



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Ilocos Norte  
**MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS**

## **OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS, ILOCOS NORTE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020 AT 10:40 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Edistio P. Valdez	Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer;
Hon. Angel Miguel L. Hernando	Member;
Hon. Moera Joy N. Galing-Luna	Member;
Hon. Joseph Lister B. Butay	Member;
Hon. Norberto D. Dadiz, Sr.	Member;
Hon. Erico R. Ruiz, Jr.	Member;
Hon. Luciano R. Caraang	Member;
Hon. Jessie Julito P. Pumaras, Sr.	Member;
Hon. Juanito P. Ulep, Jr.	Member/Liga ng mga Barangay President;
Hon. Inno Ma. Angelo Paulo O. Hernando	Member/PPSK President.

**ABSENT:**

None.

### **“MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-17**

#### **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH HEALTH COUNCIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE**

**WHEREAS**, the National Government, through the Department of Health (DOH), had issued Administrative Order No. 2013-0013 in March 2013 formulated the National Policy and Strategic Framework on Adolescent Health and Development which mandated the Local Government Units (LGUs) to ensure provision of basic adolescent health care services including, but not limited to, the operation and maintenance of facilities and equipment necessary for the delivery of a full range of reproductive health care services and the purchase and distribution of family planning goods and supplies as part of the essential information and service delivery package defined by DOH;

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandated the State to promote and protect the youth’s physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being and prioritizes the health of children;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines and other member nations ratified and signed the Millennium Declaration in September 2000 which embodies global and country commitments, specific targets and milestones for 2015, including Reduction of Child Mortality (MDG 4), Improvement of Maternal Health (MDG 5) and Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases (MDG 6);

**WHEREAS**, the 2013 Young Adult Fertility Study (YAFS 4) conducted by the Demographic Research and Development Foundation and the University of the Philippines Population Institute shows that 32 percent of young Filipinos between the ages 15 to 24 have had pre-marital sex and 78 percent reported that their first sexual encounter was unprotected: 84 percent among young women and 73 percent among young men;

**WHEREAS**, the percentage of young girls, aged 15-19 who have begun childbearing had more than doubled within the past decade according to YAFS 4;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Health Office has recorded a total of forty five (45) teenage pregnancy from January 2019 to June 2020 on records in the health centers substantially higher than the teenage pregnancy cases in previous years;

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**WHEREAS**, the Adolescent Youth Health Landscape in San Nicolas calls for an agency or organization to take responsibility for coordinating the local efforts for addressing adolescent and youth health needs, which may be fulfilled by the creation of this Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE** be it ordained as it hereby ordained in session assembled that this ordinance be known as:

**SECTION 1. Title.** This Ordinance will be known as Ordinance Creating the Adolescent and Youth Health Council in the Municipality of San Nicolas”.

**SECTION 2. Definition of Terms.**

For purposes of this Ordinance on Adolescent Youth Council, these terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. **ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS** - list of public and private schools/universities who participated in the Strategic Planning Workshop on Adolescent-Youth Health and Development (AYHD).
- b. **ADOLESCENTS** - refers to the young people whose age range from ten to nineteen (10 – 19 ) years old which is under the transition of childhood to adulthood (according to World Health Organization ‘s definition)
- c. **ADOLESCENT-FRIENDLY HEALTH SERVICES** – WHO defined quality dimension for adolescent: available, accessible, acceptable, appropriate, equitable and effective. Both health care providers and support staff should respect and protect the adolescents’ rights to information, privacy, confidentiality, non-discrimination and non-judgmental attitude and respect.
- d. **AYH- Adolescent Youth Health**
- e. **AYHDP- Adolescent Youth Health and Development Program**
- f. **CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS** – refers to non-government organizations (NGOs), People’s Organizations (POs), professional associations, faith-based organizations, indigenous peoples’ organizations and other citizens’ groups which are non-profit and have mandate to promote and protect the health and welfare of the adolescents and youth.
- g. **PEER EDUCATORS** – refers to young people (students and out-of-school youth) trained on Peer Education who will undertake informal or organized educational activities with their peers.
- h. **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH** – refers to the state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, in all matters relating to reproductive system and to its functions and processes. The Adolescent and Youth Health Council will promote and protect the health of adolescents and youth including reproductive health information and education to reduce teenage pregnancy in San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, as well as referral to the Rural Health Unit and its Health Centers for appropriate adolescent-friendly health care services.
- i. **ADOLESCENT YOUTH COUNCIL (AYC) TASK GROUP** - the structure under Adolescent-Youth Council who will implement the day-to-day operation of plans agreed by the members of the AYH Council in between sessions.
- j. **TEEN PREGNANCY-** the number of adolescents who visited any of the health centers in the municipality for pre-natal check-up prior to their deliveries.
- k. **YOUTH** refers to young people whose age range from fifteen-twenty four (15-24) years old.

**SECTION 3. Scope and Coverage-**This Ordinance shall be implemented within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of San Nicolas, Province of Ilocos Norte.

