

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Bohol  
**MUNICIPALITY OF LOON**

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 61<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2017 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (SB) OFFICE, LOON, BOHOL-**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Lloyd Peter M. Lopez, M.D.	Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Pedro M. Literatus, Jr.	SB Member
Hon. Timoteo L. Legitimas	SB Member
Hon. Emerson S. Relampagos	SB Member
Hon. Lydia L. Almasa	SB Member
Hon. Zaide Y. Coritico	SB Member
Hon. Nilo P. Branzuela	SB Member
Hon. Judy Marie H. Veloso	SB Member
Hon. Kristel P. Tecson	SB Member
Hon. Cesar R. Pedrigal	LnB President, Ex-Officio Member

**ABSENT:**

NONE

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 17-010**

Series of 2017

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, BOHOL**

Be it enacted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol in session duly assembled that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as “VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON”

**SECTION 2. PURPOSES.** The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a mechanism in the locality by which RA 7719, otherwise known as the “National Blood Services Act of 1994”, shall be realized in Loon, Bohol towards the promotion of public health. Consistent with the policy of the state, this ordinance aims:

- a) to promote and encourage voluntary blood donation by the constituents of the Municipality of Loon, Bohol and to install public knowledge and awareness that blood donation is a humanitarian act and that the provision of blood for transfusion is not a sale of a commodity;
- b) to provide for adequate, safe, affordable and equitable distribution of supply of blood and blood products;
- c) to inform the public of the benefits of and the need for voluntary blood donation to curb the hazards caused by the commercial sale of blood;
- d) to strengthen the practice of volunteerism and in so doing mobilize all the sectors of the community to participate in programs and activities on voluntary and non-profit collection of blood.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** As used in this ordinance, the following terms below shall mean as follows:

- a) Blood – refers only to whole blood, packed red cells and fresh frozen plasma, its products and derivatives;
- b) Blood Bank – refers to a blood service facility in a hospital, duly licensed by the DOH - Bureau of Health Facilities and Services (BHFS) and CHD, with the following service capabilities:

- 1) advocacy and promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation including healthy lifestyle;
  - 2) storage of whole blood and blood components obtained from a blood center or another blood service facility;
  - 3) compatibility testing of red cell units;
  - 4) direct Coombs Test;
  - 5) red cell antibody screening;
  - 6) investigation of blood transfusion reactions;
  - 7) assist the Hospital Blood Transfusion Committee (HBTC) in the conduct of post-transfusion surveillance (hemo vigilance)
- c) Blood Center (BC) – a non-hospital based Blood Service facility licensed by the DOH-BHFS whose main function is to process blood units into blood components and testing of these units for the five (5) infections disease (Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), Syphilis/Rapid Plasma Reagent (RPR), and Malaria markers. Detailed service capabilities include:
- 1) advocacy and promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation including healthy lifestyle;
  - 2) storage a whole blood and blood components obtained from a blood center or another blood service facility;
  - 3) compatibility testing of red cell units;
  - 4) direct Coombs Test;
  - 5) red cell antibody screening;
  - 6) investigation of blood transfusion reactions
- d) Voluntary Blood Donor – a person who donates blood on his/her own free will and receives no payment for it, no cash nor kind, no substitutes of money including time off work other than those needed for the donation.
- e) Blood Collection Unit (BCU) – a blood service facility, duly authorized by the DOH-Regional Office 7 with the main function enumerated in DOH A.O. No. 2008-008:
- 1) advocacy promotion of voluntary blood donation and healthy lifestyle,
  - 2) recruitment, retention and care of voluntary donors,
  - 3) conduct of Health Education and counseling services
  - 4) collection of Blood (mobile or facility based) from qualified blood donors,
  - 5) testing of units of blood TTIs,
  - 6) processing and provision of blood components, and (7) storage, issuance, transport and distribution of units of whole blood and/or blood products to hospitals and other health facilities.
- f) Blood Donor Panel - persons recruited and willing to donate blood and may be called upon anytime to donate.
- g) Walking Blood Donor - a person included in the list of qualified voluntary blood donors who is ready to donate when needed in his/her community.
- h) Blood Transfusion Transmittable Diseases - diseases which may be transmitted as a result of blood transfusion, including AIDS, Hepatitis –B, Malaria and Syphilis
- i) Blood Service Facility (BSF) - a unit, agency or institution providing blood products. The types of BSF, i.e., Blood Station, Blood Collection Unit, Hospital Blood Bank, or Blood Center (National, Sub-national and Regional);
- j) Blood Station (BS) - a blood service facility, duly authorized by the DOH Regional office with the main function enumerated in DOH A.O. No. 2008-0008: (1) advocacy and promotion of voluntary blood donation and healthy lifestyle, (2) provision of the whole

