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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42
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AN ORDER CREATING THE HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (HERT) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TRINIDAD, BOHOL

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10121, also known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010" aims to strengthen the Philippine Risk Reduction and Management System, providing for the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management framework and institutionalizing the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan;

WHEREAS, Section 17.3.d of Republic Act No. 11223, "An Act Instituting Universal Health Care for All Filipinos, Prescribing Reforms in the Health Care System, and Appropriating Funds Therefor" provides timely, effective, and efficient preparedness and response to public health emergencies and disasters and such other means to ensure delivery of population-based health services;

WHEREAS, Section 4, Rule VI of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 11292 (The Seal of Good Local Governance Act of 2019) under criteria 4 indicators 3 the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H) System proves to be a crucial element in creating resilient and sustainable communities;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government unnumbered Memorandum dated July 19, 2021 (*DOH Administrative Orders for the Directives on the DRRMH Institutionalization to all LGUs and Government Hospitals*) enjoined to provide support to DOH in the provision of technical assistance to all key stakeholders in the implementation of DRRM-H strategies and participate in relevant, long term, solution-driven learning and development interventions and researches in DRRM-H;

WHEREAS, Sections 1, 2a, 2b, and 2c of Department of Health Central Visayas Center for Health Development Regional Circular No. 55 s. 2021 dated 01 June 2021 on "*Reiteration of Regional Circular No. 32 and Additional Guidelines in the Institutionalization of Disaster Risk Reduction Management in Health (DRRM-H) in the Province-wide/ city-wide Health Care System (P/CWHS) in Central Visayas*" addresses the health needs of the affected populations in emergencies and disasters, conflicts, epidemics, and pandemics;

WHEREAS, Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2019-0046 on the "*National Policy on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H)*" and Administrative Order No. 2020-0036 on "*Guidelines on the Institutionalization of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H) in Province-wide and City-wide Health Systems (P/CWHS)*" aims to develop a systematic approach with timely, effective, and efficient preparedness and response to public emergencies and disasters; thus ensuring delivery of essential population-based health services;

WHEREAS, to effectively and efficiently deliver essential population-based health services during emergencies and disasters there is a need to establish and institutionalize the Health Emergency Response Teams (HERT) in the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. ROBERTO C. CAJES, Ph.D., by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby orders the creation of the Health Emergency Response Team (HERT), as follows:



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SECTION 1. Composition. The Health Emergency Response Team (HERT) shall be composed of two (2) teams, each team with a Team Leader and Quad Clusters Personnel, as follows:

TEAM A

TEAM LEADER	DR. NOVARIZA A. EVANGELISTA, MD
MEDICAL CLUSTER: PUBLIC HEALTH	MA. CECILIA A. CAJES, RN
MEDICAL CLUSTER: RHA/SPEED	NIÑA MADELYN E. BONCALES, RN
	MIRASOL V. MACUA
MEDICAL CLUSTER: MISP SRH	MARIA CONCEPCION Y. CANGBANGAY
MEDICAL CLUSTER: SURVEILLANCE	IRENE A. RAGO, RN
	MARIAN R. BASTASA, RN
WASH CLUSTER	PRINCESS MARY G. APAO, RN
MHPSS CLUSTER	MA. CECILIA A. CAJES, RN
NIE CLUSTER	FELISA L. LORETO
	LINDA BASTASA
	10 BNS
SUPPORT TEAM	MILDRED M. APDIAN
	FELICISIMA G. BUNAOS
	JURINDA R. DELA CRUZ
	VICENTA B. VERSAGA
	75 BHW
OTHER EXPERT TEAM	MEO/MPDO

