

**SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
GENERAL SANTOS CITY**

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-403

Submitted by the **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Date of Hearing: NOVEMBER 18, 2015

Re: SPPR NO. 2015-1121

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR ITEM NO. 1

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Health and Sanitation, to which was referred the following:

TITLE	RECOMMENDATION
SPPO NO. 2015-1121: AN ORDINANCE INTEGRATING THE CITY HEALTH FACILITIES AND RESOURCES, CREATING THE RURAL HEALTH UNITS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (<i>Hon. Rosalita T. Nuñez – Author</i>)	APPROVED ON COMMITTEE LEVEL AS AMENDED; FOR SECOND READING

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the August Body with the foregoing recommendation.

Respectfully submitted:

ROSALITA T. NUÑEZ, MNSA, PhD.
City Councilor & Chairperson



MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION OF THE 17TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS.

November 18, 2015, Wednesday
12:05 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, 2/F Legislative Building
Roxas Avenue corner City Hall Drive, General Santos City

COUNCILORS PRESENT: HONORABLE ROSALITA T. NUÑEZ, MNSA, PH. D. (*Chairperson*) and HONORABLE SHANDEE THERESA O. PESTAÑO

GUESTS/RESOURCE PERSONS: (*SEE ATTACHED ATTENDANCE SHEET.*)

AGENDUM:

SPPO NO. 2015-1121: AN ORDINANCE INTEGRATING THE CITY HEALTH FACILITIES AND RESOURCES, CREATING THE RURAL HEALTH UNITS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (*Hon. Rosalita T. Nuñez – Author*)

The committee chairperson, City Councilor Rosalita T. Nuñez, called the hearing to discuss the foregoing agenda and thereafter acknowledged the presence of all attendees. She hoped that this will be the final committee hearing for this purpose.

Before discussing the final draft of the ordinance, the chair gave the body five minutes to go through the ordinance and look for those provisions that need some changes/further discussions.

With the manifestation of Dra. Tulio that there is no Lying-in Center anymore at Dadiangas South, only Barangay Health Station, the chair ruled to delete **"and the South Community Lying-in Center"** and **"integrated and"**. Section 3.d will now read as: **"d) Under Zonal District IV, the Bula Main Health Center and the Bula Community Lying-in Center shall be integrated and renamed as Bula Rural Health Unit, while the Poblacion West Main Health Center shall be renamed as West Rural Health Unit. Barangays North, East and South shall be West RHU's catchment areas."**

At this juncture, the chair ruled that all names **"General Santos City Hospital"** found in this ordinance be changed to **"Dr. Jorge P. Royeca Hospital."**

Under Section 7, Composition of RHU, Mr. Lacap pointed out that the RHUs should be manned regularly by an accountable officer or plantilla position, in which the chair emphasized the need to reorganize the City Health Office especially that their doctors are only job orders who may anytime be pirated by the private hospitals. Ms. Eturma added that she is now crafting the draft resolution for reorganization of the City Field Health Department.

On Section 9, Accounting and Disbursement of the PHIC Reimbursement and Other Funds received by the City Treasurer for Every RHU's Account, after a lengthy discussion, letter d was amended to insert the words **"city treasurer"** after "city accountant." Section 9.d will now read as: **"d. Every RHU head shall prepare its RHU's work and financial plan, which shall**

be recommended by the city health officer, reviewed by the city accountant, city treasurer and approved by the city mayor."

Under Section 10, in order for the City Treasurer's Office and City Accountant's Office to have true reflection of the medicines used by the city, the chair emphasized that there will be no new release without the accounting of past disbursement/release.

On Section 11, the chair ruled that the terms **MCP, NSD and all acronyms or words in the proposed ordinance that are abbreviated be defined under the Definition of Terms.**

Under Section 12, Ms. Eturma clarified that PhilHealth will reimburse the RHU every quarter and the RHU head will prepare the Work and Finance Plan every time they will receive a check. The RHU will then allocate the amount according to this ordinance and disburse the same based on the government rules.

Dr. Loreno emphasized that every RHU must follow the procedure that once the reimbursement is deposited, the RHU concerned should really ensure that the amount be utilized immediately for whatever purposes to avoid hampering of services in the future.

City Councilor Nuñez clarified that according to PhilHealth, the reimbursement to the RHUs or the hospital relies heavily on the efficiency in the preparation of documents for reimbursement. In addition, Mr. Lacap stated that distribution of the trust fund depends on how the RHUs prepare the Work and Financial Plan and other related documents. With this, Dr. Loreno suggested providing the City Treasurer photocopy of the Memorandum Circular and the PHIC guidelines to determine whether the distribution is proper or not.

On Section 13, Provisions of Funds, Mr. Lacap clarified that allocation of resources would depend on the thrust of the local administration whether to pursue the said program. The Local Finance Committee will ensure that the funds are available to attain the objectives of the program/activities before recommending the same to the City Mayor.

Under Section 13, the word "**proposal**" was deleted and the phrase "local finance committee" was changed to "**Executive Department**". Said section will now read as: "**Section 13. PROVISIONS OF FUNDS. The Executive Department shall endeavor to propose a budget for approval by the city council that will provide the funds for the implementation of this ordinance and the operationalization of the RHUs within three years after the effectivity of this ordinance so that the effective health personnel-to-population ratio and health facility supplies and equipment will be achieved.**"

On Section 14, TRANSITORY PROVISIONS, letter (a), the phrase "**net of the patting**" was inserted before the word "collections" and on letter (b), the word "organization" was changed to "**reorganization**".

Under Section 15, REPEALING CLAUSE, the phrase "**are hereby repealed**" was deleted.

Concerning the location of the funds, Mr. Cunanan stated that currently, it is deposited in the trust fund of the respective seven (7) Lying-in Center host barangays. Mr. Lacap added that there should be a strong order to be issued to the different host barangays to mandatorily release the funds to the City Treasurer, pursuant to the this ordinance.

Thereafter, the chair advised Mr. Lacap to prepare the Memorandum of Agreement and have it signed by the City Mayor, City Accountant and the City Treasurer.

Meanwhile, Ms. Eturma informed that the City Health Office under the leadership of Dr. Loreno has a target of accrediting as many health facilities. In order to sustain the accreditation of the existing facilities, she believed there's a need to make the Work and Financial Plan for the P16 million intended for the improvement of the facilities particularly in the Lying-in Centers. Mr.

Cunanan reminded that what is stated in the Work and Financial Plan should be included first in the Annual Investment Plan (AIP).

Further deliberation ensued, the chair ruled the said ordinance approved on committee level as amended and to be calendared for second reading on November 24, 2015 regular session with City Councilor Tan, City Councilor Llido-Pestaño, City Councilor Lagare III and City Councilor Oco as the co-authors. The chair also extended her congratulations to the City Health Office, particularly Ms. Eturma, for the job well done.

**APPROVED ON COMMITTEE LEVEL AS AMENDED/
FOR SECOND READING**

There being no more matter to discuss, the chair declared the hearing adjourned at 1:10 o'clock in the afternoon.

HEARING - ADJOURNED

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