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ORDINANCE NO. 3 S. 2016

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH HEALTH
COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS

SPONSORED BY : COUN. CLAUDETTE U. AMBIDA-ALDAY

CO-SPONSORED BY : ALL CITY COUNCILORS

WHEREAS, the National Government, through the Department of Health (DOH), had issued Administrative Order No. 2013-0013 in March 2013 formulated the National Policy and Strategic Framework on Adolescent Health and Development which mandated the Local Government Units (LGUs) to ensure provision of basic adolescent health care services including, but not limited to, the operation and maintenance of facilities and equipment necessary for the delivery of a full range of reproductive health care services and the purchase and distribution of family planning goods and supplies as part of the essential information and service delivery package defined by DOH;

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandated the State to promote and protect the youth's physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being and prioritizes the health of children;

WHEREAS, the Philippines and other member nations ratified and signed the Millennium Declaration in September 2000 which embodies global and country commitments, specific targets and milestones for 2015, including Reduction of Child Mortality (MDG 4), Improvement of Maternal Health (MDG 5) and Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases (MDG 6);

WHEREAS, the 2013 Young Adult Fertility Study (YAFS 4) conducted by the Demographic Research and Development Foundation and the University of the Philippines Population Institute shows that 32 percent of young Filipinos between the ages 15 to 24 have had sex before marriage and 78 percent reported that their first sexual encounter was unprotected: 84 percent among young women and 73 percent among young men;

WHEREAS, the percentage of young girls, aged 15-19 who have begun childbearing had more than doubled within the past decade according to YAFS 4;

WHEREAS, the Batangas City Health Office have recorded a total of 826 teenage pregnancy in the year 2015 based on records in the health centers, and that it is higher than the 798 teenage pregnancy cases in year 2014;



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WHEREAS, the Adolescent Youth Health Landscape conducted January to February 2014 in Batangas City found that the youth population identifies teen pregnancy, early sexual encounters, early marriage, drugs/substance abuse, and parenting issues as their most significant challenges;

WHEREAS, according to the July 2014 to June 2016 Strategic AYH Plan states the following:

VISION : The adolescents of Batangas are well-informed, responsible, God-centered and empowered to reach their full potential to serve the province, the country and the global community.

GOAL : By mid- 2016, the adolescents of Batangas, with guidance from their parents, support organizations, agencies and other duty bearers, are able to participate in programs and services that will help develop responsible, enlightened and empowered adolescents.

WHEREAS, the Adolescent Youth Health Landscape in Batangas City calls for an agency or organization to take responsibility for coordinating the local efforts for addressing adolescent and youth health needs, which may be fulfilled by the creation of this Council.

WHEREAS, the City Government of Batangas commits itself to the Cities Development initiatives (CDI) goal of ensuring inclusive, resilient and broad-based economic growth where the young Batanguenos are critical mass in ensuring economic growth and quality life of our current and future generation.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained as it is hereby ordained in session assembled that this ordinance be known as:

SECTION 1. TITLE This Ordinance will be known as Ordinance Creating the Adolescent and Youth Health Council in the City of Batangas to strengthen the promotion, implementation and monitoring of adolescent youth health programs in the City of Batangas.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Batangas City Ordinance on Adolescent and Youth Health Council, these terms shall be defined as follows:



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- 2.1 ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS** - list of public and private schools/universities who participated in the Strategic Planning Workshop on Adolescent-Youth Health and Development (AYHD) held in Estrellas de Mendoza, Laiya, San Juan, Batangas last June 2014 spearheaded by the Provincial Health Office of Batangas.
- 2.2 ADOLESCENTS** - refers to the young people whose age range from ten to nineteen (10 - 19) years old which is under the transition of childhood to adulthood (according to World Health Organization's definition)
- 2.3. ADOLESCENT-FRIENDLY HEALTH SERVICES** - WHO defined quality dimension for adolescent: available, accessible, acceptable, appropriate, equitable and effective. Both health care providers and support staff should respect and protect the adolescents' rights to information, privacy, confidentiality, non-discrimination and non-judgmental attitude and respect.
- 2.4. AYH-** Adolescent and Youth Health
- 2.5. AYHDP-** Adolescent and Youth Health and Development Program
- 2.6. CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS** - refers to non-government organizations (NGOs), People's Organizations (POs), professional associations, faith-based organizations, indigenous peoples' organizations and other citizens' groups which are non-profit and have mandate to promote and protect the health and welfare of the adolescents and youth.
- 2.7. PEER EDUCATORS** - refers to young people (students and out-of-school youth) trained on Peer Education who will undertake informal or organized educational activities with their peers.
- 2.8. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH** - refers to the state of complete physical, mental and social well-being , and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, in all matters relating to reproductive system and to its functions and processes. The Adolescent and Youth Health Council will promote and protect the health of adolescents and youth including reproductive health information and education to reduce teenage pregnancy in Batangas City, as well as referral to Batangas City Health Office and its Health Centers for appropriate adolescent-friendly health care services.



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2.9. SERVICE DELIVERY NETWORK - refers to the network of health facilities providers within Batangas City offering a core package of health care services for adolescents and youth in an integrated and coordinated manner. SDN is an instrument to improve, strengthen service delivery and ensure continuity of health services for families, across political and geographical boundaries.

2.10. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) - shall serve as the implementing arm of the Council that ensures the operationalization of the strategic plans and other decisions agreed by the Council.

2.11. TEEN PREGNANCY - the number of adolescents who visited any of the six main health centers in Batangas City for pre-natal check up prior to their deliveries.

2.12. YOUTH - refers to young people whose age range from fifteen to twenty four (15-24) years old.

SECTION 3. SCOPE AND COVERAGE-

This Ordinance shall be implemented within the territorial jurisdiction of Batangas City.

