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**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 50**  
**Series of 2022-B**

**PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE OF  
THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, ITS COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, states that "(t)he State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;"

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 11036, known as the Mental Health Act of 2018, provided for the establishment of a National Mental Health Policy for purposes of enhancing the delivery of Mental Health Services, promoting and protecting the rights of patients, and other purposes;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16, paragraph 3 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), *supra*, states that "(e)very local government unit (LGU) and academic institution shall create their own program in accordance with the general guidelines set by the Philippine Council for Mental Health;"

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa passed City Ordinance No. 19-031, approved on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019, entitled "An Ordinance Adopting the Community and School-Based Mental Health Program and Delivery System in the City of Muntinlupa and Appropriating Funds Therefor," otherwise known as the "Muntinlupa City Community and School-Based Mental Health Program;"

**WHEREAS**, mental health cases of anxiety and depression are increasing among Filipinos due to the tremendous psychosocial stresses brought about by the Covid-19 Pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent and profound need to have a comprehensive and integrative mental health program and services that is responsive and relevant to the needs of Muntinlupeños at the community level;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the creation and establishment of a Mental Health Committee for the integration, implementation, assessment, and monitoring of all local mental health and wellness programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rufino Ruzzano Biazon, City Mayor of Muntinlupa**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and decree that:





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Section 1. Creation and Composition.

The Mental Health Committee (MHC, for brevity) of the City of Muntinlupa is hereby created.

Aside from the functions which it shall perform, and which are outlined in the succeeding paragraph, the MHC shall, nonetheless, implement the Mental Health Programs and other duties and functions for the protection of the rights of those suffering from mental health problems. It shall promote an integrated approach to mental health care to prevent mental disorders, through the services and benefits provided under the Mental Health Programs, and it shall provide equal access to effective and high quality mental health care for the people of the City of Muntinlupa.

It shall be composed of the following individuals, with their respective designations, namely:

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| (a) | Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon<br>City Mayor  | Chairperson;      |
| (b) | Engr. Allan A. Cachuela,<br>City Administrator  | Vice Chairperson; |
| (c) | Allan Rey A. Camilon,<br>Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation,<br>Sangguniang Panlungsod               | Member;           |
| (d) | Edwin L. Dimatatac, MD. LIB,<br>Ospital ng Muntinlupa   | Member;           |
| (e) | Analyn A. Mercado, RSW,<br>Social Services Department   | Member;           |
| (f) | Gloria C. Aguhar, CESO,<br>Department of the Interior and Local Government,<br>Muntinlupa Field Operations Office | Member;           |
| (g) | Carleen S. Sedilla, CESO,<br>Department of Education,<br>Schools Division Office, Muntinlupa                      | Member            |
| (f) | Nicanor Echavez, MD,<br>City Health Office,<br>Action Officer and Coordinator on Mental Health                    | Member;           |
| (g) | Charina V. Villena,<br>Muntinlupa Medical Society,<br>Representative, Private Sector                              | Member;           |
| (h) | Juancho H. Bunyi, MD, MPH,<br>City Health Office  | Secretariat.      |





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Membership in the MHC, among public officials, is a function of the office which the member occupies. Hence, the resignation, removal, termination, transfer, severe illness, grave incapacity, death, or any other similarly-situated circumstance shall entitle the successor to assume membership without the need for the issuance of another instrument.

Members from the private sector shall be governed by the same measure of fidelity, accountability and integrity. In the event any of the above-enumerated circumstance befalls such member, the remaining members of the MHC shall submit a list of names and recommend the successor to the City Mayor for eventual selection.

Section 2. Functions.

The functions of the MHC shall include, without limitation, the execution of the community- and school-based mental health programs, as well as the following, namely:

- (a) Review, formulate, and develop the regulations and guidelines necessary to implement an effective mental health care and wellness policy within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Muntinlupa, including recommendations for the passage of local legislation on the subject of mental health;
- (b) Integrate mental health care services in the basic health care services, and ensure that mental health services are provided in primary health care facilities and hospitals within the City of Muntinlupa;
- (c) Establish training programs necessary to enhance the capacity of mental health service providers at the city level, in coordination with appropriate national government agencies and other stockholders;
- (d) Promote de-institutionalization and other recovery-based approaches to the delivery of mental health care services;
- (e) Establish, re-orient, and modernize mental health care facilities necessary to adequately provide mental health services;
- (f) Where independent living arrangements are not available, provide or facilitate access to public housing facilities, vocational training and skills development programs, and disability or pension benefits;
- (g) Refer mental health patients to mental health facilities, professionals, workers, and other service providers for appropriate care;
- (h) Establish a multi-sectoral stakeholder network for the identification, management, and prevention of mental health conditions.





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Section 3. Secretariat.

The City Health Office (CHO), with Dr. Bunyi as lead, as identified in Section 1, shall form the Secretariat, who shall perform the functions essential to the proper, effective and expeditious discharge of the functions of the MHC.

Section 4. Appropriation.

The City Government of Muntinlupa shall allocate the amount necessary for the initial implementation of the provisions of this Executive Order from the budget of the City Health Office (CHO), as provided in Section 15 of City Ordinance No. 19-031.

Section 5. Repealing Clause.

Any previously issued order found inconsistent with the provisions found herein shall be deemed repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.

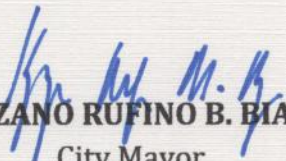
Section 6. Separability Clause.

Any provision found herein judicially decided illegal or administratively declared infirm shall not affect untouched provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effectivity Clause.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its signing, and it shall remain in full force and effect until repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.

**DONE AND EXECUTED** on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022 in the City of Muntinlupa.

  
**ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON**  
City Mayor 