EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 006 Series of 2023

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RECONSTITUTING THE PRE-MARRIAGE ORIENTATION AND COUNSELING (PMOC) TEAM OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF MARCOS, ILOCOS NORTE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Decree (FD) No. 965, the New Family Code, the Local Government Code, and for effective delivery of the Pre-Marriage Counselling Program services, all cities/municipalities are enjoined to organize their Pre-Marriage Counselling teams and implement the PMC Program;

WHEREAS, the New Family Code provides that all would-be couples who are below 25 years of age are required to attend pre-marriage counselling prior to the issuance of the marriage license;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the significant role of the parents in shaping the future of their children, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Population Commission (POPCOM) developed a vital tool in disseminating accurate and important information about marriage and relationships, human sexuality, maternal, child and neonatal health, family planning, STIs, including HIV/AIDS, responsible parenthood and home management to engaged couples as a prerequisite for the issuance of marriage license thru their Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01, Series of 2010 enjoining all local chief executives to organize their Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counselling Teams in their respective area of jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the Pre-marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Team of the Municipality of Marcos, Ilocos Norte, to update its membership;

WHEREFORE, premises considered and by virtue of the powers vested in me under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, I, ANTONIO V. MARIANO, Municipal Mayor of Marcos, Ilocos Norte, do hereby reconstitute the Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counselling (PMOC) Team of the Local Government Unit of Marcos and order the following:

Section 1. Composition. The PMOC Team shall be composed of the following:

Team Leader:

Marlyn Desiree Gacula, Population Program Worker II

Members

Cesar B. Carullo, Municipal Health Officer

Adel B. Pacquing, Nurse 1

Cynthia G. Ablog, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer

Evelyn I. Villanueva, Municipal Civil Registrar

Section 2. Functions. The PMOC Team shall have the following functions:

 Develop and maintain a responsive mechanism to effectively implement the PMOC program in the municipality;

Ensure an adequate number of trained PMOC members that can cover the prevailing number of marriage license applicants;

 Advocate for the effective implementation of the PMOC Program to ensure adequate resources, logistics requirements, and policy support for the program;

4. Undertake preparatory activities for the PMOC sessions by:

a. Disseminating information about the PMOC program through community assemblies, barangay meetings, and quad-media outlets;

 Posting schedules of PMOC sessions in the office of the Local Civil Registrar, offices of the mandatory members of the PMOC team, and other noticeable places in the city /municipal hall;

c. Ensuring appropriateness, readiness and availability of a venue for PMOC sessions;

d. Preparing schedules of PMOC sessions for mandatory team members to enable them to plan these activities; and

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- e. Processing of the accomplished marriage expectation inventory (MEI) by contracting parties to take note of the specific areas of concerns needing emphasis at the actual conduct of the PMOC session;
- 5. Conduct the FMO session for not more than 15 couples at a time and the FM session per couple or by a group of not more than six (6) couples;
- Conduct PC sessions for selected couples based on the accomplished MEI for contracting parties where one or both parties are 18-25 years old or as requested by couples;
- Provide the Certificate of Compliance to contracting parties who have completed the FM Orientation to be signed by the FMOC Team Members who conducted the PMO Session and issued by the Local Population Office;
- 8. Provide the Certificate of Marriage Counseling to contracting parties who have completed the PM Counseling session to be issued by an accredited PM Counselor,
- Regularly assess, resolve and/or clevate arising issues in the implementation of the FMOC program; and
- 10. Maintain a client satisfaction feedback survey and consolidate the result annually as a mechanism to monitor the quality of the PMOC session provided and serve as an additional basis in the renewal of the accreditation of PM counsellors.

Section 3. Repealing Clause. All executive orders, proclamations, rules, regulations, previous issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed, amended, and modified accordingly.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the Municipality of Marcos, Ilocos Norte, this 24th day of January 2023.

HON. ANTONIO V. MARIANO

Municipal Mayor