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MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN
Province of Pangasinan
Office of the Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6, SERIES OF 2023

AN ORDER ORGANIZING THE PRE-MARRIAGE ORIENTATION AND COUNSELING (PMOC) TEAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, PANGASINAN AND STRENGTHENING THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POPCOM-DOH-DSWD-PSA-DILG JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 1 SERIES OF 2018

WHEREAS, Article XV Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to recognize the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation and shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development. Section 2 of the same Article recognizes marriage as an inviolable social institution that is the foundation of the family and thus, shall be protected by the State;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 965 and Section 15 of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Law require couples who apply for marriage license to present a Certificate of Compliance, certifying that they had duly received adequate instructions and information on responsible parenthood, family planning, breastfeeding and infant nutrition;

WHEREAS, Article 16 of the Family Code further requires couples, applying for marriage license, whose ages fall between 18-25 years old, to undergo marriage counseling by a marriage counselor duly accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

WHEREAS, Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 1 series of 2018: Revised Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program Implementing Guidelines for 2018 was issued by the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to streamline and harmonize the implementation of the Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program at the local government level;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular 2018-182: Adoption of the Revised Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program Implementing Guidelines for 2018 was issued by the DILG enjoining all Local Government Units to adopt the JMC No. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL, Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Lingayen in the Province of Pangasinan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Adoption and Implementation of JMC No. 1 Series of 2018 on the Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program Implementing Guidelines of





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2018. The current Pre-Marriage Counseling Program shall be strengthened through the adoption and implementation of the relevant provisions of the JMC No. 1, herewith attached and made as integral part of this Executive Order. Accordingly, the program be reorganized as Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program, which will provide the requisite pre-marriage orientation and counseling sessions to contracting parties applying for marriage license.

SECTION 2. Organization and Mobilization of the Local PMOC Team. A local PMOC Team shall be organized to oversee and efficiently perform the functions of the team prescribed in the JMC. The PMOC Team, shall be composed of:

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| TEAM LEADER | : LORENZA R. DECENA, RSW MSWD-OFFICER |
| MANDATORY MEMBER | : DR. HEINRICH M. MANUEL, MPH, DPCAM, FPSV, FPSMS Municipal Health Officer |
| MEMBERS | : EZRAH V. PASCUAL, RSW Social Welfare Officer II |
| | : PAMELA MAE F. SANTOS, RSW Social Welfare Assistant |
| | : ROWENA L. VELASCO Registration Officer II-LCR |
| | : BEJIE R. DELA CRUZ Agricultural Technologist - MAO |
| | : MARIA CLARA G. SISON Nurse II-MHO |
| | : DESIREE S. PASAGOY Midwife- MHO |
| | : ALICIA C. DE GUZMAN Midwife- MHO |
| | : REBECCA C. FRANZA Midwife- MHO |





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REPRESENTATIVES FROM CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSO)

: **YOLANDA C. REYES**
Family Life Lecturer
Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Lingayen

: **ROWENA SARINGAN**
Family Life Lecturer
Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Lingayen

: **WILFREDO C. MALLAVO**
Pastor/ Chaplaincy

: **ROLANDO C. AGUSTIN**
Pastor/ Chaplaincy

: **NOEMI B. AGUSTIN**
Pastor/ Chaplaincy

The Municipal Population Office will provide secretariat support to the local PMOC Team and the implementation of the PMOC Program.

SECTION 3. Training of PMOC Team and Accreditation of PMC Counselors. To equip the members of the PMOC Team with the needed competency in the implementation of the program, all members of the team shall undergo relevant training in coordination and collaboration with national government agencies.

The Local PMOC team shall also have at least one (1) accredited Pre-Marriage Counselor, who will provide pre-marriage counseling session pursuant to the Family Code (EO 209). Initially, the member from the Municipal Social Welfare Development Office shall comply to the accreditation requirements of the DSWD. Other members will be supported by the LGU to be able to complete the accreditation requirements of the DSWD.

SECTION 4. PMOC Protocols. The processes and procedures for the issuance of PMOC certificates shall comply with prescribed protocols under the JMC. It shall be the responsibility of the PMOC Team to inform the public about the protocols for compliance.

SECTION 5. Reporting. The local PMOC Team shall maintain a PMOC database and regularly consolidate program implementation reports. The said reports of accomplishments shall be submitted to the Local Chief Executive and the PMOC Provincial and Regional TWGs annually.





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SECTION 6. Confidentiality of the Database. Personal details of the contracting parties shall be stored and maintained confidentially by the PMOC Team. The PMOC Team must observe and respect the data privacy rights of the contracting parties.

The use of any personal information collected, stored, and processed under the PMOC Program shall be subject to the rules and regulations as provided for by the Data Privacy Act of 2012 or RA 10173.

SECTION 7. Appropriations. The needed annual allocation for the efficient implementation of the PMOC program shall be proposed under the budget proposal of the local Population Office (or the Department where the local population office is attached). Moreover, all local departments and offices participating in implementation of the PMOC Program shall allocate in their respective annual investment plan the needed funding.

Furthermore, the PMOC Team may prescribe minimal fees strictly for the procurement of needed supplies and materials for program implementation and continuing training of the PMOC Team implementers.

SECTION 8. Repeal. All Executive Orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Separability. If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its signing.

SO ORDERED.

Signed this 26th day of January, 2023 in Lingayen, Pangasinan.



LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL
Municipal Mayor