SECTION 4. COMPOSITION OF ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH HEALTH COUNCIL

The Adolescent and Youth Health Council shall be composed of the following:

Chairman : City Mayor
Co-Chairman : City Health Officer

Members:

1. Sangguniang Panlungsod Chairman Committee on Health
2. Sangguniang Panlungsod Chairman Committee on Youth and Sports Development
3. Batangas City Health Office Representative
4. City Social Welfare and Development Officer
5. Civil Society Organization
6. International NGOs



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7. Youth Organizations
8. City Council for Youth Affairs Office
9. Department of Education Batangas City Schools
Division Superintendent

9.a. Academic Institutions will be consisted but not limited to the following:

- Colegio ng Lungsod ng Batangas (CLB)
- Batangas State University (BSU)
- Lyceum of the Philippines University (LPU)
- University of Batangas (UB)
- St. Bridget's College (SBC)
- Golden Gate College (GGC)
- Technical/Vocational Schools and Institutions

10. President, Association of Barangay Council

**SECTION 5. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH
HEALTH COUNCIL**

The Council shall immediately convene and have the following functions:

1. Serves as the policy-making body for Adolescent Youth Health and Development Program (AYHDP) in the City of Batangas.
2. Oversee the Technical Working Group for guidance and technical assistance.
3. Promote and protect the health of the adolescents and youth in Batangas City through information, education and appropriate referral for adolescent-friendly health services.

SECTION 6. PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT

In the spirit of this Ordinance, the private sector is deemed to be a vital partner in the coordination, implementation and delivery of services, maintenance of quality-assured products and services, as well as in resource mobilization, monitoring and evaluation and pursuing sustainability of the Adolescent Youth Health and Development Program (AYHDP). As such, a public-private partnership shall be organized consisting of the following:



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1. AYH Coordinators, Program Managers of public health facilities in Batangas City.
2. Health Service providers trained on Adolescent/Youth Health, both from public and private sector.
3. Trained Peer Educators among students and Out-of-School Youth.
4. Representatives of private sector with programs on Adolescent, Youth and Health
5. Representatives of Civil Society Organizations

SECTION 7. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

The Technical Working Group (TWG) will be compose but not limited to the following:

1. City Mayor
2. City Health Officer
3. City Social Welfare and Development Officer
4. Youth Organization Representative
5. City Council for Youth Affairs Officer

The Technical Working Group shall serve as the implementing arm of the Council that ensures the operationalization of the strategic plans and other decisions agreed by the Council. TWG coordinates with appropriate organizations, agencies and other partners of the Council to implement the following tasks:

- 7.1. HEALTH PROMOTIONS AND CAMPAIGN** - To develop strategies, health campaigns, and related activities to attract the attention and interest of adolescents and youth and the general public of Batangas concerning health issues via appropriate communication channels and the involvement of relevant agencies and institutions that have the capacity and experience in mounting such health promotions and events in order to foster a city-wide, multi-sectoral, inter-agency, and community-based approach in addressing adolescent and youth health concerns;
- 7.2. CAPACITY BUILDING** - To assess the current gaps and needs of the adolescents and youth in Batangas City in terms of adopting healthy lifestyle and enhancing their life skills, and provide them with necessary education, information and training programs in collaboration with other agencies and institutions that may assist in training, coaching, and mentoring of adolescents and youth;



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- 7.3. HEALTH POLICIES AND ADVOCACY** - To ensure that the Barangay Local Government Units (LGUs) of Batangas City have the necessary policies and ordinances necessary to address the health needs, issues, and concerns of adolescents and youth especially in the light of the increasing incidence of teenage pregnancy as well as ensure that schools, communities, and workplaces within Batangas City are conducive to promoting the health and safety of adolescents and youth;
- 7.4. SUPPORT SYSTEMS** - To support the establishment of an effective and functional health referral system and functional AYH Service Delivery Network for both students population and out-of-school youth which addresses the multi-faceted needs, issues and concerns of adolescents and youth especially as it pertains to health, as well as ensure the availability and accessibility of health services for adolescent and youth clients;
- 7.5. HEALTH CARE SERVICES** - To motivate and increase the adolescents and youth's positive health seeking behaviors by engaging the public and private sectors in Batangas City to ensure the existence and accessibility of facilities and structures needed to provide quality health care to adolescent and youth clients.

SECTION 8. MEETING

The Council shall have a regular meeting. The Chairman, however, may call for a special meeting whenever necessary. The Chairman shall fix the time and place of the meeting.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The City Mayor is given the power to issue and promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the proper or effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION- The City Mayor in his discretion may appropriate funds under the Office in the Annual and Supplemental Budget of each calendar year for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.



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SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All provisions of local ordinances, orders, resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

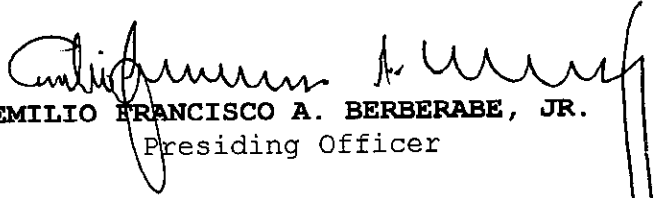
SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If for any reason any part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. - This ordinance shall take effect upon approval of the City Mayor and publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Batangas.

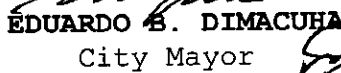
ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod this 15th day of February, 2016.


ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE, JR.
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


EDUARDO B. DIMACUHA
City Mayor

Date Approved: March 8, 2016