



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH (19TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON JUNE 5, 2023 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

- Present : Acting Vice Mayor Marlo PJ A. Alipon, Temporary Presiding Officer
S.B. Member Jonathan Bryan S. Siytiap
S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina
S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon
S.B. Member Benedicto S. Alborida
S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio
S.B. Member Jerwin A. Moliñawe
S.B. Member Gaudencio P. Macatangay, Liga President
S.B. Member Jozylyn N. Manansala, SK Federation President
Ms. Mirasol P. Mojica, LLSO II/ OIC-Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
Ms. Felomina I. Lincallo, LLSO I
- Absent : S.B. Member Leren Mae M. Bautista, (O.B.)
- Visitors : Ms. Marissa M. Segui, from San Antonio Parish Church
Ms. Pearly C. Natividad, from San Antonio Parish Church
Ms. Gigi V. Mercado, from San Antonio Parish Church
Ms. Rosemarie Belesanio, SK Chairperson, Brgy. Batong Malake
Ms. Nasichely Castillo, SK Councilor, Brgy. Batong Malake
Mr. Vincent Banasihan, SK Councilor, Brgy. Batong Malake
Candidate for Mr. and Ms. Barangay Batong Malake
Mr. Alex B. Domdom, SNSJ President
Ms. Mary Jane B. Cuenza, SNSJ Vice President
Ms. Erlinda C. Malinao, SNSJ Treasurer
Ms. Alicia R. Montoya, SNSJ Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2365

AN ORDINANCE PROMULGATING GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA.



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WHEREAS, Section 13 of 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; The state recognizes and guarantees the human rights of all persons including their right to equality and non-discrimination of these rights, the right to sustainable human development, the right to health which includes reproductive health, the right to education and information, and the right to choose and make decisions for themselves in accordance with their religious conviction, ethics, cultural beliefs, and the demands of the responsible parenthood;



WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10354, signed into law on December 21, 2012, provided for National Policy on Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2018, the Sangguniang Bayan enacted an Ordinance No. 2018-1717 entitled “ An Ordinance enacting the Code of Parental Responsibility for the Protection of Childrens Rights;

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 and Child Mortality (MDG 4), improvement of Maternal Health (MDG 5) and Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases (MDG 6);

WHEREAS, the National Standards and Implementation Guide for the provision of Adolescent-Friendly Health Services was created in 2010 to ensure that adolescents will be able to enjoy a variety of facilities, goods, services, and conditions necessary to realize the highest standard of health in line with the World Health Organization’s criteria for Adolescent-Friendly Health Services and with the policy documents existing in the country;

WHEREAS, the Los Baños Municipal Health Office has recorded a total of 251 teenage pregnancies in the year 2022, and that is higher than the 239 teenage pregnancy cases in 2021;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon duly seconded by Councilor Jonathan Bryan S. Siytiap and unanimously approved by all the councilors present;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, in session assembled, **THAT**:


SECTION 1. TITLE. An Ordinance Promulgating Guidelines for the Implementation of Adolescent Health and Developmental Program in the Municipality of Los Baños, Province of Laguna.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purposes of this Municipality Ordinance on Adolescent Health and Development Program, these terms shall be defined as follows:

2.1 **Adolescent** – refers to young people between the ages of 10 and 19 years who are in transition from childhood to adulthood (RA 10354) and are the primary targets of this Ordinance. Early adolescence is from 10-13 years old; middle adolescence is 14-16 years; and late adolescence is 17-19 years (WHO).

2.2. **Youth** – refers to the period between childhood and adult age; young people whose age range is from fifteen to twenty-four (15-24) years old.

2.3. **Children** – refers to persons under eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition (RA 7610).



2.4. **Adolescent Health** – refers to the state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being of persons aged 10-19 years.

2.5. **Reproductive Health** – refers to the state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infertility, in all matters relating to the reproductive system and to its functions and processes. AHDP will promote and protect the health of adolescent and youth including reproductive health information and education to reduce teenage pregnancy in Los Baños, Laguna as well as referral to Los Baños Municipal Health Office for appropriate adolescent-friendly health care services.

2.6. **Reproductive Health Rights of Adolescents and Youth** – refers to their human right to have control over and decide freely and responsibly on matters related to their sexuality, including sexual and reproductive health.

