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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 95TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2022 – 2025 SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOOC, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON HELD AT MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON JUNE 21, 2024.

PRESENT:

HON. ISMAEL S. OSORIO JR.....	Acting Municipal Mayor
HON. PERIANO R. BERNARDO.....	Acting Municipal Vice Mayor/ Temporary Presiding Officer
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ABSENT:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 029 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL HEALTH POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE DELIVERY OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHT OF PERSONS UTILIZING PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOOC, ROMBLON

Sponsor: Hon. Menchie M. Garachico
Co-sponsors: Hon. Periano R. Bernardo, Hon. Teodulo G. Tirol, Jr,
Hon. Rolando F. Bautista & Hon. Michael P. Francisco

WHEREAS, mental health as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) is “ a state of well – being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make contribution to his/her community”.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 11036 otherwise known as “ Mental Health Act” declares the policy of the state affirms the basic right of all Filipinos to mental health as well as the fundamental rights of people who require mental health services;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Units (LGUs) are required to support the Mental Health Program by reviewing, formulating and developing regulations and guidelines necessary to implement an effective health care and wellness policy within their territorial jurisdictions, including the passage of a local ordinance focusing on mental health which are consistent with existing national policies and guidelines;

WHEREAS, in order to improve and enhance its delivery and accessibility to the constituent of the municipality who may need mental health care services there is a need to review, update, evaluate and institutionalize the mental health program;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of looc, Romblon in session assembled:

SECTION I. *Title* - This ordinance shall be known as the "Mental Health Wellness Ordinance in the Municipality of Looc, Romblon.

SECTION II. *Definition of Terms* - As used in this Ordinance , the following terms are defined as follows;

- a) ***Allied Professional*** - refers to any trained non - medical mental health professional.
- b) ***Confidentiality*** - refers to ensuring that all relevant information related to persons with psychiatric, neurologic, and psychological health needs is kept safe from access or use by, or disclosure to persons or entities who are not authorize to access, use, or possess such information.
- c) ***Discrimination*** - refers to any distinction, exclusion or restriction which has the purpose or effect of nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on an equal basis with others, of all human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field. It includes all forms of discrimination, including denial of reasonable accommodation.
- d) ***Mental Health*** - refers to a state of well - being in which the individual realizes one's own abilities and potentials, copes adequately with the normal stresses of life, displays resilience in the face of extreme life events, works, productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a positive contribution to the community.
- e) ***Mental Disability*** - refers to impairments in activity limitations and individual and participatory restrictions denoting the negative aspects of interaction between an individual and his environment. This result from organic syndromes such as mental retardation and acquired lesions of the central nervous system, dementia, and psychotic and non-psychotic disorders.
- f) ***Mental Health Facility*** - refers to any establishment, or any unit of an establishment, which has as its primary function, the provision of mental health facilities.

- g) *Mental Illness* - refers to a mental or psychiatric disorder or other neuro developmental disorders characterized by the existence of recognizable changes in the thoughts, feelings, and general behaviour of an individual brought about by neurobiological causes manifested by genetic or biochemical abnormalities and associated medical conditions which include distress, personality disorder, substance use dependence and mental retardation; including epilepsy, neuro dementia, anxiety depression and other neurologic illnesses.
- h) *Patient or Service User* - refers to a person with mental health condition who requires undergoing psychiatric, neurologic or psychosocial care
- i) *Traumatic Events* - refers to an incident that cause, physical, emotional, spiritual, or psychosocial trauma or harm to an individual, including but not limited to, accidents, natural disasters, attacks, sexual harassments, domestic violence, and emotional or physical abuse.

SECTION III. *Duties and Responsibilities of the Municipal Government of Looc, Romblon*

- a) Review, formulate, and develop regulations and guidelines necessary to implement an effective mental health care and wellness program and policies;
- b) Integrate mental health care services in the basic health care services, and ensure that these are provided in primary health care facilities and hospitals;
- c) Establish or provide training programs activities necessary to enhance the capacity of mental health services providers and other health workers in providing appropriate mental health services or interventions;
- d) Establish and capacitate mental health care facilities or clinic in the municipality in order to be more accessible and responsive to the needs of the patients or constituents;
- e) Establish a temporary housing facility for vagrant psychotics or individuals suffering from mental health problem with no identified relatives where they can live or stay;
- f) Refer or coordinate transfer of service users or patients to mental health facilities, professional workers and other service providers for appropriate care;
- g) and establish a multi - sectoral network for the identification, management, and prevention of mental health illness in the community.