blood packed red cells, (3) storage, issuance, transport and distribution of whole blood and packed red cells, and (4) compatibility testing of red cell units.

- k) Blood Service Network (BSN) - an informal organization established for the needs of a specific geographical area of catchment population. It is composed of designated blood center, hospital blood banks, blood collection units, blood station and end user hospital/non-hospital health facility/ies.
- l) Blood Donor Registry - refers to a list of individuals who are registered as blood donors with their ABO group and RH type, identify and contact information (complete name, address and contact numbers)
- m) Local Blood Council - refers to non-profit, multi-sectoral group whose members come from government and private sectors in the local community committed to support program. Its objective is to plan and implement a local blood donation program in accordance to Department of Health (DOH) policies and guidelines on Local Blood Councils.

**SECTION 4. GOV. CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (GCGMH) as main BLOOD BANK.** Gov. Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital (GCGMH) through its Blood Bank and Transfusion Service, is hereby recognized as main blood bank of the Municipality of Loon in recognizance of the established DOH referral system. Other than the safekeeping of the blood they are also responsible in the conduct of the blood collection and testing.

**SECTION 5. AUTHORITY TO THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR.** In furtherance of this ordinance, the Municipal Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Gov. Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital (GCGMH), subject to the ratification by the Sangguniang Bayan.

**SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE.**

- a) The conduct of Voluntary Blood Donation of the Municipality shall be done at least twice each year, the specific date of which may vary upon arrangement by the Office of the Mayor with GCGMH.

It shall be conducted at strategic locations by GCGMH through its Blood Bank and Transfusion Service in coordination with the LGU-Municipal Health Office staff.

- b) Rural Health Unit (RHU) 2 and its component barangays shall spearhead the Voluntary Blood Donation activity every April and Health Unit 1 and its component barangays every October wherein no less than 1% of the barangay population shall voluntarily engage in this activity. However, blood donors have the option to choose the month they prefer to donate.
- c) Congressman Natalio Castillo Memorial Hospital (CNCMH) shall be the referral hospital in the event of emergencies during the activity.

**SECTION 7. PROMOTION OF VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION.** In order to ensure adequate supply of human blood, voluntary blood donation shall be promoted through the following:

- a) Organizer - the Municipal Government of Loon shall be the prime mover for the implementation of the program through the issuance of a directive to the Municipal Health Office (RHU 1 and 2) and Punong Barangays.

a.1. Role of Public Health Workers - Personnel of Rural Health Units 1 and 2, Barangay Health Workers (BHW) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) are enjoined to actively support this voluntary blood donation program, particularly in the advocacy and recruitment. Each BHW is enjoined to recruit at least 1 donor who is willing to be a volunteer blood donor.

a.2. Role of Barangays Officials - All barangays of the Municipality of Loon, through their respective Barangay Councils and their Barangay Health Committees, are likewise enjoined to provide support to the program, particularly during the conduct of public education, recruitment of donors, blood donor selection, counseling and bloodletting.