2.7. **Early Pregnancy** – refers to pregnancy in women less than 20 years old.

2.8. **Bullying or Peer Abuse** – refers to willful aggressive behavior that is directed towards a particular victim who may be outnumbered, younger, weak, with disability, less confident or otherwise vulnerable.

2.9. **Empowerment** – refers to having a sense of self-worth; to have and to determine choices, access to opportunities and resources, the power to control their own lives, and the ability to influence the direction of social change to create a more just social and economic order, nationally, and internationally.

2.10. **Adolescent Participation** – refers to public processes in which adolescents are involved in decision making, either directly or through representatives. Adolescent participation recognizes adolescents as citizens and stakeholders in the present – not just in the future.

2.11. **Evolving Capacities** – the United Nation’s Convention of the Rights of the Child recognizes that children in different environments and cultures with different life experiences will acquire competencies at different ages and this process will vary according to circumstances. Children do not require competencies merely as consequences of age but rather through experience, culture, and levels of parental support and expectation. Evolving capacities is central to the balance between empowerment and protection.

2.12. **Life Skills** – refers to abilities for adaptive and positive behavior that enable individuals to deal effectively with the demands and challenges of everyday life.



2.13. **The Private Sector** – refers to health providers and facilities (individual practitioners, clinics, hospitals, facilities, drug outlets) licensed and regulated under existing laws but otherwise operating outside the ownership or management of the government (DOH 102012-0004).

2.14. **Adolescent Friendly Health Services** – refers to the quality and types of services to be offered to adolescents as defined by WHO: available, accessible, acceptable, appropriate, equitable and effective. Both healthcare providers and support staff should respect and protect the adolescents' rights to information, privacy, confidentiality, non-discrimination and non-judgmental attitude, and respect.

2.15. **Adolescent Friendly Health Facility** - refers to a hospital, clinic, Rural Health Unit or Barangay Health Station offering adolescent friendly health services.

2.16. **AHDP Adolescent Health and Development Program** – refers to one of the Department of Health programs. This aims to ensure that all programs are working together for the betterment of adolescents in the country.

2.17. **Service Providers** - refers to health providers both in the health and non-health sectors, which include doctors, nurses, and midwives (DOH AO 34 A). Community-based volunteers, peer group leaders, psychologists and counselors, and staff (e.g. pharmacists and others) can also provide appropriate adolescent-friendly health services depending upon the circumstances.

2.18. **AIDS Medium Term Plan** – refers to elimination of mother to children transmissions of HIV as the Philippines reinforces this commitment in the sixth AIDS Medium Term Plan (AMTP).

2.19. **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

2.20. **Service Delivery Network** - refers to the network of health facilities within the Municipality of Los Baños 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 services delivery and ensure continuity or health services for families, across political and geographical boundaries.

2.21. **Technical Working Group/Technical Management Committee (TWG/TMC)** – refers to the implementing arm of the Council that ensures the operationalization of the strategic plans and other decisions agreed by the Council.

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2.22. **Teenage Pregnancy** – refers to the number of adolescents who visited any Barangay Health Station in the Municipality of Los Baños for prenatal check-up prior to their deliveries.

2.23. **Privacy** – refers to the right and power of the client to control information about him/her that others possess.

2.21. **Confidentiality** – refers to the duty of the health service providers not to disclose certain information without the patient's consent. This provides confidence to adolescent patients to divulge health-related information to their healthcare provider. In addition, this also provides protection to the adolescent patient from future violence when the given information is shared without permission.

SECTION 3. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall be implemented within the territorial jurisdiction of Los Baños, Laguna.

SECTION 4. COMPOSITION OF ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH HEALTH COUNCIL.

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

- Chairman** : Municipal Mayor
- Co-Chairman:** Municipal Health Officer

Members:

1. Medical Officer IV
2. Sangguniang Bayan Chairman Committee on Health
3. Sangguniang Bayan Chairman Committee on Youth and Sports Development
4. Los Baños Municipal Health Office Adolescent Health and Development Program Coordinator
5. SK Federation President
6. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
7. Local Youth Development Officer
8. Civil Society Organization
9. Youth Organizations
10. Department of Education - Schools Division Superintendent

SECTION 5. DUTIES AND FUNCTION OF THE ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH HEALTH COUNCIL.

