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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING AN ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AHDP) AND ESTABLISHING THE AHDP COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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WHEREAS, the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and commits to the promotion and protection of the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being of the youth;

WHEREAS, the State adopts an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost, and emphasizes on the need to prioritize the needs of the children, among others;

WHEREAS, the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2013 (R.A. No. 10354), otherwise known as the RPRH Law, defines "adolescents" as young people between the ages of 10 and 19 who are in transition from childhood to adulthood.

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Section 14 of the RPRH Law stipulates that the State shall provide for "age- and development-appropriate reproductive health education" to adolescents to be taught by adequately trained teachers in informal and non-formal educational systems and integrated in relevant subjects;

WHEREAS, the National Government, through the Department of Health (DOH), had issued Administrative Order 34-A, S-2000 which is Adolescent and Youth Health Policy of 2000, for the purpose of ensuring all adolescent and youth to have access to quality comprehensive health care services in an AY friendly environment;

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 stipulates the roles of the Local Government Units (LGUs) in the implementation of the Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP), which includes, among others, the provision of basic adolescent health care services;

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 show that the percentage of young girls, aged 15-19 who have begun childbearing had more than doubled within the past decade;

WHEREAS, Quezon City with a total population of 3,344,951 and an estimated teenage population of 689,060 in 2015 has adolescent pregnancy rate of 2.5%;

WHEREAS, Quezon City recognizes that the youth population identifies teen pregnancy, early sexual encounters, early marriage, HIV/AIDS and STIs, drugs/substance abuse, and parenting issues as their most significant challenges;

WHEREAS, Quezon City shares the Philippine Government's Vision of a well-informed, empowered, responsible and healthy adolescents (aged 10 to 19) and Mission of ensuring that all adolescents have access to quality comprehensive health care and services in an adolescent-friendly environment, with improved health status and enjoying their rights to health as stipulated in the Department of Health's Administrative Order No. 2013-0013; ✓

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WHEREAS, Quezon City believes in the need to uphold the rights of adolescents guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that Adolescent Health Programs: should be of the best interest of the child; should recognize that adolescents rights are indivisible and interrelated; non-discriminatory; should have access to accurate information; should have access to life-saving interventions as long as she is mature enough to face the consequences; contain a meaningful adolescent participation; should recognize adolescent as a whole person needing supportive environment; should integrate suitable life skills to help him/her cope with, and manage their lives in a healthy and productive manner; should capacitate the family as the primary source of basic knowledge, behaviour, attitudes and skills necessary for his/her well-being; should recognize the involvement, commitment, accountability, and responsibility in all areas of sexual and reproductive health as well as the promotion of positive impacts of peer education and positive influence of role models.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

CHAPTER I

TITLE AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known and cited shortly as the "Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP) Ordinance of Quezon City."

SECTION 2. POLICY - It shall be the policy of Quezon City to fully support and ensure effective implementation of the AHDP Strategy that focuses on improving health service delivery and instituting effective governance with the end goal of reducing incidence of teenage pregnancy and improving the well-being of adolescent and youth.

It shall be the policy of Quezon City to implement a strategy that is consistent and in congruence with the National Objectives for Health (2011-2016) aimed primarily at promoting the total health and well-being of young people. This City shall ensure that strategies formulated integrate the following: ¶

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- a. Ensure safe and nurturing environment for adolescents by protecting their rights;
- b. Develop the adolescent health service package and involve the youth in the development and provision of services;
- c. Address and provide reproductive health needs of the adolescents through the provision of information and education and quality health services;
- d. Scale-up capacity building of adolescent-friendly health services at the local levels;
- e. Expand capability-building to include community health workers and youth volunteers such as orientation program on Adolescent and Youth Health and utilization of Adolescent Job Aid;
- f. Provide the necessary logistics and commodities for use in the Adolescent Health Program;
- g. Engage the adolescent in creative and productive activities and involve in the country and community development programs;
- h. Expand health care financing package for other essential services on adolescent health;
- i. Local stewardship for improving health outcomes for the adolescent and youth. The Quezon City Health Department taking responsibility for sustaining and improving interventions for the adolescents, and also using the public-private partnership (PPP) approach.

