines Sur Treatment and Rehabilitation Center towards the establishment of the LIFE Counseling Center;
2. Preparation and submission of the requirements for the establishment and operation of the LIFE Counseling Center;
3. Preparation and implementation of the guidelines, programs, and strategic plans for the actual operation of LIFE Counseling Center;
4. Report and submit draft documents and proposal for approval of the City Mayor.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. All issuances inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.




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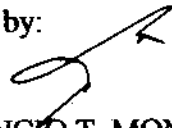


Section 5. Effectivity Clause. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 17th day of July 2014 at Naga City, Philippines.


JOHN G. BONGAT
City Mayor

Attested by:


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