The Council shall immediately convene and have the following functions:

1. Serve as the policy-making body for AHDP in the Municipality of Los Baños.

2. Oversee the Technical Working Group for guidance and technical assistance.
3. Promote and protect the health of the adolescents and youth in Los Baños through information, education, and appropriate referral for adolescent-friendly health services.

The Technical Working Group/Technical Management Committee 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 /TMC coordinate with appropriate organizations, agencies and other partners of the Council to implement the following tasks:

5.1. Health Promotions and Campaign - to develop strategies, health campaigns, and related activities to attract the general public of Los Baños 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 municipal-wide multi-sectoral, interagency, and community-based approach in addressing adolescent and youth health concerns;

5.2. Capacity Building - to assess the current gaps and needs of the adolescents and youth in Los Baños in terms of adapting 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;

5.3. Health Policies and Advocacy - to ensure that the Barangay Local Government Units (LGUs) of Los Baños 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 the schools, communities, and workplaces within the Municipality are conducive to promoting the health and safety of adolescents and youth;

5.4. Support Systems - to support the establishment of an effective and functional health referral system and functional Adolescent Health and Development Program 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.

5.5. Health Care Services - to motivate and increase the adolescents and youth's positive health-seeking behaviors by engaging the public and private sectors in Los Baños to ensure the existence and accessibility of facilities and structures needed to provide quality health care to adolescent and youth clients.



SECTION 6. MEETING. The Council shall have regular meetings. The TWG / TMC, however, may call for a special meeting whenever necessary. The TWG shall fix the time and place for the meeting.

SECTION 7. GENERAL GUIDELINES:

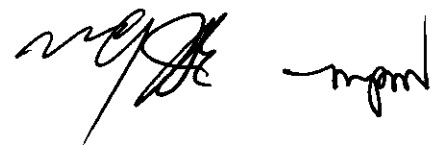
7.1. The Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP) shall be in accordance with the thrusts of the National Objectives for Health, the Philippines Development Plan, the AIDS Medium Term Plan, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Philippine Youth Development Plan of the National Youth Commission.

7.2. The AHDP shall target primarily adolescents ages 10-19 years. This will complement the roles of the Council for the Welfare of Children, which serves to protect the rights of children under 18 years old, and the National Youth Commission, which is mandated to provide leadership in the formulation of policies for youth ages 15-30. Few programs address the unique health needs of very young adolescents ages 10-19. Thus, resources need to be directed to this age group while also preventing pregnancies before the age of 20, when there is an increased risk of maternal and infant mortality, low birth weight babies, and limiting of the woman's education and livelihood opportunities.

7.3. The AHDP shall aim to achieve the following health outcomes: (1) Health Development; (2) Healthy Nutrition; (3) Sexual and Reproductive Health; (4) Reduction of Substance Use; (5) Reduction of Injuries and Mortality, Morbidity and Psychological Consequence of Injuries; (6) Reduction of all forms of Violence; and (7) Mental Health. These are based on the DOH's National Standards and Implementation Guide for the Provision of Adolescent-Friendly Services, 2010.

7.4. The AHDP recognizes the risks inherent to early sexual initiation or having one's first sexual intercourse occurring before the adolescent is physically and psychologically capable of dealing with the consequences of sexual intercourse and shall aim to delay sexual initiation among adolescents.

7.5. The AHDP shall respect the rights of all the adolescents. Specific strategies for marginalized and vulnerable groups need to be put in place to promote equality and inclusion. Marginalized groups include, but are not limited to the following: Adolescents in Indigenous Communities as defined in RA 8371, Adolescents (Persons) with Disability (RA 9442), Adolescents (Children) in Conflict with the Law (RA 9344), Drug-dependent Adolescents (RA9165), Abandoned and Neglected Adolescents (RA 9532), Adolescents on the Streets, Adolescents in Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Adolescents Survivors of Calamity, Adolescents in Situations of Armed Conflict, Adolescents Key Affected Populations, Adolescents Survivors of Abuse and Exploitation (RA 7610).



