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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 007-A, S. 2022

REORGANIZING THE MUNICIPAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (MESU) AND DESIGNATING THE LOCAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE OFFICER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PANGASINAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE

WHEREAS, monitoring, surveillance, investigation of, and response to health threats are vital capabilities for an effective health system, and the World Health Organization (WHO) International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005 requires countries to maintain an integrated, national system for public health surveillance and response;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11223, also known as the "Universal Health Care Act", recognizes the need to create a health care model centered on people's needs and well-being, protected from hazards and risks that could affect their health;

WHEREAS, the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. No. 11223 details that the epidemiologic surveillance and disaster risk reduction and management within the municipal-wide health system are public health programs under the health service delivery function of the Municipal Health Office;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11332 or the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act" mandates individuals and health facilities to report communicable diseases to local and national health authorities to suppress and prevent the spread of the disease. Such mandate was also mentioned in the International Health Regulations of 2005 and DOH Administrative Order 2007-036;

WHEREAS, to impede the occurrence of priority communicable diseases, the DOH established the National Epidemic Sentinel Surveillance to serve as a network of Disease Reporting Unit (DRU) in the country that utilizes hospital admissions and consultations in all levels of healthcare to monitor the occurrence of infectious disease in order to provide rapid, timely, and accurate information and warning of epidemics;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to introduce changes to Executive Order No. 035, s. 2019 issued by this Office by reorganizing the Local Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit to reflect the most-updated and comprehensive approach to health development and create a central point for reliable health service delivery data banking and effective disease surveillance system in the locality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR., Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan, premises considered, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the Reorganization of the Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (MESU) of the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan.

SECTION 1. MESU COMPOSITION. The reorganized MESU shall be composed of the following:

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| Team Leader | : | Dr. RONNIE S. TOMAS – Municipal Health Officer |
| Disease Surveillance Officer: | | MICHELLE D. DESAMITO – Sanitation Inspector I |
| Reg'd Medical Technologist: | | KAREN KAROLYN V. GARCIA – Medical Technologist |
| Advisers: | | Sanggunian Chairperson on Public Health DOH Development Management Officer |
| Epidemiology Assistant/ Staff Complement: | | MARILOU O. TORIO – Nurse II SHARON M. BUGARIN – Sanitation Inspector II |
| Encoder: | | MARY GRACE F. TAWAGEN – Nursemaid I |

SECTION 2. TECHNICAL GUIDELINES. The Municipal Epidemiological Surveillance Unit (MESU) shall adopt the Manual of Procedures for the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response:

- Set up and maintain a functional municipal/city/community disease surveillance system equipped with the necessary resources and adequate local financial support. Financial support may come from the disaster, calamity or other appropriate funding sources as determined by the municipal/city government officials.



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- b. Collect, organize, analyze and interpret surveillance data in their respective areas;
- c. Report all available essential information (e.g., clinical description, laboratory results, numbers of human cases and deaths, sources and type of risk) immediately to the next higher level;
- d. Implement appropriate epidemic control measures immediately;
- e. Establish, operate and maintain a municipal/city epidemic preparedness and response plan, including the creation of multidisciplinary/multisectoral teams to respond to events that may constitute a public health emergency;
- f. Facilitate submission of weekly notifiable disease surveillance reports from public and private hospitals.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MESU.

- a. Organize systematic data collection and gather epidemiological data from allied health facilities (Rural Health Units, public and private hospitals, lying-in clinics, and other private clinics);
- b. Prepare and periodically update data thru graphs, tables, and charts to describe time, places, and persons for reportable emerging and re-emerging diseases and conditions;
- c. Interpret and provide analyzed data as feedback to health facilities;
- d. Identify and inform concerned personnel, next higher-level officials and institutions immediately of any unusual trends of disease conditions;
- e. Carry out outbreak investigation;
- f. Forward epidemiological data to the concerned agency on a regular basis and in accordance with the national surveillance protocol;
- g. Use epidemiological data to plan and implement non-communicable and communicable disease control activities at the local level;
- h. Implement appropriate epidemic control measures immediately;
- i. Establish, operate, and maintain a municipal preparedness and response plan, including the creation of multidisciplinary/multisectoral teams to respond to events that may constitute a public health emergency;
- j. Provide appropriate forms to concerned institution and personnel as instructed by concerned offices and FHSIS manual of operations and modules;
- k. In the context of Covid-19 and emerging infectious diseases, perform case investigation of suspect, probable, and confirmed cases, as well as provide technical supervision to the Diagnostic and testing Coordinator in the facilitation of testing and transport of samples to the national reference laboratory or subnational laboratories. The MESU shall coordinate the with the Contact Tracing Teams (CTT) for contact tracing; and
- l. Perform other related tasks as may be deemed necessary in accordance with this Order and other relevant laws.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS AND QOURUM. The Team shall meet regularly or as often as may be necessary. Regular meetings shall be determined by the team members.

SECTION 5. FUNDING. The MESU shall derive its funds from the budget of the Rural Health Unit's annual appropriation.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY

This order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 30th day of June 2022 in the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan.

Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR.
Municipal Mayor