

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Zamboanga del Norte
MUNICIPALITY OF MANUKAN

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE HONORABLE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2024 AT THE SB SESSION HALL,
MANUKAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE

PRESENT:

Hon. Enriquita U. Winters, Municipal Vice-Mayor,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Chilly D. Oñez,	SB Member
Hon. Melisa G. Belagantol,	-do-
Hon. Mariane P. Elorta,	-do-
Hon. Guilbert J. Villarin,	-do-
Hon. J'Mark B. Café,	-do-
Hon. Randel Q. Uy,	-do-
Hon. Robby Earl B. Villarin, ABC Fed. Pres.,	-do-
Hon. Sammy D. Culanculan, SK Fed. Pres.,	-do-
Hon. Pedrito A. Nataa, IPMR,	-do-

ABSENT:

Hon. Glenn L. Omaña, SB Member (*On Leave*)
Hon. Leonard O. Yu, SB Member (*On Leave*)

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Resolution No. 2024-018

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANUKAN 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 THEREFORE

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 well being in Province Wide and/or City/Municipality wide Health Systems;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of the Universal Health Care 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 efand 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

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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 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. 2020-024 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;

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 Municipality of Manukan;

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion of Hon. Melisa G. Belagantol duly seconded by Hon. Pedrito A. Nataa, Hon. Robby Earl B. Villarín and Hon. Mariane P. Elorta, It was

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Barangay Health Workers or BHWs of the Municipality of Manukan, Zamboanga del Norte be designated as barangay-level HEPOs who shall collaboratively function with other members of the respective Primary Care Provider Networks in the Municipality of Manukan to ensure the proactive and effective implementation of health promotion, policies, programs and activities in the community;

RESOLVED FURTHER, 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.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that LGU Manukan shall ensure the provision of just and commensurate honorarium and financial and/or non-financial incentives and benefits for the BHWs.


RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, 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;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to all Barangay Health Workers through their Barangay Chairman/Local HEPO to assist the Municipal Mayor in this matter for their information and action.


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing excerpt.


APRIL ROSE D. BACDANGAN
Administrative Officer II
OIC-Secretary to the SB




ENRIQUITA U. WINTERS
Municipal Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: 02/15, 2024


EUGENE U. CABALLERO
Municipal Mayor