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CHAPTER II

AHDP STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

SECTION 3. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK - This Ordinance shall enforce the following framework of action for the implementation of the AHDP strategy, with the end goal of reducing teenage pregnancy.

Component 1: Instituting Effective Health Governance. - Governance refers to the assistance provided to the development of evidence-based, participatory and youth-inclusive program supported by local policy, monitoring and tracking of results, ensuring adequate resources, commodities, and logistics.

Component 2: Establishing and Implementing the Service Delivery Network (SDN) for AHDP. -The Service Delivery Network refers to the implementation of three (3) service delivery thrusts with the support of public health service providers:

- (1) Provide quality health services to adolescent and youth who are currently pregnant. This covers activities that will ensure early referral and provision of quality pre-natal services to pregnant teens in health facilities matched with community communication and outreach mechanisms to parents and promotion of male responsibility; Post-partum counselling and family planning to prevent or delay the second or repeat pregnancy among pregnant teens;
- (2) Provide quality health and counselling services to adolescent and ensure early referral and provision of necessary services;
- (3) Conduct through school-based and community-based activities, peer education, integration of sexuality education in school subjects, and parent education for parenting adolescents to prevent risky behaviour and promote healthy alternatives.

These three thrusts can be linked into a Service Delivery Network for adolescent health services in a given area that involves the health centers, hospital, and schools, including possibilities of engaging the private sector institutions. 7 8

Component 3: Establishment of Teen Health Quarters (THQs) and Adoption of Adolescent-Friendly Facility Standards. – All districts in Quezon City shall have a THQ that will cater to the health, social and developmental needs of adolescents which in turn complement the services being provided by other public health facilities within the city. More so, public health facilities including Health Centers, Lying-in Clinics and Quezon City Government Hospitals shall adopt the adolescent friendly facility standards set upon by the Department of Health (DOH).

Component 4: Health Service Provision. – An AHDP plan shall be developed that defines, among others, effective delivery of health services among adolescents and youth, skills upgrading and capacity building of concerned health personnel, ensure availability of Adolescent friendly facilities, including the required equipment, commodities and related logistics, including IEC materials at the facility.

Component 5: Health Promotion and Advocacy. – Interventions for effective provision of information, education and communication materials available for AHDP. Ensuring the conduct of Teen Walk to Health in all districts as the primary demand generation strategy of the city to improve health-seeking behaviour among adolescents and building capacities of teen educators in the community and schools. Organize an Adolescent Health Summit annually in December in celebration of the Linggo ng Kabataan and National Youth Health Day in coordination and collaboration with institutions in order to foster a City-wide, multi-sectoral, inter-agency and community-based approach to addressing the challenges of AHDP.

CHAPTER III

DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

- a. **ADOLESCENT** – refers to young people between the ages of ten (10) to nineteen (19) years who are in transition from childhood to adulthood.
- b. **PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROVIDER** – refers to: (1) public health care institution, which is duly licensed and accredited and devoted primarily to the maintenance and operation of facilities for health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of individuals suffering from illness, y

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- disease, injury, disability or deformity, or in need of obstetrical or other medical and nursing care; (2) public health care professional, who is a doctor of medicine, a nurse or a midwife; (3) public health worker engaged in the delivery of health care services; or (4) Barangay health worker who has undergone training programs under any accredited government and NGO and who voluntarily renders primarily health care services in the community after having been accredited to function as such by the local health board in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Department of Health (DOH).
- c. **TEEN EDUCATOR** – refers to a young person aged ten (10) – nineteen (19) years old trained as Teen Walk to Health facilitator and on peer education who assists the health care provider in delivering health services to the adolescents.
- d. **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (RH)** –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 the reproductive system and to its functions and processes.
- e. **SEXUALITY EDUCATION** – refers to a lifelong learning process of providing and acquiring complete, accurate and relevant age- and development-appropriate information and education on reproductive health and sexuality through life skills education and other approaches.
- f. **ADOLESCENT FRIENDLY HEALTH FACILITY (AFHF)** – refers to health centers, lying-in clinics and City Government Hospitals that met the quality standards set by the Department of Health.
- g. **TEEN HEALTH QUARTER (THQ)** – refers to a City Government managed facility through the Quezon City Health Department that provides services to address the needs of adolescent and assist them develop skills to prepare them for challenges in life.

