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Excerpt from the journal of the 96th Regular Session of the 11th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Friday, May 3, 2024 at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor El Cid M. Familiaran	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Cindy T. Rojas	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Vladimir S. Gonzalez	
Councilor Renecito S. Novero	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	
Councilor Simplicia Z. Distrito	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	

OFFICIAL LEAVE:

Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson

RESOLUTION NO. 389
Series of 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR ALFREDO ABELARDO B. BENITEZ TO DESIGNATE THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS OF BACOLOD CITY AS BARANGAY-LEVEL HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION OFFICERS (HEPOs) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH PROMOTION POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY, PROVIDING GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES THEREFOR.

Upon motion of Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, jointly seconded by Councilors Em L. Ang, Simplicia Z. Distrito and Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bacolod City Local Health Resolution No. 042524-03, passed a resolution dated April 25, 2024 requesting the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City to pass a resolution AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR ALFREDO ABELARDO B. BENITEZ TO DESIGNATE THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS OF BACOLOD CITY AS

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WHEREAS, Section 30 of Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Health Care Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations strengthen the adoption of integrated and comprehensive approach in ensuring that all Filipinos are health literate, provided with healthy living conditions, and protected from hazards and risks that could affect their health status, by directing Local Government Units (LGUs) to issue and implement effective health promotion policies and programs that promote health literacy and healthy lifestyle among their constituents, prioritizing programs that address key risk factors to prevent and control disease as well as to advance population health and individual wellbeing in City-wide Health Systems (CHWS);

WHEREAS, Section 17 of the UHC Act, in ensuring that all Filipinos are guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services, likewise mandates the establishment of primary care networks for the delivery of health services. These primary care provider networks, which include the BHWs as community health workers and volunteers, deliver services, serve as initial contact and navigator to guide patients' decision making for cost-efficient and appropriate levels of care, and coordinate patients to facilitate two-way referrals and remove barriers to health services;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7883 or the Barangay Health Workers' Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995 and IRR first recognized these key roles of the BHWs as essential volunteer community health workers in the delivery of primary care, and first guaranteed training and material support to improve their services to the community;

WHEREAS, currently BHWs remain as indispensable members of the local health system - serving at the frontline of the pandemic prevention and response actions in the community, assisting in the operations of the Barangay Health Stations, Urban Health Centers, or Rural Health Units, conducting house visits, and helping in organizing and mobilization of community members for relevant health events and activities;

WHEREAS, towards the goal of further strengthening primary care and reorienting services towards health promotion as envisioned now by the UHC Act, DOH AO No. 2020-0024 on the Primary Care Framework and Sectoral Strategies further underscores the need to enhance the capacities of primary care workers, including the BHWs, as an important strategy to ensure quality, safe, and affordable care, and to achieve the full realization of primary care;

WHEREAS, consistent with the Memorandum of Agreement for Inter-Local Government Cooperation, which seeks to ensure and strengthen the collaborative linkages between the Provincial Government and its component Municipal and City Governments to ensure the functionality of the PWHS, the inclusion of BHWs are highlighted in the assessment of existing human resource supply and capabilities, for the purpose of upgrading their technical and institutional capacities;

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WHEREAS, in recognition of this strategic position of the BHWs, DOH AO No. 2020-0042 on Health Promotion Framework Strategy in P/CWHS designates the BHWs as barangay-level HEPOs for community-level implementation of health promotion policies, programs, and activities;

WHEREAS, in relation and in support of the foregoing provisions, DOH AO No. 2020-0037 on Guidelines for the Implementation of Local Health System Maturity Levels, requires this designation of the BHWs as barangay-level HEPOs with defined terms of reference, or scope of work for health promotion, as one of the key result areas for determining the integration maturity level of the city;

WHEREAS, that the Barangay Health Workers or BHWs of Bacolod City be designated as barangay-level HEPOs who shall collaboratively function with other members of the respective Primary Care Provider Networks in the city to ensure the proactive and effective implementation of health promotion policies, programs, and activities in the community;

WHEREAS, that the technical and managerial oversight of the BHWs with regard to implementation of health promotion policies, programs and activities at the community level shall be the responsibility of the Local Health Offices of the component LGUs, through the local HEPO, who shall establish and maintain functional coordination with the Provincial Health Promotion Unit to ensure the seamless and standardized implementation of health promotion policies, programs, and activities across the Province-wide Health System. Similarly for City-wide Health System of HUCs and ICCs, the technical and managerial oversight of the BHWs with regard to the same, shall be the responsibility of the City Health Office, through the local HEPO and the City of Bacolod shall ensure the provision of just and commensurate honorarium and financial and/or non-financial incentives and benefits for the BHWs;

WHEREAS, that the resources necessary to mobilize BHWs, including for honoraria, operational expenditure, equipment, and/or training costs may be sourced from Special Health Fund and other local budgetary sources;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to authorize the Honorable City Mayor Alfredo Abelardo B. Benitez to designate the Barangay Health Workers of Bacolod City as Barangay-Level Health Education and Promotion Officers (HEPOs) for implementation of health promotion policies, programs, and activities in the community, providing governance structure, and appropriating resources therefor.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :


Councilors : Em L. Ang, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Danna Marie C. Barzo.

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Negative : N o n e .

Comments : P a s s e d .

Floor Leader Al Victor A. Espino, Councilors Israel P. Salanga, Cindy T. Rojas and Jason Isidro S. Villarosa were not around when this resolution was passed.


EL CID M. FAMILIARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

By:


CHRISTINE G. TEMPLA
Board Secretary IV

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