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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 001 - 2025

AN ORDER REORGANIZING THE MUNICIPAL STI/HIV/AIDS COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, BULACAN

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 10 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights while Section 15 of the same document states that the State shall promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Article 3 of the United Nations Convention of the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) provides that it is the obligation of the state to take all appropriate measures to ensure the full development and advance for women, for the purpose of guaranteeing them the exercise and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedom on the cases of equality with men;

WHEREAS, as per Municipal Ordinance No. 544 Section 2. it is deemed to create the Multi-Sectoral STI/HIV/AIDS Council of Santa Maria, Bulacan;

WHEREAS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a disease/condition that recognizes no territorial, social, political and economic boundaries thus, the need to take concerted action.

WHEREAS, the recent appointment of the Santa Maria Central District Supervisor and the inclusion of additional focal person for STI/HIV/AIDS indicator necessitate an adjustment to Executive Order No. 015 – 2023 to ensure alignment with the current leadership, specifically for the Municipal STI/HIV/AIDS Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARTOLOME R. RAMOS, Municipal Mayor of Santa Maria, Bulacan, by the virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order to Reorganize the Municipal STI/HIV/AIDS Council of Santa Maria, Bulacan.

SECTION I. COMPOSITION.

The Municipal STI/HIV/AIDS Council Shall be comprised with the following:

Chairperson	-	**BARTOLOME R. RAMOS** Municipal Mayor
Vice – Chairperson	-	**ESPERANZA G. RAMOS** SB Member Chairman Committee on Health, Sanitation and Nutrition and Social Services

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Member - **MA. CONSUELO G. FELICIANO, M.D.**
Municipal Health Officer

SANDRA E. FABI
Municipal Social Welfare & Development Officer

JAYFIE P. NASARRO
MLGOO VI

RONELL P. CASTRO
DOH Representative

CECILIA BUENAVENTURA
DepEd Central District Supervisor

PELAGIO B. PEREZ
PHN II

NARCISO L. GUEVARRA, MD.
Rep., Gabay sa Kinabukasan

KRISTOFFER KENNETH DELA CRUZ
Rep., Sta. Maria Business Association Inc.

Representative from Faith-Based Organization

Representative from Accredited NGOs representing or working with groups vulnerable or most at risk to HIV

Representative from an agency/institution as identified by the concerned LGU (business sector/academe)

Representative from an Organization of People Living with HIV (to be engaged/if none organized)

JOYCE ANNE CATANIAG
STI/HIV/AIDS local focal person

* A permanent representative shall be designated by each member of the Council, who, in case of their absence, will represent them during meetings or activities of the Council.

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SECTION II. POWERS & FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

For the attainment of the aforestated purpose, the Santa Maria STI/HIV/AIDS Council
shall be charged and vested with the following powers and functions:

a. Formulate policies and strategies for the prevention and control of STI/HIV/AIDS within the municipality of Santa Maria;
b. Prepare short, medium, and long term plans for the prevention and control of STI/HIV/AIDS;
c. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of its programs and plans, campaigns and strategies;
d. Organize and encourage owners/operators/managers of registered entertainment establishments, sauna and massage parlors to actively participate in the prevention and control of STI/HIVIAIDS;
e. Identify and recommend priorities and gaps in local STI/HIV/AIDS related cases;
f. Conduct periodic public information, education, and communication activities in the promotion of prophylactic, reproductive health, prevention and control of STI/HIVIAIDS in different communities and barangays;
g. Conduct regular seminars/forums/dialogues in all government institutions and agencies and its subdivisions whether national or local including government owned or controlled corporations found within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Santa Maria as well as private establishment and to contribute,
disseminate, circulate, publish or broadcast modules, pamphlets, booklets, brochures or other forms of information be it written, verbal, audio or video;
h. Conduct yearly STI/HIV/AIDS Serological and Behavioral Surveillance in coordination with the Reproductive Health Program of the Municipal Health Office among the people with high-risk sexual behavior or those who by the nature of their work is prone to contacting STI/HIVIAIDS virus;
i. Initiate skills training, advocacy program and development strategies to benefit the people with the high risk of contracting STD/HIV/AIDS virus and;
j. Monitor, inspect, examine regularly the facilities, practices, procedures of hospitals, medical/dental clinics, medical/dental laboratories, medical/dental testing centers located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Santa Maria whether they are public or privately owned, for profit or charitable purpose and evaluate whether or not they have complied with the existing minimum standard in the prevention and containment of STI/HIV/AIDS diseases;
k. Recommend to the Sangguniang Bayan to enact ordinances that shall assist in the control and prevention and containment of ST/HIVIAIDS;

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l. Recommend the closure or imposition of sanctions or penalties of any establishment found violating the prohibited acts as mentioned under this ordinance;
m. To act as a primary agency that shall represent the Municipality of Santa Maria in all conventions, conferences, forums or gathering of other agencies, organizations, leagues, chambers or groupings whether national, local or international pertaining to the issue of STI/HIVIAIDS;
n. To monitor in coordination with the Municipal Health Office the ST/HIVIAIDS cases;
o. To identify STI/HIV/AIDS cases through passive and active surveillance; and
p. To reform all other task and functions related to the overall objective in the prevention and control of STI/HIV/AIDS in the Municipality of Santa Maria.

SECTION III. MEETINGS & QUORUMS.

The council shall meet at least every quarter or as often as may be necessary by serving notice to all members at least a day before the meeting. The presence of at least a majority of all the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for purpose of doing business.

SECTION IV. SECRETARIAT.

The Office of the Municipal Health Officer shall act as the Secretariat of this Council.

SECTION V. FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT.

The secretary shall have the following functions and duties:

a. Shall keep all the records of the Council;
b. To submit an annual report to the Council within two months after closure of each calendar year;
c. To oversee the implementation of the policies, programs, and activities of the Council; and,
d. To perform such other functions as may be required by the Council.

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SECTION VI. REPEALING CLAUSE.

Any existing ordinance or any of its provision/s, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance, shall be deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVITY.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing.

DONE, this 27th day of January 2025 here at the Municipal Hall of Santa Maria, Bulacan.

BARTOLOME R. RAMOS
Municipal Mayor

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