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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **9203**, S-2023

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE QUEZON CITY LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN FOR HEALTH (LIPH) 2023-2025 AND THE QUEZON CITY ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN (AOP) FOR 2023, PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (UHC) ACT OF 2019.

Introduced by Councilors BERNARD R. HERRERA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D., and KRISTINE ALEXIA R. MATIAS.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, and Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas.

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides, among others, that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and social services available to all people at affordable cost;

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates the devolution of the delivery of health services and facilities as one of the basic functions and responsibilities of all Local Government Units (LGUs) at all levels;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act of 2019, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, highlights the significance of the Local Investment Plan for Health (LIPH) which refers to the “medium term public investment plan for health of LGUs with a three-year strategic time frame, that governs the health operations of the locality and health sector activities, and guides health system outcomes will be achieved with specific LGU, Department of Health (DOH) and stakeholder actions”;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City LIPH is the result of a series of consultations among health program managers and implementers led by the Quezon City Health Department with engagement of stakeholders. Available health and non-health data were critically and systematically analyzed to guide the Local Chief Executive, policy makers, program planners, health workers, as well as other stakeholders, in crafting the City’s roadmap for an improved health system;

WHEREAS, LIPH provides direction and guidance to better implement effective programs and projects in an integrated manner (National Agencies, Local Units, and other Stakeholders). It focuses on primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of healthcare within a healthcare provider network to ensure equitable access to quality health services. The City takes into consideration the complementary roles and harmonized implementation of strategies and activities of the three (3) LGU-owned hospitals, DOH-retained and specialty hospitals, and private health facilities;

WHEREAS, Quezon City has enacted local health policies, such as amendments to the STI/HIV/AIDS Ordinance, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Ordinance, and Ordinance on Healthy Procurement, to name a few. There are ordinances passed with provisions on health regulation, such as those on tobacco, sugary drinks, no prescription, no drug and regulation of birthing homes, among others. To ensure that inter-sectoral collaboration remains in place, local health councils were organized and made functional;

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WHEREAS, in the last two (2) years, the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the City's capacity to deliver health and social services, especially as the pandemic caused adverse health and economic outcomes;

WHEREAS, amidst the pandemic, the Quezon City Government is also facing the challenge of establishing a city-wide health system in light of the implementation of the Universal Health Care Law and the devolution transition plan, as a result of the Garcia-Mandanas ruling;

WHEREAS, steps are underway in restructuring the Quezon City Health Department to be able to address said challenges. Before the year ends, the Quezon City Government needs to commit on starting a managerial, technical, and financial integration towards a functional city-wide health system;

WHEREAS, the construction of additional health facilities and improvement of existing facilities, such as satellite treatment hubs, laboratory facilities, social hygiene clinics and teen-health quarters will be funded by DOH and LGU. The City is also prioritizing the restructuring of the Quezon City Health Department that will be in line with the recommendation of the UHC Act. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H) is being strengthened by capacitating the health workers in emergency response;

WHEREAS, in line with the implementation of UHC Act at the local level, a Health Promotion Unit (HEPU) is being established as part of the restructuring plan;

WHEREAS, important policies will be revisited including ordinances and their implementing rules and regulations, such as the Ordinances and Implementing Rules and Regulations of the First 1000 Days program and Community-based Mental Health Program;

WHEREAS, on Health Information and Technology, health center staff have been trained on iClinicSys while the City is awaiting the development of its own electronic medical record;

WHEREAS, the three (3)-year investment plan has a total budget of Php20,424,647,703.97. Major investments of the City are basically on the Service Delivery pillar of the FOURmula One Plus for Health Strategy since the local thrust is to provide "responsive health systems" that will result to better health outcome;

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WHEREAS, a total of Php9,922,750,989.41 or 48.6% of the total budget is allotted for priority commodities which are crucial in the delivery of essential and integrated health services to vulnerable groups and priority target clients, such as on Reproductive Health, Maternal, Child Health, Adolescents and Nutrition Program, Infectious Diseases (TB, HIV/AIDS), Non-communicable Disease Prevention, Mental Health, Reproductive Health, among others. These commodities include drugs, medicines, and vaccines;

WHEREAS, health human resources, as direct providers of essential health services and implementers of various health programs, will have an investment cost of Php7,397,338,934.56 or 36.2% of the total budget. This is mainly due to restructuring plan where new plantilla positions need to be created. The DOH augmented the health human resources through its HRH Deployment Program;

WHEREAS, both the DOH and the LGU will play a major role in funding the investment plan. While the DOH's share is estimated at 22.9%, and the LGU's share at 65.6%, the LGU is expected to ensure the implementation of the LIPH 2023-2025 with support from the DOH;

WHEREAS, in preparation for the implementation of the UHC Act in the City, the Local Health Systems Maturity Level (LHSML) monitoring tool was used to assess the readiness of the City based on the six (6) building blocks of the health system, namely leadership and governance, service delivery, access to medical products, vaccines and technology, health human resource, health financing and health information management. Analysis of the assessment shows that there are indicators that have already been achieved at the different levels of maturity;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Health Department, with the directive of providing recommendations for the future of the City's public health system strongly supports the Comprehensive Executive Agenda of the new Local Chief Executive (LCE), that is, "to deliver responsive, efficient and cost effective health and social services". The vision of "inclusive growth" of the City Mayor is "that all members of Quezon City citizenry will be part of the city's growth and development". When translated into the health system strategic goals, it means better health outcomes, equitable health care financing and responsiveness of the City health systems.

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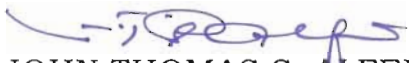
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to adopt, as it does hereby adopt, the Quezon City Local Investment Plan for Health (LIPH) 2023-2025 and the Quezon City Annual Operations Plan (AOP) for 2023, pursuant to Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act of 2019.

ADOPTED: March 13, 2023.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 13, 2023 and was CONFIRMED on March 20, 2023.


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