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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 046, S-2022

REORGANIZING THE MUNICIPAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (MESU) AND DESIGNATING THE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE OFFICER (DSO) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PANGASINAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, monitoring, surveillance, investigation of, and response to health threats are vital capabilities for an effective health system, and the World Health Organization (WHO) and International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005 require its member States to strengthen core surveillance and response capacities at the primary, intermediate and national level, as well as at designated international ports, airports and ground crossings;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides, that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare... by promoting health and safety of the people... and preserving the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants";

WHEREAS, Chapter IV, Section 17 of Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the "Universal Health Care (UHC) Act", together with its Implementing Rules and Regulations, states that an accurate, sensitive, and timely epidemiologic surveillance systems is one of the minimum components of province-wide and city-wide health care systems;

WHEREAS, Section 4 (b) of Republic Act No. 11332 otherwise known as the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act", aims to ensure the establishment and maintenance of a relevant, efficient and effective disease surveillance and response system at the national and local levels;

WHEREAS, Section 4 (e) of the aforementioned Law, aims to establish effective mechanisms for strong collaboration with national and local government health agencies to ensure proper procedures are in place to promptly respond to reports of notifiable diseases and health events of public health concern, including case investigations, treatment, and control and containment, including follow-up activities;

WHEREAS, Section 7 (d) of Republic Act No. 11292 otherwise known as the "Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) Act of 2019", states that one of the indicators included in the LGU's capability to effectively implement and deliver health services, information systems, evidence-based health promotion and protection policies... to advance population health and individual well-being... and improve health status throughout the life course, is "establishing local surveillance and epidemiology systems to monitor health service delivery";

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

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 order the Reorganization of the Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (MESU) of the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan.



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SECTION 1. THE MUNICIPAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (MESU). The re-organized MESU shall be composed of the following personnel:

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| Team Leader | : | DR. RONNIE S. TOMAS – Municipal Health Officer |
| Disease Surveillance Officer | : | MICHELLE D. DESAMITO – Sanitation Inspector I |
| Asst. Disease Surveillance Officer: | | SHARON M. BUGARIN – Sanitation Inspector II |
| Members | : | NITA L. ROMERO – Nurse III |
| | | MARILOU O. TORIO – Nurse II |
| | | KAREN KAROLYN V. GARCIA – Medical Technologist II |
| | | JULIE A. PERALTA – Midwife III |
| | | CLARITA R. OGANIZA – Midwife III |
| Data Encoder | : | MARY GRACE F. TAWAGEN – Nursemaid I |
| Advisers | : | Hon. MARIVIC S. ROBENIOL – SB Chairperson on Health |
| | | MARIA ELOISA A. SARMIENTO – DOH Representative |

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MESU. The Unit shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Operates, manages, and maintains a public surveillance system which involves constant and regular collection, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of reliable and timely health data information;
- Supports the maintenance and enhancement of a disease surveillance and other health information systems (e.g., Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response/ PIDSR);
- Responds to and conducts investigation of disease outbreaks and other public health threats;
- Implements the steps and process of the Event-based Surveillance and Response (ESR) system in validating health events reported in the community;
- Establishes a network with other Disease Reporting Units especially hospitals-private/government;
- In the context of COVID-19 and other emerging or re-emerging infectious diseases, provides technical assistance in the collection, testing, and/ or transport of specimens to the reference laboratories;
- Regularly provides updates to the Local Chief Executive and other concerned stakeholders on health; and
- Performs other related tasks as may be deemed necessary in accordance with this Order and other relevant laws.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS AND QUORUM. 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. COMPENSATION AND REMUNERATION. The members of the MESU shall perform their duties as such without compensation or remuneration. Members thereof who are not government officials or employees shall be entitled to necessary traveling expenses and allowances chargeable against the funds of the Office, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.



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SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, rules, regulations, and other related issuances inconsistent with or contrary to this Order are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly. All other provisions of existing issuances which are not affected by this Order shall remain valid and in effect.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In the event any provision in this Order shall be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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

DONE this 17th day of October 2022 in the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan.

Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR.
Municipal Mayor