

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. PCG-21 SERIES OF 2023

## RECONSTITUTING THE PASIG CITY STI, HIV, AND AIDS CONTROL COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8504, or the Philippine AIDS Prevention and Control Act of 1998, established the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC) and made it a policy of the State to: (1) promote public awareness of the causes, modes of transmission, and means of prevention and control of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS); (2) fully protect the human rights and civil liberties of any person suspected or known to have HIV/AIDS; value the dignity of every person, guarantee full respect for human rights, including the right to be free from discrimination;

WHEREAS, in 2018, or 20 years after the Philippine AIDS Prevention and Control Act of 1998 was passed, Republic Act No. 11166, or the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act, was enacted, which reiterated that HIV and AIDS are still public health concerns, and mandated the State to ensure the delivery of non-discriminatory HIV and AIDS services, the adoption of a multi-sectoral approach in responding to the country's HIV and AIDS situation through a whole-of-government approach that includes local communities, civil society organizations, and persons living with HIV (PLHIV);

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Pasig enacted Ordinance No. 22, s. 2011, also known as the Pasig City AIDS/HIV Control Council Ordinance of 2011, which created the Pasig City AIDS Control Council to help strengthen the City's AIDS/HIV Prevention and Control Program;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pasig City AIDS/HIV Control Council Ordinance of 2011, a Multi-Sectoral STI HIV and AIDS Council was constituted in 2013 to act as the central advisory, planning, and policy making body on the prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections (STI), HIV, and AIDS in the City of Pasig;

WHEREAS, 2,488 HIV cases have been recorded in Pasig City between 1984 and 2021, 275 of which were diagnosed in 2021 alone, and an increasing number of which were women testing positive for HIV;

WHEREAS, based on the HIV/AIDS Registry of the Philippines as of December 2021, of the 2,383 PLHIV in Pasig City, only 1,805 (76%) started HIV treatment. Of this number, only 1,541 (85%) are alive on anti-retroviral therapy (ART), and of those alive on ART, only 356 (23%) are shown by tests to have suppressed their viral loads;

WHEREAS, given the alarming situation in Pasig City, the City Government has committed to help end the AIDS epidemic in cities by 2030, by hitting at least the "90-90-90 targets" stated in the Paris Declaration entitled, Fast-Track Cities: Ending the AIDS Epidemic, i.e., 90% of PLHIV know their HIV status; 90% of people who know their HIV-positive status are put on treatment; and 90% of people on treatment have suppressed viral loads;



NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTOR MA REGIS N. SOTTO, Mayor of the City of Pasig, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby re-constitute the Pasig City STI/HIV/AIDS Control Council, as follows:

**SECTION 1. Composition.** – The Pasig City STI/HIV/AIDS Control Council (Council) shall be composed of the following regular members, expanding the membership stated in the Pasig City AIDS/HIV Control Council Ordinance of 2011:

Chairperson

: City Mayor

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Co-Chairperson

: City Health Officer

CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Vice-Chairperson

Chairperson

SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD COMMITTEE ON

HEALTH, SANITATION, AND NUTRITION

**Action Officer** 

: Program Manager/Head SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINIC CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Members

 Population Officer/Program Manager FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Head

OFFICE OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Head

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

City Planning and Development Coordinator CITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Head

CITY BUDGET OFFICE

Head

**EDUCATION UNIT** 

Head

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE



Head COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND INFORMATION OFFICE

Head LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

**Medical Director** PASIG CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL

**Medical Director** PASIG CITY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Chairperson LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY

City Director DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL INTERIOR GOVERNMENT -PASIG CITY FIELD OFFICE

Chief of Police PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE PASIG CITY CENTRAL POLICE STATION

Head/Representative MEDICAL SOCIETY BASED IN PASIG CITY

Head/Representative ASSOCIATION OF BAR, CLUB, AND ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT OWNERS IN PASIG CITY

Head/Representative ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITALITY WORKERS IN PASIG CITY

Representatives AT LEAST TWO (2) ACCREDITED OR RECOGNIZED **CSOs** 

SECTION 2. Duties and Functions. - Pursuant to Section 2 of the Pasig City AIDS/HIV Control Council Ordinance of 2011, the Pasig City STI/HIV/AIDS Control Council shall:

a. Act as the key advisory, planning, and policy making body of Pasig City to ensure that the City's STI/HIV/AIDS prevention and control programs are participatory, comprehensive, and integrated;



- Review the City's Local Investment Plan for Health Act, Annual Investment Program, and Annual Budget to ensure that investments for HIV programs and treatment facilities are increased or adjusted, as necessary;
- Set up a city-wide STI/HIV/AIDS information, education, and communication campaign including the protection and promotion of the rights of PLHIV;
- d. Create comprehensive STI/HIV/AIDS monitoring and data systems;
- e. Craft guidelines on medical, dental, and other practices and procedures that carry the risk of HIV transmission;
- f. Ensure the provision of accessible and affordable HIV testing and counseling services to Pasigueños who are in need of such;
- g. Evaluate the STI/HIV/AIDS prevention and control programs of Pasig City;
- h. Submit regular reports on the activities and accomplishments of this Council to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, including recommendations of policies for the formulation of ordinances or resolutions;
- Coordinate with international, national, local, government and private agencies or entities involved in STI/HIV/AIDS prevention and control programs; and
- j. Perform such other functions as may be necessary to end the AIDS epidemic or at least, to ensure that the City is able to hit the "90-90-90 targets" stated in the Paris Declaration, i.e., 90% of PLHIV know their HIV status; 90% of people who know their HIV-positive status are put on treatment; and 90% of people on treatment have suppressed viral loads.

**SECTION 3. Secretariat.** – The City Health Department shall serve as the Secretariat of the Pasig City STI/HIV/AIDS Control Council, and in such capacity, shall:

- a. Provide administrative assistance to the Council and coordinate the schedules of the meetings and take charge of release of notices of meetings;
- b. Prepare the agenda and record the minutes of the meetings of the Council;
- c. Keep all the records of the Council;
- d. Submit an annual report to the Council within one month after the close of each calendar year;
- e. Assist in overseeing the implementation of the polices, programs, and activities of the Council; and



f. Perform such other functions and tasks as may be required by the Council.

**SECTION 4. Meetings and Quorum.** – The Pasig City STI/HIV/AIDS Control Council shall meet at least once every quarter, or as often as necessary. The Co-Chairperson may call a meeting. A majority of all its regular members shall constitute a quorum. When the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson are present in a meeting, the City Mayor, as a matter of protocol, shall be given preference to preside over a meeting.

**SECTION 5. Honorarium/Allowance.** – Members of the Pasig City STI/HIV/AIDS Control Council are entitled to honorarium/allowance based on actual attendance at meetings, subject to existing accounting and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

**SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.** — All executive orders, circulars, memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7. Dissemination.** – Copies of this Executive Order shall be furnished within seventy-two (72) hours from its issuance to the Office of the President and the Metro Manila Development Authority for their information and guidance, pursuant to Section 455(1)(xii) of the Local Government Code, as amended.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. - This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this And day of July 2023 at the City of Pasig, Metro Manila.

VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO City Mayor

