



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42
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**REORGANIZATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CONCEPCION, TARLAC**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11036, or the Mental Health Act, provides for the rights of individuals with mental health needs and mandates the development of an integrated and comprehensive approach to mental health care at all levels;

WHEREAS, Local Government Units are tasked to ensure the provision of accessible mental health services, the establishment of facilities, and the promotion of public awareness regarding mental health;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Concepcion, Tarlac recognizes the importance of mental health as a public health priority and is committed to addressing the mental health needs of its constituents;

WHEREAS, in view of the new term of office of the Local Chief Executive and pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991 which requires the reconstitution/reorganization of local special bodies/committees after each election, there is a need to reorganize the Mental Health Advisory Board of the Municipality of Concepcion, Tarlac;

WHEREAS, the reorganization of the said Board is likewise aimed to ensure the effective formulation of policies affecting mental health and provide for a consistent, rational and unified response to mental health problems and concerns through the formulation and implementation of the Mental Health Care Program of the Municipality of Concepcion, Tarlac;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NOEL L. VILLANUEVA, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Concepcion, Tarlac, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The Municipal Mental Health Advisory Board shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson : **HON. MAYOR NOEL L. VILLANUEVA**,
Municipal Mayor

Vice Chairperson : **BENJAMIN Q. BENGCO III, MD**
Municipal Health Officer

Members: : **HON. MARVIN P. MACALINO**
SB, Chairperson-Committee on Health

JESSA MAE S. CENTENO
Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer

MARIA SOCORRO PADLAN
Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator





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FLORA C. PEREZ
Municipal Human Resource Management Officer

MA. LORELIE GUTIÉRREZ, RN
Department of Education Representative

PLTCOL. PHILIP F. ANTANG
Chief of Police - Concepcion Municipal Police
Station, Philippine National Police Representative

CYGEL LUSUNG
SK Federation President

MARC JUSTIN NAMOCALÉ
Local Youth Development Officer

MARK ANTHONY MANALO
LGBTQIA+ Representative, Local Non-
Governmental Organization (NGO) Representative

GLADYS LOURDES BENGCO, MD
Mental Health Coordinator – Physician

DOLORES C. CUNANAN, MD
Mental Health Coordinator - Physician

PRECIOUS ANN PACELO
Mental Health Coordinator – Nurse

KAREN CASUPANAN
Mental Health Coordinator – Nurse

Secretariat:

Municipal Health Office

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The Municipal Mental Health Advisory Board shall exercise the following duties and functions:

1. Planning and policy formulation:

- a. Review the existing systems, policies and guidelines on mental health services that are implemented by different offices of the Municipal Government;
- b. Develop and implement a local mental health care delivery system to include program for intervention designed to promote and upscale the approaches for mental health awareness for educational institutions, public and private workplaces, among others;

2. Advocacy and awareness campaigns:

- a. Run education programs to reduce stigma and promote mental well-being in schools, workplaces, and the community;





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- b. Develop / plan and set activities for the observation of Mental Health Month in the Municipality;

3. Program implementation:

- a. Integrate mental health services into existing basic health care services at all levels, including barangay health centers;
- b. Establish mechanisms of hotlines consultations handled by trained professionals to counsel and cater cases that include but not limited to, anxiety, stress, suicide, and self-harm and other preventable cases through telephone consultations;
- c. Establish mechanisms of face to-face consultations handled by trained professionals to counsel and cater cases that include but not limited to, suicide, depression, self-harm, and self-abuse;

4. Capacity building:

- a. Organize training and reorientation for mental health service providers and Barangay Health Workers (BHWs);
- b. Plan the necessary capacity-building, reorientation and training programs for mental health professionals, mental health workers and allied professionals as articulated in this Executive Order;

5. Coordination:

- a. Ensure that the efforts of all relevant LGU offices, national agencies, and non-government organizations are unified and consistent;
- b. Create, if necessary, such inter-agency committees, project task forces, and other support groups necessary to implement this Executive Order;
- c. Develop plan of actions especially directed to answer the needs and concerns of those addicted to on-line games, alcohol addiction, concerns for geriatric persons, among others;
- d. Promulgate protocols and guidelines to facilitate inter-LGU and referral system, including access of individuals with mental health conditions to treatment and psychosocial support;

6. Oversight and monitoring:

- a. Ensure compliance with the Mental Health Act and monitoring the status of mental health cases in the LGU;
- a. Recommend intensified psychosocial activities with special focus on addressing effects of calamities and/or disasters and other traumatic events, including on-line consultations and discussions, in close coordination with the different guidance counsellors of various schools in the town;
- b. Recommend a robust research and development program in collaboration with academic institutions, related associations and nongovernment organizations to achieve the





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purposes of this Executive Order so as to increase the ability of the Municipal Government to respond to the emerging concerns on mental health in observance of Article VI of RA 11036;

- c. Review all related laws and regulations related to mental health and recommend further appropriate legislation to the Sangguniang Bayan in order to sustain and strengthen programs, services and other mental health initiatives;
- d. Recommend to the Municipal Mayor, for his concurrence, inclusion of other individual/s who represent advocacy groups to enhance implementation of this Executive Order;

7. Funding:

- a. Allocate an annual budget to implement mental health programs, as mandated by the Mental Health Act;
- b. Recommend appropriate amount of fees in availing the mental health care services;
- c. Recommend for the purchase of a mobile clinic to be used for barangay visitation and consultations;

8. Perform such other duties and functions necessary to carry out the purpose of this Executive Order.

SECTION 3. FUNDING AND RESOURCES

The necessary budgetary requirements for the implementation of this Order shall be sourced from the Municipal Health Office, as warranted, and in accordance with law.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE

All orders, issuances or memoranda or any part thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its signing.

DONE this 21st day of October 2025 at Concepcion, Tarlac.


NOEL L. VILLANUEVA
Municipal Mayor

