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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 034-2022

"AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL TEEN CENTER"

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being;

WHEREAS, The Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012 provides for universal access to reproductive health care services which include adolescent and youth reproductive health guidance and counseling;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 141 declares as a national priority the implementation of measures preventing adolescent pregnancies;

WHEREAS, The Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) issued an Information and Service Delivery Network (ISDN) for Adolescent Health and Development (AHD) guidebook, Adolescent Health and Development Learning Tool No.18-03, which highlights the importance of establishment and operationalization of functional and effective Teen Centers in communities to provide comprehensive information and services for adolescents;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BARTOLOME R. RAMOS, Municipal Mayor, of the Municipality of Santa Maria, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby establish the following:

Section I. DESIGNATION OF TEEN CENTER – The teen center shall be located at Rural Health Unit I, Brgy. Poblacion, Santa Maria, Bulacan. It must have a desk, chairs, an engaging atmosphere, IEC materials, privacy features and safety precautions.

Section II. TARGET/CLIENTELE GROUP – The teen center shall serve adolescents between the ages of 10 and 19.

Section III. THE ADMINISTRATION.

a. **The Municipal Health Officer** is responsible for monitoring and overseeing the operations of the teen center.

b. **Roland Bien Mendoza**, PHN II, is designated as the focal person who will respond to adolescent inquiries, provide them with counseling/advice, and connect them to the necessary resources.

c. **The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO)** has the duty to render secretariat support to the teen center. This includes the documentation of activities, preparation of reports and provision of logistical services.

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Section IV. FUNCTION – The teen center shall function as a help/information center where adolescents can communicate their various concerns and receive the necessary support and guidance. The center is also responsible for referring adolescents to the appropriate agencies, such as MSWDO, MHO, DEPED, PESO, LYDO, Nutrition Office, etc., to ensure that they receive the necessary services and interventions based on their identified concerns.

The teen center aims to provide the following services through direct provision and/or referral:

a. For Health Care Services:

- Access and referral to primary and preventive health care services;

Diagnostic services (e.g. HIV/AIDS testing, pre- and post-natal check-up, pregnancy testing);

- Family involvement in adolescent reproductive health and rights;

Health and well-being development;

- Dental services;
- Proper hygiene services;
- Teen pregnancy and STI and HIV/AIDS prevention programs;
- Mental health services (e.g. psychological counseling);
- Comprehensive sexuality and reproductive health education; and
- Primary health education and campaign (e.g. proper nutrition, anti-smoking, anti-drug use, etc.).

b. For Personal and Psycho-Social Well-being and Development:

- Socio-emotional skills improvement;
- Peer and guidance counseling services or referral to professional counselors;
- Coaching and mentoring on life skills and achieving developmental tasks; and
- Recreational and development of multiple skills and talents (e.g. sports and talent competitions).

c. For Education Services:

- Learning and academic support services (e.g. tutoring and group learning activities);
- Referral for scholarship and training; and
- Computer and internet services

d. For Employment:

- Training on technical and vocational skills; and
- Employment referral and assistance.

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e. For Community Participation and Involvement and General Services:
- Referral to basic community-based services; and
- Involvement and mobilization of adolescents in community-based or outreach activities or projects (e.g. environmental clean-up drive; charity works; etc.)

Section V. BUDGET AND EXPENSES – All expenses incurred by the center shall be charged to the budget of the Municipal Health Office, in accordance to existing and usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Section VI. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 7th of October 2022 here at the Municipal Hall of Santa Maria, Bulacan.

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Municipal Mayor

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