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Hon. Ramon V. Guico III, DPM
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 0228, SERIES OF 2022

**CREATION OF THE PROVINCIAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
FOR THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (UHC) INTEGRATION OF LOCAL
HEALTH SYSTEMS IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN**

WHEREAS, Section 16 (General Welfare) of Republic Act (RA) 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991, provided that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, and enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan expressed its intent to implement and demonstrate the health reforms and milestones aimed by Universal Health Care (UHC) Act or Republic Act No. 11223, particularly the Integration of local health systems into Province-Wide Health Systems (PWHS);

WHEREAS, as a UHC Integration Site, the Province is expected to operationalize and fully implement all local health systems reforms in the UHC Act, particularly those in relation to managerial and financial aspects of the integration of local health systems;

WHEREAS, Chapter V, Section 19 of the UHC Act provides that the Provincial Health Board shall oversee and coordinate the integration of health services for Provincial-Wide Health System (PWHS) in its component cities and municipalities;

WHEREAS, to successfully implement the UHC Act in the city, there is a need to formally constitute the composition of a Technical Working Group (TWG) that will assist the Provincial Health Board (PHB) in the managerial, technical, and financial integration of the local health systems in the Province of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, Chapter V, Section 19 of the UHC Act provides that the Provincial Health Board shall oversee and coordinate the integration of health services for Provincial-Wide Health System (PWHS) in highly urbanized and independent component Province;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAMON V. GUICO III, Provincial Governor of the Province of Pangasinan, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by laws, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The Technical Working Group (TWG) shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	:	Provincial Health Officer II
Vice-Chairperson	:	Provincial Planning and Development Office Representative
Members	:	Provincial DOH Representative
	:	Provincial Accounting Office Representative

- : Provincial Budget Office Representative
- : PhilHealth Provincial Health Insurance Representative
- : DILG Provincial Director Representative
- : AMCHOP-Pangasinan Chapter Representative
- : Pangasinan Medical Society Representative
- : Provincial Barangay Health Worker Federation

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS OF TWG. The TWG shall act as an advisory committee to the PHB and undertake necessary activities pursuant to UHC Act, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and other related national policies and guidelines, to wit:

1. Advocate for the integration of the local health systems;
2. Convene the key stakeholders in the province to discuss and agree on the need to develop PWHS as part of ensuring quality, affordable, comprehensive, and efficient health care in the Province of Pangasinan.
3. Coordinate with the Department of Health (DOH) and other partners for health to secure assistance needed towards the institutionalization of the PWHS;
4. Assist in the conduct of preparatory works needed to facilitate the organization of the PWHS, such as mapping of the service capabilities of health facilities and services, including the status of DOH license and PhilHealth accreditation, and catchment populations, drafting of operational guidelines and other technical documents; conduct of baseline assessment, among others;
5. Assist in the managerial, technical, and financial integration of the local health systems, including the monitoring of implementation and functionality of the management support systems such as:
 - a) strategic and investment planning,
 - b) human resources for health management and development system.
 - c) information system, including interoperable electronic medical records system among health providers;
 - d) epidemiology and surveillance system;
 - e) logistics and supply chain management,
 - f) functional two-way referral system;
 - g) disaster risk reduction management for the health system;
 - h) implementation of proactive and effective health promotion programs or campaigns;
6. Recommend to the PHB the considerations for the equitable distribution of the SHF;
7. Advocate for public-private partnerships to facilitate complementation of efforts;
8. Create technical sub-committees, as deemed necessary; and
9. Perform such other functions and acts as may be necessary, proper, and incidental to the attainment of its objectives.

SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT. The Provincial Health Office (PHO) will designate secretariat of the TWG. They shall perform the following duties and functions:

1. To provide communication, coordination, and liaison support to all activities of the TWG;
- 2 To perform record management of all documents and such other functions and acts as may be necessary.

SECTION 4. SUCCESSION. In the event of transfer, retirement, relief or removal of the head of office named herein, the successor shall automatically become the member to represent such office or agency

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provisions of this Executive Order shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Order.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All prior issuances on the composition and functions of the TWG inconsistent herewith shall be deemed superseded by this Order.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked in writing by the undersigned

Done this 12th day of December 2022 in the Province of Pangasinan, Philippines.



RAMON V. GUICO III