

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD**

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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1063
February 21, 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION EFFORTS IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD TO ATTAIN A TB
FREE CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

WHEREAS, Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, TB remains a major public health concern in the country and in particular the city of Bacolod where the estimated missing TB cases for 2017 runs to about 1323 based on the current formula provided by the National TB Program despite the percentage accomplishment of identified TB patients completing treatment at 95% which is above the recommended national standard of 90%;

WHEREAS, the level of awareness of Programmatic Management of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (PMDT) is low and is persisting to become a challenge to the National Program. Thus, there is an urgent need to re-tool the health workers of the City of PMDT as an integrated activity in the Directly Observed Treatment Short-Course (DOTSC) facility;

WHEREAS, the family members of the person with TB plays a key role in the care and support of TB patients as well as in controlling the spread of infection;

WHEREAS, the identified hesitancy on the part of the family members to vouch their support for their TB patient is mainly influenced by stigma and financial constraints (i.e. travel expenses, food, board, and lodging allowances) especially those residing in far-flung barangays where access to the needed health services is difficult and might need the support of barangay officials and/or their respective community volunteers (CVs);

WHEREAS, a two-way referral system must be strengthened among the network of health care service providers within the city for case finding, consultation, diagnosis completed proper treatment including the mandatory reporting of patients with TB to the National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP);

WHEREAS, the success of TB treatment depends on the patient's adherence, support and encouragement from the treatment partner, the patient's family and the support of the community;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** as it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the **Sangguniang Panlungsod** in session assembled, that:



Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the “TUBERCULOSIS-FREE CITY OF BACOLOD”.

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The City of Bacolod joins the National Government efforts to institute an effective program for TB elimination through the National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTP) and the Philippine Strategic Elimination Plan with seven strategies (acronym: ENGAGED) includes:

- a. Empower communities and patient groups to promptly access quality TB services
- b. Network with other agencies to reduce out-of-pocket expenses and expand social protection programs
- c. Galvanize national and local efforts to mobilize adequate human resources
- d. Advance TB information generation and utilization for decision making
- e. Guarantee compliance to national standards of TB care and prevention service and availability of quality products
- f. Expand provision of expanded integrated patient-centered TB services
- g. Drum up support from national agencies and local government units on the small sectoral implementation of localized TB elimination plan.

Section 3. ENSURE ANNUAL FUND ALLOCATION – This will serve as a vehicle for sustaining the efficient and effective delivery of the City TB elimination Program

- a. To ensure the allocation of the budgetary requirements for the City’s program;
- b. To ensure that efforts and resources and geared towards achieving the goal of having a community where TB is no longer a public health problem;
- c. To ensure that the NTP policies and strategies are implemented, thereby ensure a high case notification and treatment success rates;
- d. To ensure the continuous investment for quality improvement, certification and accreditation of the city health facilities as delivery points of TB services using the DOTS strategy including strengthening and capacitating the local community volunteers on the NTP;
- e. To ensure that the city regularly supports the monitoring, supervision, evaluation, training requirements, including the availability of NTP drugs and needed medical supplies.



Section 4. STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS' (CVS) INVOLVEMENT ON TB ELIMINATION

The City through its health facilities shall provide continuous education for its community volunteers' (CVs). As CVs for TB elimination, they shall be updated on TB reviews on proper sputum collection, packaging and transport to the TB Microscopy Laboratory for sputum examination, reiterate their responsibilities as treatment partners including monitoring and reporting of side effects. The CVs should be encouraged to coordinate the links of the City Social Welfare and Development Office to include TB discussion and Family Development Session as part of case finding activities.

Section 5. INVOLVEMENT OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY IN TB ELIMINATION

- a. All barangay officials in the City of Bacolod shall be oriented on TB elimination and their roles in monitoring the activities of the CV's such as case finding and cases holding practices. They shall provide financial support for the transport expenses of the CVs in all activities related to TB elimination including the submission of sputum or collection of drugs and other medical supplies from the main health center.
- b. All barangays shall form "Bantay TB sa Barangay" composed of selected CV's, Barangay Kagawad on Health and Barangay health workers which shall be responsible for TB information campaign in the barangay.

Section 6. AGREEMENT WITH PEOPLE WITH TB AND SUPPORT TO FAMILIES OF PEOPLE WITH TB

- a. The City Health Office shall come up with a written agreement signed by the person with TB, treatment partner, City Physician and a family members preferred by the patient.
- b. TB positive patients shall provide the health facility with complete information of contacts, permanent residence which are necessary for the TB treatment program.
- c. They shall adhere to the prescribed and agreed treatment plan and conscientiously comply with the instructions of the health workers of treatment facility as well as inform them of any difficulties or problems with treatment plans if not clearly understood.
- d. All TB positive patients shall contribute to community well-being by
 - (i) ensuring treatment compliance and getting cured from TB
 - (ii) practice/observe proper cough etiquette and
 - (iii) encourage others to seek medical consultation if with cough of any duration



- e. The City Health Office shall ensure psychosocial support for TB positive patients with the health facility staff, and should conduct TB counseling sessions with the family members of the person with TB.
- f. The City of Bacolod shall provide patients with TB in the form of transportation, food allowances, and medication.

Section 7. MANDATORY RECORDING AND REPORTING OF TB CASES IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR

The City of Bacolod will advocate and collaborate with other public and private sectors to properly record and report all TB patients being managed in their respective facilities to the City Health Office.

Section 8. FUND ALLOCATION

The amount of 1 Million Pesos (Php1,000,00.00) annually and an increase of 5% per year thereafter shall be appropriated for the implementation of this ordinance and disbursement shall be approved by the City Mayor subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures.

The said funds shall be released to the City Health office and allocated as follows:

- a. Monitoring and supervisory visits
- b. Laboratory equipment and maintenance
- c. Contingency for TB drugs, logistics and supplies
- d. Support to drug susceptible or drug resistant TB (e.g transportation, meals, board and lodging)
- e. Support for capability building activities
- f. Health promotion activities
- g. Purchase of medicines as needed.

Section 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any part of this Ordinance is declared as unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections hereof that are not declared unlawful or unconstitutional.

Section 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All previous ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 11. EFFECTIVITY. – This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its due passage and approval.

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CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Cindy T. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Al Victor A. Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Danna Marie C. Barzo.

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Official Leave : Councilors Simplicia Z. Distrito and Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen.

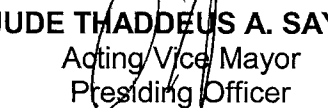
Absent : N o n e .

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Comments : P a s s e d .

Councilor Israel P. Salanga was not around when this ordinance was passed.


JUDE THADDEUS A. SAYSON
Acting Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: MAR 04 2024 2024.


ALFREDO ABELARDO B. BENITEZ
City Mayor

VCP/CGT/jbz

SP LEGISLATIVE
SERVICES SECTION

DATE: March 7, 2024 TIME: 1:45 p.m.

PV: Jaron