- b) Blood Recruitment Campaign - There shall be a Blood Recruitment Campaign every March and August of each year prior to the conduct of Voluntary Blood Donation. It shall be conducted by the Municipal Health Office staff wherein the basic blood donor information and procedure of the blood donation will be discussed. Various sectors shall be invited which shall include members of the Local Health Board, school heads, NGO's, etc.

**SECTION 8. COORDINATION WITH CIVIC/NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs), SCHOOLS, MEDIA, OTHER GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, ASSOCIATIONS/GROUPS.** For purposes of securing blood donor volunteers and/or other forms of program support, coordination and linkages shall likewise be established with the various civic/non-government organizations, schools, media, private companies, government institutions, associations/groups in the municipality.

**SECTION 9. LOCAL BLOOD COUNCIL.** A Local Blood Council shall hereinafter be established in this Municipality through an Executive Order to be issued by the Municipal Mayor, following the policies and guidelines issued by the Department of Health.

To accomplish its objectives, the Local Blood Council shall implement the following strategies for the local blood donation program:

- a) Public education to include tapping of trimedia
- b) Recruitment of Blood Donors
- c) Mobile Blood Donations

**SECTION 10. INCENTIVES TO BLOOD DONORS AND PROGRAM SUPPORTERS.** As a rule, non-monetary incentives may be given to each blood donor and to each entity that actually supported or helped organize mass bloodletting activity. Tokens or gift certificates may also be provided when available. The Municipal Mayor or the Local Blood Council shall have the authority to grant incentives under this program and may formulate and issue guidelines for the purpose.

**SECTION 11. IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR BLOOD DONORS.** Each blood donor shall be issued an Identification card containing his full name, address, date of birth, ID number and blood type. This card shall be free of charge and non-transferrable.

**SECTION 12. SAFEKEEPING OF BLOOD DONOR REGISTRY AND OTHER VITAL RECORDS.** Blood Donors Registry and List of Program Supporters shall be recorded and be kept at the Municipal Health Office and can be made available to the secretary of the Local Blood Council. Also to be recorded and kept in the same way is the list of walking blood donors plus their contact numbers, if available per barangay and categorized according to blood type. A separate or rare types of blood (e.g. those with blood type AB, or those with RH negative, etc.) together with their addresses and contact numbers, shall be established in the entire Municipality, to facilitate coordination and assistance during emergency cases. Participating barangays or entities during mobile blood donation may keep their own records, for reference purposes.

**SECTION 13. BLOOD SERVICES NETWORK.** The Local Blood Council shall coordinate and assist in the implementation of functional network for the provision of an adequate supply of blood among government and private hospitals and Blood Centers to ensure access to blood program by all patients.

**SECTION 14. FINANCING THE PROGRAM.** The Local Blood Donation Program shall be included in the Work and Financial Plan of the Local Government Unit (LGU) (DILG Memo Circular No. 99-133, dated August 4, 1999). Resources such as financial, human and material shall be in accordance to the approved budget granted by the LGU.

An initial amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) shall be appropriated under the Non-Office Item of the 2018 Annual Budget to cover the various activities related to the program. Beginning 2018 and the years thereafter, such amount shall be included in the Municipality's Annual Budget based on a proposal made by the Local Blood Council, duly endorsed by the Local Health Board and approved by the Municipal Mayor. Such budget can be used for health education and information campaign, mobile blood donation meals/snacks, transportation (gasoline) and tokens/certificates given to donors. Other fund source like non-government, financial institutions, civic and religious organizations, grants from government financial institutions, subsidy from private and government hospitals and fund raising activities in the Municipality may be used to finance the program. A trust fund account for the Local Blood Donation Program shall be established thereafter at the Municipal Treasurer's Office in the event that other fund sources will be tapped.

**SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any ordinance, local rules and regulations inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

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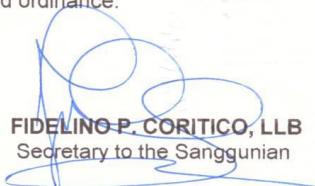
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