SECTION IV. *Institutionalizing the Mental Health Program* - The mental health program and services of the Local Government Unit of Looc, Romblon is hereby institutionalized and shall be integrated as part of the public health services in the health facilities of the municipality.

a) Mental health care services to be provided in the municipality shall be :

- Based on medical and scientific research findings;
- Responsive to the clinical, gender, cultural and other special needs of the individuals being served;
- Service must be provided in most appropriate and least restrictive setting;
- Age - appropriate;
- Provided by mental health professionals and workers in a manner that ensures accountability, and;
- Economically accessible.

b) The community based mental health care system which shall consist of:

- Development and integration of mental health care at the primary health in the community.
- Continuation of programs for capacity/capability building among existing local health workers in close coordination with mental or psychiatric hospitals, universities and other health providers.
- Continuous support services and intervention for affected families.
- Advocacy and promotion of mental health awareness among the general population.
- Capacity building, reorientation and training shall be required for health providers.
- Improvement of mental health programs shall be undertaken, in collaboration with other government agencies, academic institutions, mental health associations and non-government organizations, to develop or enhance appropriate and relevant mental health services in the community.

SECTION V. *Mental Health Clinic/Facility* - In the Rural Health Unit of Looc, Romblon shall be established and shall serve patients with mental health problem on an in-patient basis. It shall provide the following services:

- a) Psychiatric consultation and counselling;
- b) Provision of medicine for mental health disorder;
- c) Referral and coordination of patients needing admission;
- d) Screening and assessment of individuals for substance use disorder;

SECTION VI. *Promotion of Mental Health and Public Awareness* - To protect the dignity of those who are suffering from mental health problems, the Local Government Unit of Looc, Romblon shall promote an integrated approach to mental health care through programs that strengthen the coping mechanism of individuals. It shall also endeavour to raise the value of mental health

consciousness among the people, such as in the various educational institutions and public and private workplaces, among others.

The Local Government Unit of Looc, Romblon shall:

- a) promote awareness on mental health wellness;
- b) provide support and services for individuals at risk;
- c) facilitate access, including referral mechanisms of individuals with mental health conditions to treatment and psychosocial support;
- d) correct the stigma and discrimination associated with mental health conditions.

SECTION VII. *Intensified Psychosocial Activities and Intervention after Calamities and/or disasters and other Traumatic Events* -The Rural Health Unit together with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development shall conduct psychosocial interventions and activities especially in the aftermath of calamities, traumatic incidence, disasters, pandemic which have contributed much to the state of well - being especially of children.

SECTION VIII. *Capacity Building Programs for Barangay Frontline Workers* - The LGU - Looc with technical assistance from DOH shall be responsible for training of Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Volunteers on the promotion of mental health and will provide for the appropriate assistance, supplies and logistics necessary to carry out their functions.

SECTION IX. *Capacity Building Programs for other Stakeholders* - In close coordination with mental health facilities, academic institutions, and other stakeholders, mental health professionals, workers and other service providers shall undergo capacity-building, reorientation, and training to develop, update ad enhance their ability to deliver evidence - based, gender-sensitive, culturally appropriate and human - rights oriented mental health services, with emphasis on the community and public health aspects of mental health.

For this purpose, Non - Government Organizations, People's Organizations and other entities that are helping in the promotion and advocacy for mental health awareness shall be encouraged to coordinate with the Municipal Health Officer for purposes of inclusion in the comprehensive plan to address mental health issues in the municipality.

