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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Benguet
La Trinidad

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF BENGUET

Regular Meeting, November 20, 2002

PRESENT: HON. EDNA C. TABANDA, Vice Governor, Presiding Officer
HON. CRESCENCIO C. PACALSO, Board Member
HON. MARVIN D. ATOS, Board Member
HON. MARCIANO T. INSO, SR., Board Member
HON. LISO L. AGPAS, Board Member
HON. WASING D. SACLA, Board Member
HON. BENJAMIN C. SAGUID, Board Member
HON. SARIO M. COPAS, Board Member
HON. DANIO L. BOLISLIS, Board Member
HON. WILLIAM H. ESTEBAN, PCL, President, Member
HON. EDDIE P. AMUASEN, Liga ng mga Brgy., Pres., Member
HON. KRISTINE GRACE D. YUBOS, SKF, President, Member

ABSENT: HON. JOSEPH A. COSENTE, Board Member
HON. JOHNNY S. UY, Board Member (OB)

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 02-79

CREATING THE PROVINCIAL AIDS WATCH COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, the 2001 UN General Assembly Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS states that the HIV/AIDS epidemic, through its devastating scale and impact, constitutes a global emergency and one of the most formidable challenges to human life and dignity, as well as to the effective enjoyment of human rights, which undermines social and economic development throughout the world and affects all levels of society-national, community, family and individual;

WHEREAS, the same UN Declaration notes with grave concern that all people, rich and poor, without distinction of age, gender or race are affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. More alarmingly, it notes that people in developing countries are the most affected and that women, young adults and children, particularly girls, are the most vulnerable;



WHEREAS, Section 23 of Republic Act 8504 mandates local government units in coordination and in cooperation with concerned government agencies, non-government organizations, persons with HIV/AIDS and groups most at risk of HIV infection, to provide community-based HIV/AIDS prevention and care services; and

WHEREAS, presented during the Multi-sectoral Consultation on Local Responses to HIV/AIDS and STD in the province of Benguet held in February, 2000 was the Benguet Provincial Action Plan on HIV/AIDS, identified, among others the need for the Provincial Government to enact an ordinance to implement RA 8504 in the local level;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorables Edna C. Tabanda, Crescencio C. Pacalso, Johny S. Uy and Pedro T. Estaban, duly seconded,

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Benguet, in session duly assembled, that

SECTION 1 NAME. The Provincial Aids Watch Council, Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet, herein known as the Council

SECTION 2 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES. The Council shall have the following purposes and objectives;

- a. To coordinate with all line agencies of the government including that of the Local Government Units (LGU), People's Organization (PO) Non- Government Organizations (NGO), and International Organization on the programs and activities concerning HIV/AIDS prevention and patient support;
- b. To coordinate the periodic conduct of HIV/AIDS prevention and patient support;
- c. To coordinate monitoring activities on the prevalence of HIV/AIDS cases at the municipal and provincial level;
- d. To create the HIV/AIDS CORE TEAM (HACT) to manage HIV/AIDS patients in the hospitals and the community;
- e. To act as the Liaison of the Provincial Government on matters and issues affecting HIV/AIDS cases;
- f. To conduct studies and make recommendations relating to the problems faced by families with HIV/AIDS; and
- g. To implement at the Provincial and Municipal levels, applicable provisions of RA 8504 and to perform such other related functions.)



SECTION 3. **COMPOSITION.** The Council shall be composed of the following:

1. The Provincial Governor as Chairperson
2. The Chairperson of the SP Committee on Health as Vice Chairperson
3. The provincial Health Officer
4. The Provincial Social Welfare officer
5. The SKF President
6. Representative from the NGOs concerning AIDS Prevention
7. Representative from the Religious sector
8. Representative from the Municipal and Barangay Health Worker's Associations
9. Representative from the Department of Education
10. Representative from the Commission on Higher Education
11. Representative from the Department of Labor and Employment
12. Representative from the PTCA's in both public and private schools
13. The Chairpersons of SB Committees on Family Affairs, Women and Children
14. Representative from the Department of Interior and Local Government
15. Representative from the Population Commission
16. Representative from the Department of Health
17. Representative from the Academic Community (Public and/or Private)
18. Representative from the Farmer's Sector
19. Representative from the Provincial Prosecutor's Office
20. Representative from the Department of Tourism
21. Representative from the Integrated Bar of the Philippines
22. Representative from the Media
23. Other members to be appointed by the Council

The members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the SP.



Section 4. **OFFICERS, DUTIES AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

- a. Chairperson- Shall preside over all meeting of the Council and shall be its chief representative if needed.
- b. Vice-Chairperson- Shall act as Chairperson in the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson. Assist the Chairperson in its duties and shall perform such other tasks that the council may assign from time to time.
- c. Secretary – Shall keep records and minutes of the meeting of the Council. Shall perform such other tasks that the Council may assign from time to time.
- d. Treasurer – Shall handle the fiscal needs of the Council. Shall head the Finance Committee of the Council and perform other tasks that the Council may assign from time to time.
- e. Information Officer – The Information Officer shall be the Spokesperson of the Council. Shall handle media liaisioning work and shall establish network among media groups locally as well as internationally.

The terms of the office of the officers of the Council shall be co-terminus with the terms of office of the elective officials.

Section 5. **MEETINGS.** The Council shall meet quarterly and decide among themselves the manner by which it is conducted and provided further that they may have special meeting when need arises.

Section 6. **PER DIEM.** Members of the Council not otherwise barred under COA rules to claim Per Diems in attending meetings in special bodies are entitled to an amount equal to those being given by the Province.

NGO members shall entitled to an Honorarium as allowed by law.

Section 7. **BUDGET/APPROPRIATION.** The Sanggunian Panlalawigan shall appropriate in the annual budget an appropriation of not less than FIFTY THOUSAND (P 50,000.00) PESOS for the operation of the council.

Provided that the Council may hold activities to generate funds for their own use and accept donations.


All monies and donations received by the council and funds generated by them shall be deposited in a Trust Fund of the commission to be held by the Provincial Treasurer and to be used solely by the Council.

Section 8. **SEPARIBILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this ordinance is declared null and void or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid.

Section 9. **EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

CARRIED”.


CRESCENCIO C. PACALSO
Board Member


MARVIN D. ATOS
Board Member
(Abstained)


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CERTIFIED CORRECT:


NOEL S. SABOG
Provincial SP Secretary

ATTESTED:


EDNA C. TABANDA
Provincial Vice Governor
and Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


RAUL M. MOLINTAS
Provincial Governor
Date DEC 12 2002