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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 048, S. 2024

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., 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 and do hereby **designate MICHELLE D. DESAMITO as the Disease Surveillance Officer (DSO)** of the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan with the following duties and responsibilities:

- Analyze and interpret data to provide weekly and or monthly disease surveillance report to the net higher level;
- Provide technical assistance in outbreak investigation and response when necessary
- Conduct regular technical assistance visits with epidemiologist;
- Notify the next higher level of easels of disease/s syndrome or event classified as "immediate notification" within 24 hours of detection and;
- Manage logistics needed in the surveillance operations at her level.;



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

Team Leader:	: Municipal Health Officer
Disease Surveillance Officer	: Rural Sanitary Inspector I
Members:	: Rural Health Midwife II
	: Medical Technologist I
	: Ambulance Driver
Data Encoder	: Nursemaid I
Advisers	: SB Chairperson on Public Health
	: DOH Representative

SECTION II. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MESU

The MESU shall perform the following duties and functions:

- 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;
- Performs other related tasks as may be deemed necessary in accordance with this Order and other relevant laws.

SECTION III. 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 IV. FUNDING. The MESU shall derive its funds from the Budget of the Rural Health Unit's annual appropriation.

SECTION V. COMPENSATION AND REMUNERATION. The Disease Surveillance Officer shall be entitled to a monthly honorarium in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php. 2,500.00) as compensation for services rendered in the performance of duties.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVITY.

This order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 14th day of November 2024 in the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan.


Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR.
Municipal Mayor