SECTION X. *Composition* - The Municipal Council for mental health shall be composed of the following:

<i>Municipal Health Officer</i>	- <i>Chairman</i>
<i>Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer</i>	- <i>Vice Chairman</i>
<i>Department of Education Representative</i>	- <i>Member</i>
<i>Sangguniang Bayan for Health</i>	- <i>Member</i>
<i>CSO Representative</i>	- <i>Member</i>
<i>Municipal Local Government Operations Officer</i>	- <i>Member</i>
<i>Municipal Planning and Development Officer</i>	- <i>Member</i>
<i>Sangguniang Kabataan Federation</i>	- <i>Member</i>
<i>Liga ng Barangay President</i>	- <i>Member</i>

SECTION XI. *Duties and Responsibilities of the Municipal Council for Health*

- a) Crafting of a unified mental health care program;
- b) Review existing programs and policies for mental health care;
- c) Develop programs designed to promote and upscale the approaches for mental health awareness in the community;
- d) Recommend policies and legislations that will promote and strengthen mental health programs and advocacies;
- e) Ensure implementation of psychosocial interventions in the community specially during or after disasters or calamities;
- f) Establish hotline/ online consultation managed by trained professional to cater cases that include but not limited to, anxiety, stress, suicide or self-harm and other mental health cases that may need immediate counselling or intervention through phone or online consultation;
- g) The council also shall serve also as advisory body to the anti-drug abuse program in the municipality;
- h) Formulate policies and programs for the management of vagrant psychotics or those individuals with mental health illness needing referrals for admission or for temporary shelter;
- i) The Municipal Mayor shall appoint the members of the Municipal Council for Health thru an executive order within sixty days from the effectivity of this Ordinance.

SECTION XII. *Confidentiality* – All patients with mental illness shall be entitled to the right to confidentiality. All information, communications, and record in whatever form or medium stored regarding the patient/service user, any aspect of the patients/user/service user's mental health, or any treatment or care received by the patient/service user shall not be disclosed to third parties without the written consent of the patient/ service user's legal representative, except in some circumstances allowed by the law.

SECTION XIII. *Mental Health Care for Drug Dependent* – Persons who used prohibited drugs or substance referred or accessing the services of the Municipal Health Board shall be given equal and non – discriminatory services but subject to the existing policies and programs of the municipality for substance abuse clients or patients.

SECTION XIV. *Reportorial Requirements* – For the purpose of obtaining accurate reports for planning and prioritization of health programs and fundings, all health facilities and/or health providers whether public or private practitioner , are required under this Ordinance to submit report on patients or clients with mental health problem seen, consulted or managed in their respective clinics or health facilities. Report shall be submitted to the Mental Health Board Office at least every quarter and shall include the following information.

- Age
- Sex
- Barangay Address
- Diagnosis
- Consultation Status (New/Old)

SECTION XV. *Penalty* - This ordinance adopts the penalty clause as provided in Republic Act No 11036 (AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE DELIVERY OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS UTILIZING THE PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. " and its IRR. For this purpose, the Local Government of Looc, Romblon shall assist any complaint/s in filing case with proper court.

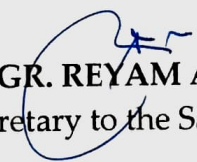
SECTION XVI. *Separability Clause* - Any part of this Ordinance found to be unlawful or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect other part or sections hereof that are not declared as such.

SECTION XVII. *Repealing Clause* - All previous Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly

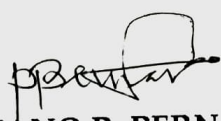
SECTION XVIII. *Effectivity Clause* - this Ordinance shall take effect after posting for three (3) consecutive weeks in all conspicuous places in the Municipal Hall or in the local bulletin board.

Approved: 21 June 2024/ 95th Regular Session.

CERTIFIED to the correctness of the aforesaid Ordinance


ENGR. REYAM A. REYES
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


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Concurred

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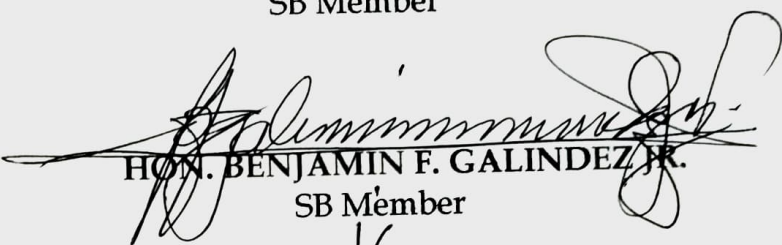

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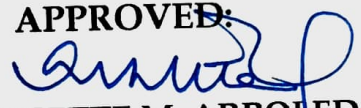

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Date Approved: JUL 05 2024