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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
FOURTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,  
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING  
ON FEBRUARY 09, 2017



PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.	Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Rolando M. Villasencio,	SP Member, Majority Floor Leader
Vincent L. Rama,	SP Member, Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Mario M. Rodriguez	SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"
Tomas R. Serafica,	SP Member
Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,	SP Member
Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,	SP Member
Gregorio G. Yrastorza III	SP Member
Nolito M. Quilang	SP Member
John Eulalio Nepomuceno O. Aparis II,	SP Member
	Minority Floor Leader
Lea Doris C. Villar	SP Member, Asst. Minority Floor Leader
Mariano Y. Corro,	Ex-Officio SP Member
	Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc

PREFATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the health of the people, being of paramount importance, mandates that all efforts of public services should be directed towards the protection and promotion of health;

WHEREAS, the Primary Health Care Approach is recognized as the major strategy towards health empowerment, emphasizing the need to provide accessible and acceptable health services through the participatory strategies such as health education, training of Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars, community building and organizing;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) accords every Local Government Unit power and authority to promote the general welfare within its territorial jurisdiction, including the promotion of health and safety of its constituents;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 1569 was enacted to strengthen the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) for every barangay, a barangay-based volunteer worker who delivers basic nutrition and related health services, and links communities with nutrition and related service providers;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Nutrition Program is implemented to address the malnutrition problem that afflicts the vulnerable groups particularly preschoolers (0-71months), school children (6-18 yrs. old), pregnant women and lactating mothers and other contributory factors that affects the health and nutritional status of the community as a whole;

WHEREAS, our Barangay officials are always at the forefront insofar as public service is concerned as they are based in the community, thus they are at the frontline of the health concerns of their constituents;

WHEREAS, the standards and guidelines herein set forth are designed to guide with the qualifications of Barangay Nutrition Scholars culled out from existing national laws and promulgations, which are still in full force and effect;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Ormoc and its instrumentalities also recognized the rights of Barangay Nutrition Scholars to organize themselves, to strengthen and systematize their services to the community and to make a venue for sharing their experiences and for recommending policies and guidelines for the promotion, maintenance and advancement of their activities and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Mario Rodriguez, Chairman, Committee on Health & Sanitation, severally seconded by SP Members Rolando M. Villasencio, Vincent L. Rama, Tomas R. Serafica, Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr., John Eulalio Nepomuceno O. Aparis II, Lea Doris C. Villar and Mariano Y. Corro; be it -

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to enact:

**ORDINANCE NO. 019**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF ORMOC.**

BE IT ENACTED by the fourteenth Sangguniang Panlungsod in Regular Session assembled, That:

**SECTION 1. TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE.** This ordinance shall be known as the "2017 BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS PROGRAM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ORMOC".

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY:**

It is policy of the City of Ormoc to protect and promote the right to health and nutrition of the people and adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to nutrition and related programs which shall endeavor to make nutrition and related health services available to all the target beneficiaries.

It shall then be its declared policy to promote the social well-being and welfare of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars who are at the forefront of the said nutrition programs at the grassroots level. Towards this end, the City shall adopt policies that will guarantee the enhanced quality of life of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars, such as:

- a. Develop the skills and capabilities of Barangay Nutrition Scholar in order for them to become more responsive and equipped in delivering health care services and programs in their area of responsibilities.
- b. Encourage all Barangay Nutrition Scholar to become effective partners in the implementation of all health and nutrition related programs and activities of the city.
- c. Ensure the Barangay Nutrition Scholars security of tenure.
- d. Establish an organization that caters to the needs of the Barangay Nutrition Scholar by ensuring that they duly receive benefits and incentives to motivate them to further improve their performances and services.

