



# MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN

## OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR



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### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 028, S-2024

#### DESIGNATING THE MENTAL, NEUROLOGICAL AND SUBSTANCE USE (MNS) SERVICES FOCAL PERSON OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PANGASINAN

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 11036 or the Mental Health Act of 2018, provided the foundation of a comprehensive, integrated, effective, and efficient national mental health care system, with the aim of optimizing the delivery of mental health services and promoting and protecting the rights of patients with psychiatric, neurologic, and psychosocial health needs, and other purposes;

**WHEREAS**, DOH Administrative Order No. 08, series of 2001, otherwise referred to as the "National Mental Health Policy," established the guidelines for creating a sustainable mental health program in the Philippines and the same was adopted by virtue of Administrative Order 2016-0039, also known as the Revised Operational Framework for a Comprehensive National Mental Health Program (NMHP), which guaranteed equitable access to the reasonable application of a wide variety of pharmacologic interventions in the management and treatment of mental, neurological and substance use (MNS) disorders;

**SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR.**, Municipal Mayor of Asingan, Pangasinan, premises considered, by virtue of the powers vested in me and by expressed authority provided for by law to the Local Chief Executive, do hereby **designate DR. RONNIE S. TOMAS (Municipal Health Officer) as the FOCAL PERSON on the provision of Mental, Neurological and Substance Use (MNS) Services** in the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan, with the following duties and responsibilities:

**SECTION 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** The MNS Services Focal Person shall perform the following duties:

- Facilitate assessments and evaluations to identify mental, neurological and substance use in individuals;
- Provide counselling sessions to support individuals with MNS conditions;
- Develop and implement treatment plans based on individual needs and conditions;
- Offer crisis intervention and emotional support to individuals and families;
- Coordinate with healthcare providers to ensure proper medication for MNS patients;
- Identify cases requiring specialized care and refer individuals to appropriate healthcare providers, hospitals, rehabilitation centers and other mental health professionals;
- Follow up on referrals to ensure individuals receive the necessary care and support and;
- Perform other related functions as may be assigned;

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

Let copies hereof be furnished to all concerned for information, reference, and guidance

DONE this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024 in the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan.

Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR.  
Municipal Mayor