



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**CITY GOVERNMENT OF MUNTINLUPA**  
 CITY OF MUNTINLUPA  
 Office of the City Mayor

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 46**  
 Series of 2023

**PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE  
 TO IMPLEMENT A REFERRAL SYSTEM FROM CITY GOVERNMENT RESPONDERS  
 HANDLING ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AND SUICIDE CASES,  
 ITS COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS**

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

**WHEREAS**, Section 16, paragraph 3 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11036, otherwise known as the Mental Health Act of 2018, states that "*(e)very local government unit and academic institution shall create their own program in accordance with the general guidelines set by the Philippine Council for Mental Health;*"

**WHEREAS**, the City Mayor of Muntinlupa issued Executive Order No. 50, Series of 2022-B, entitled "*Providing for the Creation of the Mental Health Committee of the City of Muntinlupa, Its Composition and Functions*" with the objective of executing community and school-based mental health programs to provide the appropriate medical treatment to persons with mental health problems;

**WHEREAS**, due to the increasing number of attempted and successful suicides in Muntinlupa City from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, there is an urgent and profound need to have a comprehensive and integrative mental health program and services that provide mental health support responsive and relevant to the needs of the Muntinlupenos, especially for those people having suicidal thoughts, whether consummated or not;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to create a Task Force that will craft and implement a Referral System of suicide cases that were initially handled by other local government offices to allow integration of these suicidal patients or their surviving families to the Mental Health and Wellness Program of the City Government of Muntinlupa as may be appropriate;

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

Section 1. Creation and Composition of the Task Force on Suicide Cases.

The Task Force to Implement a Referral System from City Government Responders Handling Attempted and Consummated Suicide Cases (*Task Force, for brevity*) is hereby created, and it shall be composed of the following individuals, with their respective designations, namely:





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| (a) | Juancho H. Bunyi, MD, MPH,<br>City Health Office  | Chairperson;      |
| (b) | Nicanor Echavez, MD,<br>Mental Health and Wellness Program,<br>City Health Office                   | Vice Chairperson; |
| (c) | Allan Rey A. Camilon,<br>Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation,<br>Sangguniang Panlungsod | Member;           |
| (d) | Kenichi D. Takagi, Jr.,<br>Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President                                | Member;           |
| (e) | Analyn A. Mercado, RSW,<br>Social Services Department   | Member;           |
| (f) | Erwin O. Alfonso, Ph.D.,<br>Department of Disaster Resilience and Management                        | Member;           |
| (g) | Cynthia B. Viacrusis,<br>Youth Affairs and Sports Development Office                                | Member;           |
| (h) | Reggie V. Salonga,<br>Gender and Development Office   | Member;           |
| (i) | Atty. Genesi M. Santiago,<br>Local Civil Registry   | Member;           |
| (j) | Mildred P. Andaleon,<br>Population Development Office   | Member;           |
| (k) | Evangeline P. Ladines, CESO V,<br>Schools Division Office, Muntinlupa                               | Member;           |
| (l) | P/Col. Angel L. Garcillano,<br>Philippine National Police, Muntinlupa City Station                  | Member;           |
| (m) | Imelda Simbulan,<br>Lingkod Muntinlupa Foundation, Inc.   | Member;           |
| (n) | Pastor Robert Cosare,<br>International Evangelical Church   | Member; and       |
| (o) | Members of the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team  | Members;          |

Membership in the Task Force, among public officers and employees, is a function of the office each member occupies. As such, the resignation, removal, retirement, transfer, termination, severe incapacity, grave illness, death, or any other similarly-situated circumstance of the member shall entitle the successor to assume membership without the need for the issuance of another instrument.

For those from the private sector, the successor shall be named from a list of names to be drawn and prepared by the Task Force, and submitted to the City Mayor for selection.





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Section 2. Functions.

The Task Force shall perform the following functions, namely:

- (a) Create and implement a Referral System for reported cases of suicide or intentional self-harm from the Department of Disaster Resilience and Management (DDRM), the Ospital ng Muntinlupa (OsMun), Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT), Health Centers and other related offices where suicide cases may be reported;
- (b) Establish Suicide Prevention Programs such as forums, information campaigns through the dissemination of leaflets, reels and social media platform awareness campaigns;
- (c) Establish Intervention Programs, such as the Facebook Helpline, counselling of victims and their families, psycho-social support in schools and workplace, and evaluation and assessment of suicide victims;
- (d) Ensure that the suicidal patient and/or the family of the suicide victim has access to the Mental Health and Wellness Program;
- (e) Implement suicide awareness campaigns during the National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month every September of the year;
- (f) Encourage and train qualified individuals to become mental health responders;
- (g) Conduct mandatory visits to suicidal patients and/or families of suicide victims, either *motu proprio*, i.e., without an invitation and by own volition, or upon the report or recommendation of other City Government Departments and Offices that may have discovered patients with suicidal tendencies, those attempting to commit suicide or those who are actual suicide victims; and
- (h) Conduct other activities in order to increase suicide awareness and prevention in the City of Muntinlupa and to treat suicidal patients accordingly.

Section 3. City Government Involvement.

Officials, and Officers and Personnel of the Departments and Offices of the City Government, who may have knowledge of suicide cases, which means that there is reasonable ground to believe that a person is attempting to commit suicide, has attempted to commit suicide or





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has successfully committed suicide, shall immediately inform the Task Force thereof. The Official, Officer or Personnel concerned shall submit a Referral Note to the Task Force within twenty-four (24) hours from knowledge of the suicidal case or earlier, or when there is reasonable ground to believe that the suicide attempt is imminent.

Section 4. Funding.

A reasonable amount, subject to the availability of funds and to certification from concerned Departments and Offices, shall be appropriated for the administrative and operational expenses of the Task Force to be taken from the Executive Budget under the Office of the City Mayor.

Section 5. Repealing Clause.

Any previously issued order that may run counter to any provision found herein shall be deemed repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.

Section 6. Separability Clause.

Any provision found herein that is judicially decided illegal or administratively declared infirm shall not affect untouched provisions.

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 in the City of Muntinlupa.

  
ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON  
City Mayor

