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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 15  
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AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL COMMITMENT FOR “BAKUNA ANG UNA SA SANGGOL AT INA” PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOOR.

Sponsored by Hon. Normita Celestino

WHEREAS, reducing child mortality by two-thirds (2/3) by 2015 is among the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the Philippines.

WHEREAS, to ensure that the said millennium development goal is met, the Office of the President issued Executive Order No. 663 dated 21 September 2007 entitled “Implementing The National Commitment For “Bakuna Ang Una Sa Sanggol At Ina”, Attaining World Health Organizations Goals To Eliminate Measles And Neonatal Tetanus, Eradicate Polio, Control Hepatitis B And Other Vaccine-Preventable Diseases”.

WHEREAS, elimination, eradication, and control of childhood vaccine-preventable diseases requires that at least 95% of the child population be fully immunized annually; that 80% of pregnant mothers be vaccinated with tetanus toxoid to protect the newborn from neonatal tetanus and that all vaccine-preventable disease cases be detected, investigated and reported on a timely basis.

WHEREAS, low and unequally distributed routine immunization coverage in the country causes about 500,000 infants/children annually to remain unprotected, thus, rendering them susceptible to vaccine-preventable diseases and thereby threatens the country to outbreaks/epidemics despite of the rational purchases of a free, potent, and high-quality vaccines for all infants/children and mothers.

WHEREAS, immunizing 95% of the children and mothers in Bacoor will ensure the municipality’s compliance with Executive Order No. 663.

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion of Hon. Normita Celestino, in special session assembled, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Objectives. - This Ordinance shall have the following objectives:

a) Implement the national commitment for “Bakuna ang Una sa Sanggol at Ina” in Bacoor, Cavite and attaining the World Health Organization’s goal to eliminate measles, neonatal tetanus, polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases in the municipality;

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b) Mobilize the concerned departments and units of the Municipal Government in support of the above-mentioned national commitment.

SECTION 2. Implementing Departments.

A. The Municipal Health Office (MHO)

(i) The Municipal Health Office is hereby appointed as the lead department in the implementation of the municipality’s immunization program.

(ii) As the lead department implementing this Ordinance, the Municipal Health Office shall implement the “Bakuna ang Una sa Sanggol at Ina” Program and shall launch such campaigns as may be necessary to reach out to all mothers and infants in Bacoor, devise information-dissemination campaigns promoting the program, and identify, investigate and report vaccine-preventable disease cases to the Municipal Mayor once every quarter following the approval of this Ordinance.

(iii) The Municipal Health Office shall also draw up such guidelines that will ensure the effective implementation of this Ordinance in compliance with existing guidelines of the Department of Health (DOH) and other national agencies concerning the national immunization program, subject to the approval of the Municipal Mayor.

B. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO)

(i) The MSWDO, in coordination with the Municipal Health Office, shall ensure the complete vaccination status of all children in day care centers and pre-schools all over the municipality within one (1) year from the approval of this Ordinance. It shall further ensure that mothers of all children with incomplete immunization shall be informed of the immunization program being provided by the municipal government. It shall identify and report any case of suspected vaccine-preventable disease, which has met the standard case definitions to the concerned local health units. It shall annually monitor daycare centers/pre-school entry list to ensure compliance of these schools with this Ordinance and submit annual reports of the schools’ compliance with the Municipal Health Office.

SECTION 2. Free Immunization.

The municipal government shall ensure that every pregnant mother and infant residing within the municipality are given complete immunization FREE OF CHARGE. Aside from the weekly health center-based vaccination sessions, the municipal government shall provide systematic outreach services to ensure full immunization of infants/children/mothers and other intervention that can save children’s/mothers lives. The municipal government shall organize regular immunization outreach services and other essential maternal and child health services. The municipal government shall also maintain the standards set by DOH for staffing, provide adequate
needles and syringes, and finance traveling expenses of barangay health workers to carry-out the follow-up on the immunization services.

All health workers, including doctors, nurses, and midwives, under the employ of the municipal government shall fully participate in providing free immunization, regardless of route, whether intramuscular, oral, subcutaneous, or intradermal.

SECTION 3. Funding - The municipal government, through the Office of the Municipal Mayor, shall provide such funds necessary for the procurement and disposal of auto-disabled needles and syringes for immunizations as well as the traveling expenses for the mobilization of health staffs to reach and immunize all the infants/children and mothers and related activities within the municipality.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause - All other rules, regulations and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance or with Executive Order No. 663 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after it has been posted in two conspicuous places within the municipality of Bacoor, Cavite.

PASSED AND APPROVED on 17 August 2009 in regular session assembled by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved by the Sangguniang Bayan in regular session assembled on 17 August 2009 and that the afore-quoted Ordinance is true and correct.

Certified by:

HON. ROSETTE M. FERNANDO
Municipal Vice-Mayor / Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary