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CREATING THE PRE-MARRIAGE ORIENTATION AND COUNSELLING TEAM

WHEREAS, the National Government adopted a population program to achieve and maintain levels of population most conducive to the national welfare;

WHEREAS, Article XV Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the state to recognize the Filipino Family as the foundation of the nation and shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development; and that Section 2 of the same Article recognizes marriage as an inviolable social institution that is the foundation of the family and thus, shall be protected by the State;

WHEREAS, Article 16 of the Family Code further requires couples applying for marriage license, whose ages fall between 18 and 25 years old, to undergo marriage counselling by a marriage counsellor duly accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered and by virtue of the authority vested upon me under the Local Government Code and other existing laws, I, Elvi Peter L. Relampagos, mayor of the Municipality of Loon, Bohol, do hereby declare and order the following:

Section 1. Creation of the Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling Team. - The PMOC Team is hereby created, to be composed of the following:

Team Leader: Oliver C. Algusar, Social Welfare Officer II & Municipal Population Officer

Team Members:

Ma. Marnelli L. Maquindang, RSW, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer

Ma. Victoria D. Lamparas, MD, Municipal Health Officer (RHU 1)

Shannen Jaye O. Langcamon, RMT, MD, Municipal Health Officer (RHU 2)

Aristona C. Ladeza, Local Civil Registrar

Ferlinda P. Mamacos, Rural Health Midwife

Daisy C. Torreon, Rural Health Midwife

Jannes D. Cantones, LicAgr, Municipal Agriculturist

Marilyn Piamonte, Support Staff, Municipal Agriculture Office

Ma. Lilibeth M. Bellezas, Midwife II

Ma. Magdalena L. Collano, Midwife II

Margarita D. Latras, Midwife III

Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities. - The PMOC Team shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- 2a. Develop and maintain a responsive mechanism to effectively implement the PMOC program in the Municipality of Loon;
- 2b. Ensure adequate number of trained PMOC members that can cover the prevailing number of marriage license applicants;
- 2c. Advocate for the effective implementation of the local PMOC program to ensure continued public awareness and support for it;

- 2d. Undertake preparatory activities for the PMOC sessions, in particular, to:
- Disseminate information about the PMOC program in barangay assemblies or *purok* meetings;
 - Post schedules of the PMOC sessions in the offices of the Local Civil Registrar and other mandatory members of the PMOC Team, and in other conspicuous places in the premises of the Loon Municipal Hall;
 - Ensure appropriateness, readiness and availability of the venues for the PMOC sessions;
 - Prepare schedules of PMOC sessions for the mandatory members; and
 - Process the accomplished marriage expectation inventory (MEI) by contracting parties to take note of the specific areas of concern that need emphasis during the actual conduct of the PMOC sessions.
- 2e. Conduct a PMOC session for not more than 15 couples at a time and, whenever necessary, per couple or by a group of not more than six (6) couples;
- 2f. Conduct pre-marriage counseling sessions for selected couples based on the accomplished MEI; provided that they fall within the 18-25 years age range, or specifically request for the same;
- 2g. Issue PMOC certificates signed by accredited mandatory PMOC Team members to engaged couples who have completed the PMOC sessions;
- 2h. Regularly assess, resolve and/or elevate issues that arise during the implementation of the PMOC program; and
- 2i. Maintain a client satisfaction feedback survey and consolidate the result annually as a mechanism to monitor the quality of PMOC session provided as well as to serve as an additional basis in the renewal of the accreditation of PMOC counselors.

Section 3. Secretariat. - The Municipal Population Officer shall provide secretariat support to the implementation of the PMOC program. The PMOC Secretariat shall perform the following functions:

- 3a. Maintain the profile and electronic or hard database of couples;
- 3b. Prepare the needed supplies, materials, and equipment for the conduct of the PMOC sessions;
- 3c. Prepare and control the issuance of Certificate of Compliance and Certificate of Marriage Counselling; and
- 3d. Prepare and submit reports to the PMOC Regional Technical Working Group.

Section 4. Effectivity. - This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force and effect unless repealed by the undersigned.

Done in the Municipality of Loon, Bohol, this 15th day of May 2023.


ELVI PETER L. RELAMPAGOS
Mayor 