



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 06
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AN EXECUTIVE ORDER RECONSTITUTING THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY STI/HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is an incurable disease that recognizes no territorial, social, political, and economic boundaries and has been declared as a worldwide emergency by the World Health Organization (WHO);

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8504, better known as "An Act Promulgating Policies and Prescribing Measures for the Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS in the Philippines" provides for the establishment of a comprehensive HIV/AIDS monitoring system and strengthening of the Philippine National AIDS Council;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of General Santos City enacted Ordinance No. 16, Series of 2018, otherwise known as "An Ordinance Creating the General Santos City ST/HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Council";

WHEREAS, the creation of GENERAL SANTOS CITY ST/HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL, which allows a multi-sectoral representation, will continue to facilitate the city's ST/HIV/AIDS prevention and control programs, particularly among those whose nature of work or lifestyle expose them to risk of contracting ST/HIV and AIDS;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the ST/HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Council which will include the implementation of policies and measures that will ensure the prevention and control of the rising incidence of STI/HIV/AIDS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORELIE GERONIMO PACQUIAO, City Mayor of General Santos, by virtue of the power vested in me by law and the sovereign will of the people do hereby order:

SECTION 1. RECONSTITUTION OF THE ST/HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL. The ST/HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Council is hereby reconstituted and shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: City Mayor or Designated Permanent Alternate
Vice-Chairperson: City Health Officer

Members

- Chairperson of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Health and Sanitation;
- Chairperson of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on the Elderly, Differently Abled Persons and Social Services;
- Chairperson of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Education;
- Social Hygiene Clinic Physician;
- Chief of Hospital, Dr. Jorge P. Royeca Hospital;
- Department Head, City Social Welfare and Development;
- Department Head, City Treasurer's Office;
- City Director, Philippine National Police;
- Schools Division Superintendent, DepEd;



- Program Head, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines (FPOP);
- President, Pink Salmon Plus Association Inc.;
- Executive Director, Mahintana Foundation, Inc.;
- Executive Director, Community Health Development, Inc.;
- President, General Santos City Medical Society;
- Chapter Administrator, Philippine Red Cross;
- President, GSC Entertainment Operators Association;
- President, GSC Pharmacists' Association - GSC Chapter;
- President, Kapisanan ng mga Brodkasters ng Pilipinas - Gensan Chapter;
- President, Philippine Association of Medical Technologists GSC;
- President, Philippine Dental Association - GSC;
- President, Philippine Hospitals Association - GSC;
- President, LGBT Gensan;
- Department Head, City Population Management Office; and
- Division Chief, City Mayor's Office - Youth Affairs Development Office.

SECTION 2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. The General Santos City STI/HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Council shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) To provide the necessary policy recommendations to appropriate government agencies for the effective and efficient implementation of STI/HIV/AIDS prevention programs;
- b) To engage in advocacy work geared towards the promotion of educational activities for the prevention of Sexually Transmissible Infections (STIS) and the control of HIV and AIDS within the city;
- c) To closely collaborate with the Local Health Board and other concerned Local Government Units (LGUS) in monitoring the prevalence of STI/HIV/AIDS in General Santos City, as well as in planning, monitoring and evaluating various STIHIVIAIDS prevention and control programs in the city;
- d) To serve as avenue for network-building and strengthening of partnerships with government and non-government agencies in the implementation of various ST/HIVIAIDS prevention and control programs in General Santos City,
- e) To monitor the services extended by the City Health Office (CHO) and City Social Welfare & Development Office (CSWDO) in terms of medical and social assistance to people infected with Sexually Transmissible Infections (STIS), including HIV and AIDS;
- f) To facilitate the psychosocial and support for PLHIV and their families;
- g) To generate and mobilize resources and develop recommendations for the sustainability of local efforts towards STI/HIV/AIDS prevention and care;
- h) To organize activities aimed at enhancing the capabilities of interested parties in developing and implementing programs related to STIS, HIV and AIDS;
- i) To establish and maintain the necessary database and serve as a local resource pool for technical assistance among program partners;
- j) To meet regularly at least once every quarter of the year.

SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT. The Council shall appoint the Secretariat, preferably from the NGO representatives, which shall work in partnership with the Local Government Unit as well as with other accredited City Health Office (CHO). Further, the CHO may assign an NGO partner or focal person to do the function. As to its major function, the secretariat will keep all documentation and minutes of the meeting.



SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. An amount equivalent to 10% of the Gender and Development (GAD) Fund, which is 5% of the General Fund of the City, shall be appropriated to fund the projects mentioned in this ordinance, subject to availability of funds.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, memoranda, rules and regulations or any part/s thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Order not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 13 day of January, 2023 at General Santos City, Philippines.


LORELIE GERONIMO PACQUIAO
City Mayor

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