**SECTION 3. Definition of Terms:**

- a. Association of Barangay Nutrition Scholars (ABNS) – organization composed of Barangay Nutrition Scholars of the one hundred ten (110) barangays forming themselves for their interest and to serve as an effective channel between the Local Government Unit, the City Health Department and their members.
- b. Barangay Nutrition Action Officer (BNAO) – the Chairman of the Committee on Health shall serve as Action Officer in the barangay regarding nutrition programs and activities.
- c. Barangay Nutrition Committee (BNC) - the flagship organization of the nutrition programs of the barangay being chaired by the Punong Barangay. Members include the Chairmen on Committee on Health, Agriculture, Education and Social Services, Midwife in-charge of the Barangay, Head of the Barangay Elementary School and the Barangay Nutrition Scholar.
- d. Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) - person engaged in nutrition program(s) and other health related programs in their respective barangays.
- e. City Nutrition Action Officer (CNAO) - provides supervision for nutrition Programs implementation, to be designated by the City Mayor.
- f. CHD – City Health Department.
- g. City Nutrition Committee (CNC) - the flagship organization of the nutrition programs of the city being chaired by the City Mayor, members to be designated by the City Mayor through an executive order.
- h. City Nutrition Program Coordinator –person responsible for the implementation of the nutrition programs/projects in the city, to be designated by the City Mayor.

**SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS.** The qualifications of a BNS shall be as follows:

- a. Bonafide resident in the barangay for at least one (1) year, with ability to speak the dialect;
- b. Willingness to learn, and to teach what he/she has learned to the barangay people;
- c. At least junior high school level;
- d. Physical and mental fitness to perform all the duties and responsibilities required of a BNS;
- e. Before actual barangay service, the BNS shall undergo a 10-day training on selected topics such as nutrition, health, food production and environmental sanitation to be conducted by the City Nutrition Program Coordinator under the supervision of the City Nutrition Action Officer. This is then supplemented by a 20-day practicum to be conducted in the barangay where the BNS is assigned;

**SECTION 5. RECRUITMENT.** The BNS shall be recruited from within the barangay and shall be tested for their mental and physical fitness and proper work attitude. The Punong Barangay and the midwife in-charge of the Barangay shall recommend qualified applicants to the City Nutrition Program Coordinator with the following supporting documents: (a) personal profile following the prescribed form of the CHD (b) Certification from the High School (c) Community Tax Certificate (d) recommendation from the Punong Barangay (e) Recommendation of the midwife in-charge of the Barangay. After review, and if found qualified, the City Nutrition Program Coordinator submits the recommended names for approval by the City Mayor.

In this connection, the City Mayor shall be authorized to sign, on behalf of the City Nutrition Committee as its Chairman, any agreement for the engagement by the city of the services of a BNS.

**SECTION 6. DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A BNS:**

- a. Attend regular BNS meeting, health and nutrition trainings and seminars;
- b. Implement in the barangay the Impact Programs of Nutrition;
- c. Prepares, updates the spot map and Barangay profile of the Barangay;
- d. Identify, locate and follow up nutrition problems of the Community through the conduct of a community survey;
- e. Submit on time monthly, quarterly and annual accomplishment reports;
- f. Conduct and submit individual and consolidated Operation Timbang Plus (OPT plus) report using the International Reference Standard every last Friday of March duly signed by authorities;
- g. Conduct and submit consolidated OPT report for 0-71 months old, progress report of the monthly monitoring of the 0-24 months old, the SUW, the UW preschoolers, the pregnant and lactating mothers and other related reports required by CNC and the Regional Health Office VIII;
- h. Co-facilitate the Nutrition Month Celebration;
- i. Coordinate with the City Nutrition Committee (CNC), Barangay Nutrition Committee (BNC), Barangay Nutrition Action Officer (BNAO) and Punong Barangay /BNC Chairperson on programs related to nutrition;
- j. Co-facilitate in the Formulation of Barangay Nutrition Action Plan (BNAP) in coordination with the Barangay Nutrition Committee (BNC);
- k. Shall assist in Nutrition, Health and Sanitation Education;
- l. Shall submit an Annual Accomplishment Report to the City Local Health Board thru the City Nutrition Committee;
- m. Campaign for breastfeeding;
- n. Establish partnership with their Barangay Nurses/Midwives, BHWs and other community partners in the implementation of nutrition programs;
- o. Establish partnership with Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) in their respective barangays;
- p. Participate during the conduct of the City, Regional and National Evaluation;
- q. Perform other tasks and function assigned by the City Nutrition Action Officer and Nutrition Program Coordinator;