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CHAPTER IV

CREATION OF ADHP COUNCIL

SECTION 5. CREATION OF THE ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AHDP) COUNCIL.

The AHDP Council is hereby created to strengthen the promotion, service delivery implementation, governance and monitoring of adolescent health development program in Quezon City.

SECTION 6. COMPOSITION OF THE ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AHDP) COUNCIL.

The AHDP Council shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: City Mayor
Co-Chairperson: Chairman, Committee on Health
Secretariat: Quezon City Health Department
Members:
Social Services and Development Department
Quezon City Police District
Division of City Schools
Department of Health - NCR
National Youth Commission
Society of Adolescent Medicine of the Phil., Inc. (SAMPI)
Philippine Mental Health Association (PMHA)
Commission on Population
Scholarship and Youth Development Program (SYDP)
Barangay Operations Center
Developmental Organizations supporting AHDP
Religious Sector
Private Sector

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SECTION 7. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AHDP) COUNCIL - The AHDP Council shall be the overall coordinating and monitoring body for the implementation of the AHDP Strategy and Plan in Quezon City, with emphasis on the reduction of unintended and unplanned teen pregnancy and adolescent child birth. Specifically, the members of the Council shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Spearhead the formulation and implementation of a Quezon City comprehensive AHDP strategy and operational plan;
- b. Undertake program monitoring and evaluation and implement a regular feedback mechanism to improve program operations;
- c. Oversee the conduct of initial assessment and situation of current supply, demand, systems and factors that will affect AHDP implementation, to include, but not limited to:
 1. Available health facilities and services offered
 2. Capacities of health service providers
 3. IEC materials available for AHDP
 4. Communities and schools with trained teen educators
 5. Yearly budget allocation and expenditures for AHDP
 6. Development of Adolescent-related policies and mandates
 7. Health systems in place that are operable
 8. Data generation in Adolescent Health, including National Objectives for Health targets such as adolescent mortality and morbidity rate and pregnancy rate. †

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- d. Lead the conduct of an annual strategic planning workshop and consultation among stakeholders;
- e. Lead the establishment of the service delivery network for AHDP;
- f. Ensure that the necessary logistics and commodities are available for use in the Adolescent Health and Development Program;
- g. Ensure that critical indicator data on AHDP are regularly monitored and evaluated.

SECTION 8. REGULAR AHDP MEETING – The AHDP Council shall conduct a regular quarterly meeting every Tuesday of the second month of the quarter. The Chairperson or the Co-Chairperson may call for a special meeting and officially document all key discussion points and agreements of the council every meeting. Every council meeting, minutes of the previous meeting shall be read for final concurrence and approval by the council.

CHAPTER V

APPROPRIATION

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION – The Local Government of Quezon City shall annually appropriate funds amounting to Four Million Nine Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty One Pesos (Php4,982,821.00) for the implementation of the Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP). Said amount shall be allocated from the annual budget of the Quezon City Health Department.

CHAPTER VI

MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The AHDP Council shall, within a period of six (6) months following the approval of this Ordinance, formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance and the same shall take effect after proper dissemination and publication in the offices concerned, and after posting at two (2) Conspicuous places in the Municipality. ✓

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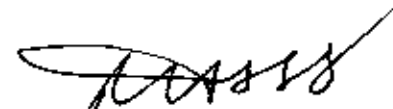


SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If for any reason any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, other parts or provision hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.


SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE - All other laws, ordinances, resolutions, administrative circulars and executive orders, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.



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Acting Presiding Officer

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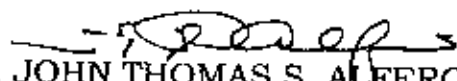

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APPROVED: 18 OCT 2017


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor 

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 14, 2017 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on August 29, 2017.


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/ City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

