



COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, APPOINTMENTS AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING REPORT
No. EAGR-055-S-2026

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
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Subject: **LETTER FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE ENDORSING THE LETTER OF DR. IVY MARIE YRASTORZA, CITY HEALTH OFFICER, WITH REGARD TO HER REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION ON MEDICAL MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES CONDUCTED BY BARANGAY KAGAWAD JERRY SAPANGHILA AND HIS TEAM OF BARANGAY MOLINO 4 WITHOUT REQUIRED PERMIT, CLEARANCE OR AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOR PURSUANT TO CITY ORDINANCE NO. 347-2024. (PCR 587-2026 dated 21 September 2026).**

The aforementioned subject matter was referred to this Committee by the Presiding Officer during the 61st Regular Session of the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod on September 21, 2026 for appropriate action.

The matter was taken up by the Committee following the endorsement of the City Administrator, Atty. Aimee Torre Franca-Neri, concerning the request for an administrative investigation into the reported conduct of medical missions and community health activities by Barangay Kagawad Jerry Sapanghila and his team in Barangay Molino 4 without the required permit, clearance, or authorization from the City Government. The endorsement was based on a report from the Office of the City Health Services dated 7 September 2026.

During the hearing, the concerned barangay representatives and resource persons were directed to appear and provide their respective statements regarding the reported medical mission.

FINDINGS:

- Barangay Kagawad Jerry Sapanghila acknowledged that a medical mission was conducted in a subdivision in Barangay Molino 4. The Committee also referred to social media posts documenting the activity, which were acknowledged during the hearing.



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- The representative of the Office of the City Health Services confirmed that no permit or clearance from the said office had been issued for the medical mission.
- Barangay representatives explained that the medical team, identified as the Happy Philippines Medical Team, had approached the barangay to conduct ECG and wart-removal services. They stated that the team represented that it had the necessary permits based on its previous activities in other barangays. However, upon further inquiry during the hearing, the barangay representatives admitted that the documents presented were not a permit or clearance issued by the City Government of Bacoor.
- Barangay Kagawad Sapanghila acknowledged that he was aware of the existence of the City Ordinance regulating medical missions. The Committee emphasized that the ordinance was enacted to regulate medical missions and ensure compliance with applicable health and safety requirements.
- The barangay representatives explained that their intention was to assist the community by facilitating the conduct of medical services. They expressed that the purpose of the activity was to provide services to residents and that they did not intend to violate any regulation. They likewise acknowledged the possibility of shortcomings on their part and expressed their willingness to comply with the requirements.
- The representative of the Office of the City Legal Service explained that the ordinance provides penalties for violations, including a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), imprisonment of six (6) months to one (1) year, or both, subject to the applicable legal proceedings and the discretion of the court.
- With respect to the administrative aspect, the Office of the City Legal Service explained that the conduct may constitute a form of administrative wrongdoing, particularly considering that the concerned barangay officials were aware, or were expected to be aware, of the existing ordinance. It was further explained that administrative proceedings are distinct from the criminal aspect of the violation.
- The representative of the Office of the City Health Services recommended that the latest calibration certificate of the ECG machine used during the medical mission be required and verified. The representative emphasized that proper calibration is important because inaccurate readings may affect the interpretation of ECG results by medical professionals.
- The Office of the City Legal Service informed the Committee that the matter had previously been endorsed to its office but that the filing of a complaint had not yet been initiated because a representative or complainant with personal knowledge of the incident had yet to be designated. Such person would be required to testify or execute the appropriate affidavit in connection with the complaint.



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- During the discussion, it was explained that the Office of the City Health Services had prepared the report following concerns raised regarding the regulation of medical missions. The matter was subsequently endorsed for investigation because barangay officials and Happy Philippines Medical Team were involved. The Committee was informed that the City Government would be the complainant in relation to the contemplated criminal aspect, subject to the appropriate action and determination of the Office of the City Legal Service.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the foregoing, the Committee recommends that the matter be referred to the Office of the City Legal Service and the Office of the City Health Services for appropriate action, including the determination of the applicable administrative and/or criminal proceedings under City Ordinance No. 347-2024 and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the contents of the foregoing report are true and correct.

Signed this 1st day of October, 2026 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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