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ORDINANCE NO. 2017-018
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AN ORDINANCE CREATING A TASK FORCE THAT SHALL MONITOR HIV/AIDS CASES AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION (STI) IN THE CITY OF NAGA, AND TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE TO ENSURE PROTECTION ESPECIALLY OF MINOR CHILDREN AGAINST HIV/AIDS THROUGH POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN SEX TRADE, DEFINING ITS COMPOSITION, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR:-

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Given the alarming increase in cases of prostitution in the city, especially those involving children or minors, there is an urgent and persistent need for the City Government of Naga to institute approaches that would help curb, if not totally stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and STD in the city.

An upward trend can be observed in the number of individuals who, mostly in their adolescent period, are infected with Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and including Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) that led to Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Report from the Department of Health (DOH) in the Bicol Region shows that Naga City has the most number of HIV/AIDS cases among the municipalities and cities in Camarines Sur as it was able to register 17 cases in 2016 alone, and that from 1984 to 2016, Naga's cumulative HIV/AIDS cases have now reached 71.

The data from the City Health Office revealed that there are individuals infected with HIV who are complacent or seemed not to have been bothered at all, not caring about the risk of transmitting it to others. Out of 266 screened for HIV last year, 15 were confirmed positive and, only 9 returned to get their HIV confirmatory results.

The City Health Office reported that for year 2016, of 234 individuals who underwent smear testing (urethral, cervical and rectal), 27 were diagnosed to be positive for gram-negative intracellular diplococci, 17 of them are males and 10 are females while of the 266 tested for syphilis, 4 were found to be reactive. The same office has also recorded 4 cases of Hepatitis B during the same year.

In order to immediately address this worsening problem, the creation and operationalization of a Task Force would strengthen the city's serious campaign against sexually related activities, this proposed ordinance is deemed in order and necessary.

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

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SECTION 1. - A Task Force is hereby created that shall monitor HIV/AIDS cases and Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) in the City of Naga, and to conduct surveillance to ensure protection especially to minor children against HIV/AIDS and STI through possible involvement in sex trade.

SECTION 2. - COMPOSITION: The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

Chairman:	The City Health Officer
Members:	The Chairman, SP Committee on Health
	The Chairperson, Naga City Bantay Familia
	The Chairperson, SP Committee on Children
	The City Social Welfare & Dev't Officer
	The PNP City Director
	The City Legal Officer
	The Medical Technologist, City Health
Office	
	The City STI Nurse Coordinator
	The City Health Education and Promotion
	Officer (HEPO)
	The CEPPIO Head

SECTION 3. - DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS: The following shall be the duties and functions of the Task Force, to wit:

1. To formulate plan of actions and/or guidelines in coordination with concerned government and non-government agencies involved in children's welfare and protection, for the purpose of defining its tasks;
2. To coordinate with concerned private and government agencies including barangay officials in identifying minors vulnerable to HIV/AIDS and STI;
3. To extend assistance by providing access to free government HIV/AIDS screening and prevention facilities;
4. Mandatory STI/HIV/AIDS Education and Awareness Program for vulnerable groups, especially in established companies, agencies, educational entities and other similar establishments;
5. To conduct series of seminars/lectures/symposia and massive information dissemination on HIV/AIDS and STI prevention and control;
6. To recommend measures that will curtail the continuous spread of sexually transmitted infections and involvement of children in sex trade.

SECTION 4. - FUNDING: There shall be an annual appropriation of Six Hundred Thousand Pesos (P600,000.00) necessary in the implementation of this ordinance to be taken from the Surplus. The various programs and activities to be funded by the P600,000.00 are the following:

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- 1) Quarterly conduct of Education and Awareness Program for vulnerable groups, especially in established companies, agencies, educational entities and other similar establishments;
- 2) Seminars/Lectures/Symposia and massive Information dissemination on HIV/AIDS and STI prevention and control;
- 3) Celebration of the Candlelight Memorial on May and World AIDS Day Celebration on December;
- 4) Miscellaneous expenses to be incurred of the Advocates especially those invited speakers from the DOH and testimonies of persons living with HIV and STI;
- 5) Campaign materials, such as: leaflets, stickers, pamphlets, etc.
- 6) Other expenses to be incurred necessary in the massive campaign against STI and HIV/AIDS cases.

SECTION 5. - This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: April 7, 2017.


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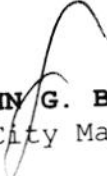
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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

NELSON S. LEGACION
City Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer


GIL A. DE LA TORRE
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

APPROVED:


JOHN G. BONGAT
City Mayor