TEAM B

TEAM LEADER	MARIA CARMEL T. LICO, RN
MEDICAL CLUSTER: RHA/SPEED	JUDITH R. GONZALES, RN
	AKNICA BORRES
MEDICAL CLUSTER: MISP SRH	JOCELYN B. MAMBAYLA
MEDICAL CLUSTER: SURVEILLANCE	PRINCESS MARY G. APAO
WASH CLUSTER	SHANDY LAUDIANA
MHPSS CLUSTER	MARIA CARMEL T. LICO
NIE CLUSTER	EULALIA MENDEZ
	10 BNS
SUPPORT TEAM	JUDITH P. CUTARAN
	ROSALYN M. ALIGA
	ZENAIDA O. CAJES
	78 BHW
OTHER EXPERT TEAM	ME/MPDC

SECTION 2. Roles and Responsibilities. The Health Emergency Response Teams (HERT) shall have the following roles, responsibilities and functions

1. Public Health Teams/ Clusters.

A. Medical Cluster



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Provide the following services at evacuation centers and the community as a team such as:

1. Vaccination
2. Reproductive Health Services
3. Child Care Services
4. Assessment and provision of WASH and nutrition needs
5. Establishment of a surveillance system and reporting of notifiable diseases
6. Health Promotion Services

B. Rapid Health Assessment (RHA) Team

1. Validates and monitors the situation in the first 24 hours
2. Assess the magnitude of the event and health situation
3. Determine the health capabilities to cope with the situation
4. Prepares reports, including observations, recommendations, and support needed using the RHA form provided.

C. Surveillance in Post Extreme Emergencies and Disasters (SPEED) Team

1. Provide Technical Assistance to the LGUs in activating and deactivating SPEED in evacuation centers, and RHU
2. Orients/ trains other field reporters in the event that local health personnel are victims themselves.
3. Provide all the necessary logistical requirements to ensure the implementation of SPEED
4. Monitor and evaluate SPEED reports and make necessary recommendations to superiors for the appropriate interventions.

2. Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) Cluster

- a. Lead in WASH Rapid Assessment
- b. Recommend priority areas for WASH
- c. Provide technical guidance and assistance related to WASH
- d. Ensure the following in coordination with the LGU concerned:
 - a. Collection and Disposal of Wastes
 - b. Acquisition and distribution of potable water supply
 - c. Construction of additional toilet facilities
 - d. Supervision of sanitary conditions of the community
 - e. Promotion of Hygiene, vector control, etc.

3. Mental Health and Psychological Services (MHPSS) Cluster

- a. Lead in the conduct of rapid MHPSS assessment
- b. Prioritizes services to vulnerable populations based on the assessment including relatives of the dead.
- c. Identifies appropriate psychological support care to victims and responders, military, and leaders.
- d. Implement preventive measures with proper coordination to higher-level facilities
- e. Provide necessary psychotropic drugs at various levels



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4. Nutrition in Emergencies (NiE) Cluster

- a. Leads in the conduct of a Rapid Nutrition Assessment
- b. Prioritizes Nutritional services to vulnerable populations
- c. Identifies appropriate nutritional intervention in the area
- d. Monitors milk code implementation during emergencies and disasters
- e. Ensures availability of breastfeeding areas
- f. Coordinates with higher-level facilities for referral of severely malnourished children
- g. Leads in the advocacy and information and educational campaign in nutrition

5. Support Team

- a. Assist in the financial support services
- b. Provide support to meet the administrative needs of responders and victims (e.g., cooking meals, packing of commodities, cleaning/ washing, mobility/ transport. Etc.). Lacking in the affected areas depends on the need due to the impact of the disaster.

6. Other Expert Team

- a. Evaluate damages in hospitals and health facilities including estimated costs and works needed for repair and rehabilitation
- b. Determine damages to equipment

SECTION 3. Meetings. This Health Emergency Response Team (HERT) shall schedule a meeting once a month or as often as necessary.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. All other issuances or orders, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any provisions of this Order are declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof and remains effective and binding unless revoked, repealed, or modified.

So, ordered.


ATTY. ROBERTO C. CAJES, Ph.D.
Municipal Mayor

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