**SECTION 4. Composition of Adolescent and Youth Health Council.** The Adolescent Youth Health Council shall be composed of the following:

- Chairman: Municipal Mayor
- Co-Chairman: Municipal Health Officer

Members:

1. Sangguniang Bayan Chairman Committee on Health, Committee on Family Relations, Women, Children and Human Rights.
2. PPSK President of the municipality.
3. Liga ng mga Barangay President
4. Social Welfare and Development Officer
5. Civil Society Organization representing the Health Sector
6. Youth Organization Representative
7. Department of Education Representative
9. Representative from the religious sector

It shall be the duty of the Local Chief Executive to appoint the members of the Council whose qualifications shall be based on the appointee's integrity, competence and commitment to perform the assigned task to a member/officer.

**SECTION 5. Duties and Functions of the Adolescent and Youth Health Council**

The council shall immediately convene and have the following functions:

1. Serves as the policy-making body for Adolescent Youth Health and Development Program (AYHDP) in the Municipality of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte.
2. Oversee the Technical Working Group for guidance and technical assistance.
3. Promote and protect the health of the adolescents and youth in San Nicolas through information, education and appropriate referral for adolescent-friendly health services.

**SECTION 6. Private Sector Involvement.** In the spirit of this Ordinance, the private sector is deemed to be a vital partner in the coordination, implementation and delivery of services, maintenance of quality-assured products and services, as well as in resource mobilization, monitoring and evaluation and pursuing sustainability of the Adolescent Youth Health and Development Program (AYHDP). As such, a public-private partnership may be organized consisting of the following:

1. AYH Coordinators, Program Managers of public health facilities in San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte.
2. Health Service providers trained on Adolescent/Youth Health, both from public and private sector.
3. Trained Peer Educators among students and Out-of-School Youth.
4. Representatives of private sector with programs on Adolescent Youth and Health
5. Representatives of Civil Society Organizations

**SECTION 7. Adolescent Youth Council (AYC) Task Group.** The Adolescent Youth Council (AYC) Task Group will be composed but not limited to the following:

1. Municipal Mayor
2. Municipal Health Officer
3. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
4. Youth Organization Representative
5. PPSK President

The AYC Task Group shall serve as the implementing arm of the Council that ensures the operationalization of the strategic plans and other decisions agreed by the Council. AYC Task Group coordinates with appropriate organizations, agencies and other partners of the Council to implement the following tasks:

- a. HEALTH PROMOTIONS AND CAMPAIGN – To develop strategies, campaigns, and activities to attract the attention and interest of adolescents and youth and the general public of San Nicolas concerning health issues via appropriate communication channels and the involvement of relevant agencies and institutions that have the capacity and experience in mounting such health promotions and events in order to foster a province-wide, multi-sectoral, inter-agency, and community-based approach to addressing adolescent and youth health concerns;
- b. CAPACITY BUILDING – To assess the current gaps and needs of service providers in San Nicolas and improve their capacity to provide adolescent and youth friendly health information and services by providing training programs and working in

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- conjunction with other agencies and institutions that may aid in the facilitation of training, coaching, and mentoring of adolescents and youth;
- c. HEALTH POLICIES AND ADVOCACY - To ensure that the Local Government Unit of San Nicolas has the policies and ordinances necessary to address the health needs, issues, and concerns of adolescents and youth especially in the light of the increasing incidence of teenage pregnancy as well as ensure that schools, communities, and workplaces are conducive to promoting the health and safety of adolescents and youth;
- d. SUPPORT SYSTEMS - To establish an effective referral system and functional Service Delivery Network in schools, universities, and communities that addresses the multi-faceted needs, issues and concerns of adolescents and youth especially as it pertains to health, as well as ensure the availability and accessibility of health services to adolescent and youth clients;
- e. HEALTH CARE SERVICES – To motivate and encourage adolescents and youths to practice health seeking behaviors by determining and utilizing the most effective contact points of adolescents and youth as it pertains to providing preventive health care, and ensure the existence and accessibility of the facilities and structures needed to provide quality health care to adolescent and youth clients.

**SECTION 8. Meetings.** The Council shall have a regular meeting. The Chairman, however, may call for a special meeting whenever necessary. The Chairman shall fix the time and place of the meeting.

**SECTION 9. Appropriation.** The LGU thru the Sangguniang Bayan shall appropriate funds under the Office in the Annual or Supplemental Budget of each calendar year for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 10. Repealing Clause.** All provisions of local ordinances, orders, resolutions which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11. Separability Clause.** If for any reason any part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 12. Effectivity.** This ordinance shall take effect upon approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality.

**“UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

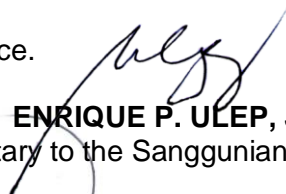
Voting on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

- AYES : Members Hernando, A., Galing-Luna, Butay, Dadiz, Sr., Ruiz, Jr., Caraang, Pumaras, Sr., Ulep, Jr. and Hernando, I.
- NAYS : None.
- ABSTAINED : None.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

ATTESTED:

  
**EDISTIO P. VALDEZ**  
 Vice-Mayor/ Presiding Officer

  
**ENRIQUE P. ULEP, JR.**  
 Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

APPROVED:

  
**ALFREDO P. VALDEZ, JR., M.D.**  
 Municipal Mayor

Approved on: July 21, 2020