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ORDINANCE NO. 8761

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE CITY EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (CESU) UNDER THE MANILA HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11332 (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MANDATORY REPORTING OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AND HEALTH EVENTS OF PUBLIC CONCERN ACT"), ESTABLISHING ITS MANPOWER COMPLEMENT THROUGH THE FILLING UP OF VACANT POSITIONS ALREADY EXISTING IN THE DEPARTMENT AND CONVERTING VARIOUS ABOLISHED ITEMS FOR NEW PLANTILLA POSITIONS OF ONE (1) MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST IV, FOUR (4) DISEASE SURVEILLANCE OFFICER III AND SIX (6) DISEASE SURVEILLANCE OFFICER II, AND PROVIDING FUNDS NECESSARY THEREFOR

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, at the end of 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) had identified the Philippines as the country with the 5th highest number of reported measles cases after the Department of Health (DOH), on January 2019, declared a measles outbreak in the National Capital Region (NCR) reporting a total of eight hundred fifty-five (855) cases of measles and thirty-seven (37) deaths;

WHEREAS, in September 2019, the DOH declared a polio outbreak in the Philippines after it re-emerged in the country 19 years since the last known case and in which the City of Manila reported a total of seventy-seven (77) suspected cases by January 2020;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the WHO declared the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan, China as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and subsequently, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines amid the COVID-19 outbreak which today has since afflicted more than 1.2 Million Filipinos claimed the lives of more than 20,000;

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, under Section 2 on the Declaration of Policy of Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the "*Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Concern Act*", the state shall endeavor to protect the people from public health threats through the efficient and effective disease surveillance of notifiable diseases including emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, diseases for elimination and eradication, epidemics and health events including chemical, radio-nuclear and environmental agents of public health concern and provide an effective response system in compliance with the 2005 International Health Regulations (IHR) of the World Health Organizations (WHO);

WHEREAS, Section 8 of RA 11332 provides the mandate of the Epidemiology and Surveillance Units (ESUs) to include the following: (a) capturing and verifying all reported notifiable diseases and health events of public health concern, (b) providing timely, accurate and reliable epidemiologic information to appropriate agencies, (c) conducting disease surveillance and response activities, (d) coordinating needed response, and (e) facilitating capacity building in the field of epidemiology, disease surveillance and response at the Epidemiology Bureau: NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, *THAT*:

SECTION 1. Creation of CESU. – The City Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit (CESU) is hereby created under the Manila Health Department (MHD) under direct supervision of the City Health Officer in order to streamline and strengthen the implementation of a robust public health surveillance and response system in the City of Manila.

SEC. 2. Functions. – The CESU shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Manage an early warning public health surveillance and response system within the geographic jurisdiction of the City Government of Manila, using the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response System (PIDSRS) and the Event-Based Surveillance (ESR) and involving mandatory reporting of notifiable diseases by all health centers, local and private hospitals, clinics and laboratories within the City of Manila;
- b. Provide epidemiological reports on notifiable diseases including vaccine preventable diseases and health events to the Office of the Mayor, policy makers, program managers and other key stakeholders;
- c. Maintain special surveillance operations (HIV surveillance, STI Laboratory Surveillance, Non-Communicable Surveillance);
- d. Conduct field epidemiologic investigation, including the following –
 1. Outbreak investigation
 2. Event-based investigation
- e. Conduct special survey (e.g. Integrated HIV Behavioral and Serologic Survey) and scientific research;
- f. Provide technical assistance and capacity building activities related to epidemiology and disease surveillance;
- g. Conduct rapid health assessment during calamities, disaster and/or emergencies;
- h. Establish disease surveillance in evacuation centers during disaster or calamities; and
- i. Establish networks with other government and non-government agencies such as the Department of Health Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Units, Department of Science and Technology, Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and World Health Organization.

SEC. 3. Composition. – The City of Manila Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit shall have the following Manpower Complement, to be filled up from vacant plantilla items existing in the MHD and from created new positions not available in the department's current Personal Schedule.

POSITION	NUMBER	SALARY-GRADE
Medical Officer V	1	25-1
Medical Officer IV	1	23-1
Nurse V	1	22-1
Nurse IV	1	20-1
Medical Technologist IV*	1	20-1
Statistician	1	18-1
Disease Surveillance Officer III*	4	18-1
Disease Surveillance Officer II*	6	15-1
Computer Programmer I	7	11-1
Administrative Aide IV	8	4-1
Administrative Aide III	1	3-1
Administrative Aide I	2	1-1
TOTAL	34	

*New Positions for Creation

Medical doctors and any allied Medical Health Workers (i.e. Nurse or Medical Technologist) assigned to this Unit shall have commensurate training on Applied or Field Epidemiology and Disease/Event-based Surveillance by the DOH or any equivalent training from recognized educational institutions.

SEC. 4. Conversion of Abolished to New Positions. – The following positions are hereby abolished under the Manila Health Department:

TITLE OF POSITION	NUMBER	ITEM #	SALARY GRADE	AUTHORIZED RATE FY 2021 (PER ANNUM)
Medical Officer IV	1	279	23-1	PhP. 1,382,558.00
Medical Officer III	5	339,340, 341,342, 345	21-1	5,158,738.40
Nurse IV	1	1036	20-1	981,132.64
Medical Equipment Technician II	1	774	8-1	362,995.68
TOTAL	8			PhP. 7,885,424.72

The following new Plantilla Items are hereby created under the Manila Health Department and assigned to the CESU:

TITLE OF POSITION	NUMBER	SALARY GRADE	AUTHORIZED RATE FY 2021 (PER ANNUM)
Medical Technologist IV	1	20-1	PhP. 927,475.68
Disease Surveillance Officer III	4	18-1	3,046,952.32
Disease Surveillance Officer II	6	15-1	3,619,656.00
TOTAL	11		PhP. 7,594,084.00

SEC. 5. Qualifications, Powers and Duties/Responsibilities. – The qualifications, powers, duties and responsibilities of the herein enumerated positions shall be based on the provisions of the Local Government Code, Civil Service Commission (CSC) and other relevant laws.

SEC. 6. Appointments. – The employment and appointment for those who will be occupying the herein subject positions shall be within the prescribed qualification standards and guidelines set by the CSC, Department of Health (DOH) and other relevant agencies

SEC. 7. Appropriations. – The amount necessary thereof, is hereby appropriated out of the available funds of the Department or the City Government, as the case may be, to be taken for the purpose of funding the Operating Expenditures and Initial Capital Outlay of the CESU. Thereafter, the herein budgetary requirement shall be automatically funded through the succeeding Annual City Budget of the MHD.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. – All other local laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

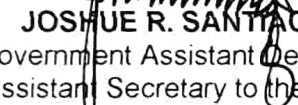
SEC. 9. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on June 28, 2021.


PRESIDED BY:


LOUISITO N. CHUA
Acting Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

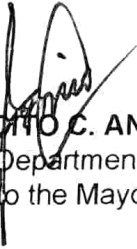
ATTESTED:


JOSHUE R. SANTIAGO, MPMG
City Government Assistant Department Head III
(Assistant Secretary to the City Council)

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON JUL 23 2021


FRANCISCO "Isko Moreno" DOMAGOSO
Mayor
City of Manila

ATTESTED:


BERNARDITO C. ANG
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Mayor)

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