7.6. Program and Strategies shall include:

- a. Health Promotion and Behavior Change for adolescents to utilize health services, practice healthy behavior, avoid risks and participate in governance and policy decisions for their health and development.
- b. Improving access to quality and adolescents-friendly healthcare services and information for adolescents, including access to quality health care facilities following the National Standards and Implementation Guide for Adolescents-friendly Health Services and utilizing various settings outside the health system, such as schools, cruising sites and social media to promote adolescents' health.
- c. Institutionalizing Los Baños Municipal Health Office and Barangay Health Stations in the municipality as adolescent-friendly health facilities based from National standards:

Standard 1-"Adolescents in the catchment area of the facility are aware of the health services it provides and find the health facility easy to reach and obtain services from it."

Standard 2-"The services provided by the health facilities to adolescents are in line with the accepted package of health services and are provided on-site or through referral linkages by well-trained staff effectively."

Standard 3- "The health services are provided in ways that respect the rights of adolescents and their privacy and confidentiality. Adolescents find the surroundings and procedures of the health facility appealing and acceptable."

Standard 4- "An enabling environment exists in the community for adolescents to seek and utilize the health services that they need and for the health care providers to provide the needed services."

- d. Enhancing skills of service providers, families, and adolescents to protect their health and development.
- e. Strengthening partnerships among adolescent groups, inter-municipal agencies, civil society, the private sector, families, and communities to make them accountable for the improvement of adolescent health with focus in reduction of teenage pregnancy rates.
- f. Strengthening policy at all levels to ensure that all adolescents have access to information and services.

- g. Ensuring sufficient resources to implement a sustainable adolescent health program. The municipality shall provide funding for the implementation of the AHDP in their area, mobilizing external resources and internal funding such as SK funds and the GAD budget.
- h. Strengthening Teen Center activities to promote AHDP and capacitate other adolescents to become peer educators.

SECTION 8.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK. Strategies of the AHDP shall be designed in accordance with the Program's Vision, Mission, and Goals. Health status outcomes and adolescents' rights shall be enjoyed through positive behavior change which are achieved by a variety of strategies. In turn, these strategies will be built upon actionable program components. These elements are non-linear as multiple health and development goals call for a range of interventions delivered in an integrated manner.

8.1 VISION: The adolescents of Los Baños, Laguna are healthy, well-informed, responsible, God-centered and empowered to reach their full potential as leaders in the municipality, the province, the country and the global community.

8.2. MISSION: To ensure that all adolescents of Los Baños, Laguna have access to quality age- and development-appropriate comprehensive health care and services necessary to improve their health status and lead them to the highest attainable standard of health.

8.3. GUIDING PRINCIPLE: Adolescents have unique concerns and are exposed to various dangers due to their increased mobility and risk-taking behaviors. Hence, every adolescent should be able to access appropriate healthcare services to ensure their well-being while allowing them to grow into well-informed, empowered, healthy, and responsible members of our community. The Adolescent Health Development Program is guided by the convention on the Rights of Children, which states that it should be of the best interests of the child—the adolescent's rights are indivisible, interrelated, and non-discriminatory.

SECTION 9.

IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Municipal Mayor is given the power to issue and promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the proper and effective implementation of this Ordinance. The Municipal Mayor shall organize an Adolescent Health and Development Council in Los Baños, Laguna as the lead body for the implementation of the Ordinance. The council shall designate a sub-program manager for AHDP. The council will also convene a Technical Working Group where the primary role is to oversee the implementation of the program and monitor progress.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. The Municipal Mayor through his discretion may allocate funds under the office in the Annual and Supplemental Budget of each calendar year for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

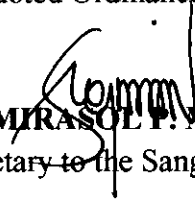
SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Any provision or portion of this Ordinance found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid shall not impair the other provisions or parts thereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. Ordinances, rules, and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take force and effect upon approval.

ENACTED : June 5, 2023

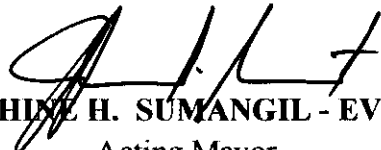
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above –quoted Ordinance.


MS. MIRASOL P. MOJICA
LLSO II/ OIC- Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:


HON. MARLO P.J.A. ALIPON, MPA, REE, RMP
Acting Vice Mayor / Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. JOSEPHINE H. SUMANGIL - EVANGELISTA
Acting Mayor