

RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), HONORABLE JANETTE P. LORETO-GARIN, THRU THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF REGION XII, DR. TEOGENES F. BALUMA, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF AN ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC UNIT AT THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY HOSPITAL

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WHEREAS, this Sangguniang Panlungsod recognizes mental health as one of the most important aspects of every constituent's personality and well-being inasmuch as it dictates one's ability to function as a productive and peaceful citizen of the society;

WHEREAS, the occurrence of neuropsychiatric disorders or other forms of mental illnesses due to depression, drug and alcohol abuses have affected the state of public health in this city considering that people who suffer such mental disorders especially those that are in the acute stage, are often neglected or not being appreciated as a serious concern by the community, and even at times by their immediate families;

WHEREAS, the modernization of universal health care around the world no longer limit the isolation of mental health patients from the mainstream general hospitals, thus, the need to implement programs that will incorporate mental health units or wards as an integral part of the general hospital, particularly in the City of General Santos;

WHEREAS, this *Sanggunian* further believes that the advocacy of promoting public health should be a holistic approach, considering that the interactions between the common health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, cancer or such other non-communicable diseases are highly variable with mental illness cases, hence, the adage "There can no health without mental health";

WHEREAS, this *Sanggunian* subscribes further to the advocacy of the World Health Organization (WHO) that innovative leadership and governance coupled with comprehensive health care, among others, are indispensable in achieving an efficient health system for which this plan of putting up a psychiatric unit at the General Santos City Hospital is considered;

WHEREAS, implementing this scheme for caring patients with acute mental disorders to be housed in a specific unit at the General Santos City Hospital promotes respect for human rights, and in essence will reflect a truly-humanitarian social values of the city and its constituents;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of City Councilor Rosalita T. Nuñez, duly seconded by City Councilors \_\_\_\_\_, be it -

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to respectfully request the Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH), Honorable Janette P. Loreto-Garin, thru the Regional Director of Region XII, Dr. Teogenes F. Baluma, to provide funds to support the creation of an Acute Psychiatric Unit at the General Santos City Hospital.

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