

# EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 29

# AN ORDER CREATING THE PHARMACY AND THE THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE FOR THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS AND GUIDELINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 12 of the 1987 Constitution declares that "The State shall establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate health, manpower development, and research, responsive to the country's health needs and problems;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) is mandated to be the over-all technical authority on health. The major mandate of DOH is to provide national policy direction and develop national plans, technical standards and guidelines on health. It is also a regulator of all health services and products; and provider of special or tertiary health care services and of technical assistance to other health providers specially to Local Government Units (LGU);

WHEREAS, Book I, Title One, Section 17(3)(iv) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as "The Local Government Code of the Philippines" provides that it is the duty of the Province to provide basic services and facilities including health services which include hospitals and other tertiary health services;

WHEREAS, Department of Health Memorandum No. 2021-0277 dated June 15, 2021, with subject "FY 2021 Local Health Systems Maturity Levels (LHS ML) Annual Monitoring and Updated LHS ML Monitoring Tool," Annex C, Building Block: Medical Products, Vaccines and Technology, under KRA 1.2.1, requires the creation of a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (PTC) through signed Provincial Health Board Resolution or Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor of the Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the law, do hereby order:

#### SECTION 1. CREATION.

Pursuant to the Department of Health Memorandum No. 2021-0277 and other pertinent guidelines issued by the DOH, it is hereby created under the Provincial Health Office (PHO) a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (PTC). The Committee shall be responsible for procurement and supply chain management system of the Province Wide Health System, and other related functions.

#### SECTION 2. COMPOSITION.

The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

#### Provincial Level:

a. Ex-officio Non-Voting Members:

i. Provincial Health Officer

- Dr. Ma. Teresa V. Tan

ii. Association of Municipal Health Officer of the Philippines (AMHOP)

Chapter President

- Dr. Ruth Alma Ramos

iii. Public Health Nurse

- Ms. Evangeline Penaflor

iv. Midwife

- Ms. Felicidad Fontanilla

b. Voting Members (Technical Experts):

i. Pediatrician

- Dr. Rommel B. Blando

ii. Obstetrician-Gynecologist

- Dr. Ma. Noreen B. Feratero

iii. Pharmacist

- Ms. Bernadette Y. Tria

iv. Family Medicine

- Dr. Jennifer V. Parahinog

v. Public Health Specialist

- Mr. Allen Jay P. Gonda

vi. Adviser on Mental Health Programs - Dr. Rosario D. Llave

## SECTION 3. COMMITTEE GUIDELINES.

The Committee shall be regulated by the following guidelines:

- The PTC shall be established in all provincial health offices as required under Administrative Order No. 51, series of 1988, to improve the management and use of medicines in the primary care setting;
- The PTCs in the the Provincial Health Office shall focus on medicines management in the rural health units and health centers. They shall not have jurisdiction over individual hospitals under their catchment area pursuant to the provisions of AO 51 s. 1988, which mandates special hospitals, national medical centers, regional medical centers, regional hospitals and sanitaria to have their own PTCs;
- The PTCs in the PHO and hospital based PTCs shall coordinate with each other as necessary;
- The PTC shall ensure that patients are provided with the best possible cost-effective quality care by determining what medicines will be available, at what cost, and how they will be used;
- The PTC shall adhere to the principle of good governance, and as such, each member should not be influenced by inappropriate drug advertisements, promotional activities or personal financial interests;
- The members of the PTC shall be technically competent and should employ evidencebased medicine in their recommendation and decision making;
- Data from the PTC reports shall be analyzed and used as basis for planning, policy and decision-making by both the DOH and LGUs;
- The PTC members shall facilitate partnership among stakeholders, such as but not limited to consumers, civil society groups, NGOs and patient groups who may serve as resource persons during decision-making processes and medicine management;

- 9. The organizational development and performance of the PTCs shall be documented and monitored continuously. The PTC shall adapt its own indicators and measures based on the Monitoring and Evaluation tools formulated by the DOH to be used in evaluating their impact to the community;
- 10. The creation of the PTC sall be reflected in the LIPH and AOP where the source of funding for the operation of the PTC is reflected. The specific fund source shall be decided upon by the LGU;
- 11. The DOH shall coordinate with other agencies in ensuring good governance to sustain the PTCs in all government health facilities; and,
- 12. The PTC at the provincial level shall have jurisdiction over the municipalities and component cities that committed to the integration in the province-wide health systems (PWHS).

# SECTION 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee shall have the following functions:

- 1. Act as an advisory and recommending committee to the Local Health Board (LHB) on all issues, policies and guidelines concerning the selection, distribution and use of medicines;
- Develop/adopt medicine policies and protocols;
- 3. Evaluate and select essential medicines for procurement based on the needs of the community and the primary care formulary. It shall ensure that prices are within the price range set by the current drug pricing policies;
- Assess medicine use through drug utilization review;
- 5. Collate and assess reports on pharmacovigilance from the municipalities;
- 6. Disseminate information about its activities, decisions and recommendations to the responsible person who must implement them;
- 7. Adhere to pertinent guidelines issued by the DOH (e.g. pharmaceutical supply chain management, rational use of medicines, Good Pharmacy Practice, treatment guidelines);
- 8. Perform other functions related to proper medicine use and management; and,
- 9. Set regular meetings or as frequent as possible depending on the pressing needs. At least two (2) meetings must be conducted in a year.

### SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any section or provision of this Order is held unconstitutional or invalid, any other section or provision not affected thereby shall remain valid and effective.

## SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All order, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed of modified accordingly.



#### **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.**

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until expressly revoked.

DONE this 44 day of May 2022, in the Province of Occidental Mindoro.