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CITY OF BACOOR
Province of Cavite

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO 18-2014
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"A CITY ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BACOOR TO STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM TO ATTAIN A TUBERCULOSIS-FREE COMMUNITY AND APPROPRIATION FUNDS THEREOF."


WHEREAS, Section 17 (b) (2) (iii) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that "health services, which include the implementations of program and projects on primary health care, maternal and child care, communicable and non-communicable disease control services, access to secondary and tertiary health services, purchase of medicines, medical supplies, and needs to carry out the services herein enumerated" are the duties and responsibilities of the city government units;

WHEREAS, while the City Government of Bacoor has shown good performance in tuberculosis with the percentage of cases found – Case Detection Rate of 455 percent is the national standard of 70 percent, and the percentage of TB patients who complete treatment and are confirmed as cured – Cure Rate of fifty one (51) percent (%) – is above/below the national standard of 85%, tuberculosis is communicable disease that can strike anytime, particularly if the city becomes complacent;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Bacoor has been able to provide adequate services to TB control due to the presence of a Microscopist who is responsible for the diagnosis or identification of TB cases and to confirm those under treatment as cured. The absence of a microscopist due to any reason will certainly result in a significant drop in TB performance;

WHEREAS, multi-drug resistant TB (MDRTB) is a highly dangerous form of TB that requires expensive specialized care and treatment (Programmatic Management of Drug-resistant TB) over a period of 18 months. A MDRTB patient can easily pass on his/her form of TB to other people, posing a grave threat to the community;

WHEREAS, it is important for the city to always monitor and evaluate the performance of the RHU and Barangay Health Stations, as well as the medical personnel who provide public health services;

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WHEREAS, while the city has all the equipment required in TB control, it is important that these equipment are maintained properly;

WHEREAS, while the National Government, through the Provincial Health Office, is responsible for providing drugs and other commodities that are essential to TB control, such supply has been erratic at times. Therefore, it is essential for the city to provide buffer stock of the necessary drugs and commodities;

WHEREAS many symptomatic and patients with TB reside in inaccessible areas of the city, resulting in some of them not being detected and cured. Since symptomatic, setting up of remote smearing stations; house to house campaigns, medical outreach programs and organizing communities can provide support to TB patients;

WHEREAS, level of awareness of TB remains poor. Thus, it is incumbent upon the city to conduct health promotion activities, including community outreach TB education, IEC materials distribution and mass media campaigns;

WHEREAS, the success of TB treatment depends on the patient getting support and encouragement from treatment partner, who ensures that drugs are taken daily and that follow up sputum exam schedules are adhered to. It is important for treatment partners to be able to go to the patients, rather than the patients going to the treatment partner, particularly if distances are far, to ensure treatment compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, in regular session duly assembled; THAT:

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. - The City Government of Bacoor joins the government’s efforts to institute an effective program for Tuberculosis Control through the National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTCP), the Directly observed Treatment Short Course (DOTS) strategy of the National Tuberculosis Control Program (NTCP) (Executive Order No. 187, 21 March 2003) shall be the main strategy for tuberculosis control in the city. The five (5) components of DOTS strategy includes:

1. Direct Sputum Smear Examination shall be the initial diagnostic tool in case finding.

2. Standard Chemotherapy in accordance with the National TB Program.

3. Recording and reporting of cases shall be on the standardized National TB Program forms to be implemented in all health centers.

4. Directly Observed Treatment Short Course shall be used as the strategy to ensure patient compliance.

5. Political commitment to ensure sustained, comprehensive implementation of National TB Program activities.
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Section 2. Ensure Annual Fund Allocation. - This will serve as a vehicle for improving and sustaining the efficient and effective delivery of the City Government TB Control Program.

2.1 To ensure that the allocation for the budget requirements for the TB program of the city is sufficient.

2.2 To ensure that efforts and resources are geared towards achieving the goal of having a community where TB is no longer a public health problem.

2.3 To ensure that the NTP policies and the DOTS strategies are implemented, thereby ensuring a case detection rate of at least 70% and a treatment success rate of at least 85%.

2.4 To advocate for the continuous investment for quality improvement and certification and accreditation of the LGU health facilities as DOTS center. To strengthen and capacitate and local community health volunteers on TB DOTS program.

2.5 To ensure that the LGU regularly supports the monitoring, supervision, evaluation, training requirements, and NTP drug supplies.

Section 3. Establish networks, inter-agency links and partnerships with key stakeholders. This will strengthen partnerships with different sectors involved in the program such as government agencies, NGOs, civil society, private sector, donor institutions and other cooperating agencies for a more comprehensive NTP drug supplies.

Section 4. Rules and regulations. The City Health Office, in accordance with the City Chief Executive, shall formulate the implementing rules and guidelines pertaining to this Ordinance.

Section 5. Funding and Disbursement. The City Government shall appropriate fund annually for the implementation of the Tuberculosis Control Program. Disbursements shall be approved by the city mayor to the usual accounting and auditing procedures. The said funds will be released to the City Health Officer and will be allocated as follows:

a) Monitoring and supervisory visit 5 %;  
b) Contingency for medicines (Category 2 drugs) and laboratory reagents 40 %;  
c) Laboratory Equipment 10 % 
d) Programmatic Management of Drug-resistant TB 5 %;  
e) Hiring of a permanent medical technologist 10 %;  
f) Quality assurance for sputum microscopy 5 %;  
g) TEV for BHWs and treatment partners 5 %;  
h) Community-based remote smearing stations 5 %;  
i) Capability building 5 %;  
j) Health Promotion Activities 5 % and;  
k) Community organizing 5 %
Section 6. Repealing Clause. - All ordinances, resolutions or laws of local application an effect inconsistent hereto are hereby modified, superseded, and repealed accordingly.

Section 7. Supplementary Clause. On matters not provided in this Ordinance, any existing applicable laws and their implementing rules and regulations, executive orders and relevant issuances therefore shall be applied in a supplemental manner.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and after posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the territorial jurisdiction of this city government, such as but not limited to Barangay Hall, Public Market, Public Terminal and City Hall Building and publication in a local newspaper for a period of two (2) consecutive weeks.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Ordinance, which was approved and adopted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during its regular session held on August 11, 2014 at the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Bacoor City, Cavite.

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