**SECTION 7. RIGHT AND PRIVILIGES OF THE BNS.** A BNS shall be granted a civil service eligibility equivalent to second grade after the completion of at least 2 years of continuous and satisfactory service in the barangay. The BNS shall have the right to participate in any discussion or deliberation during Barangay Nutrition Scholars General Meeting and can avail of health services provided by the City Health Department and the Department of Health.

**SECTION 8. CREATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS-** The ABNS is an association of all the BNSs from the 110 barangays of the city of Ormoc. It shall inform its members of all developments affecting their rights, duties and responsibilities as BNS under PD 1569. It shall keep and maintain copies of service records of its members and assist the CHD in updating the list of BNSs in the City. It shall provide support to member BNSs in delivering health services, accessing resources and opportunities for BNS enhancement.

**SECTION 9. SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL.** The Barangay Council, the Midwife in-charge, or any person may file a verified complaint to the City Nutrition Committee (CNC) for the suspension and/or removal of the BNS. After a thorough investigation and if found liable thereon, the CNC shall recommend to the City Mayor for the suspension and /or removal of the BNS. A BNS shall only be suspended and/or removed on any of the following grounds:

- a. Dishonesty, misconduct and abuse of authority;
- b. Gross and Habitual Neglect of Duties;
- c. Unauthorized absence for three (3) consecutive months during the regular monthly meeting;
- d. Commission of a Crime or an Offense involving moral turpitude or an offense punishable by at least prison correctional which is from six (6) months and one 1 day to six (6) years imprisonment;
- e. When no longer fit to render health service/s as certified by competent public medical practitioner due to health reasons;
- f. Engaging in partisan politics;
- g. For other causes provided for by law applicable to persons engaged in public service.

**SECTION 10. VACANCY.** In case of termination as member of BNS, the City Mayor upon deliberation and recommendation by the City Nutrition Committee and endorsement of the Punong Barangay and the midwife in-charge of the barangay shall appoint a new BNS.

**SECTION 11. MONTHLY HONORARIUM.** A monthly Honorarium of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500) is hereby accorded for every BNS, and without prejudice to further increasing the same in the future after a thorough review of their works and should the city budget permits. The BNS starts to receive the monthly honorarium from the city six (6) months after his/ her appointment.

**SECTION 12. NUTRITION COMMITTEES.** The implementation of this Ordinance shall be the total responsibility of the City Nutrition Committee headed by the City Mayor as Chairman.

**SECTION 13. SOURCE OF FUNDS.** Expenses to be incurred in connection with the implementation of this ordinance shall be charged to the City Nutrition Program Account under the CHD and to be incorporated into the Annual Budget of the City subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any provision/s of an ordinance, rules and regulations and/ or any part/s thereof found inconsistent with the provision/s of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts of this ordinance not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

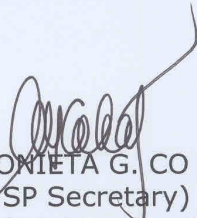
**SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of local or general circulation and posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the city.

ENACTED, February 09, 2017.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Ordinance one each to the City Mayor Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Emnas; the Acting City Legal Officer, Atty. Marcelo C. Oñate; the City Budget Officer; the City Accountant; the City Treasurer; the City Auditor; the City Health Department; the OIC-City Director, DILG, Engr. Jeremy D. Bagares; to the one hundred ten (110) Barangays of Ormoc City; and other offices concerned;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above ordinance.



MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT  
(OIC - SP Secretary)  
Supervising Administrative Officer

ATTESTED:



LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR.  
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:



RICHARD I. GOMEZ  
City Mayor

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