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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 124<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON MARCH 29, 2022.

**PRESENT:**

FAUSTINO G. DY III	Vice Governor & Presiding Officer
DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO	Member (1 <sup>st</sup> District) & Floor Leader
EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES	Member (1 <sup>st</sup> District)
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CLIFFORD R. RASPADO	Member (4 <sup>th</sup> District)
ABEGAIL V. SABLE	Member (4 <sup>th</sup> District)
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EDWARD S. ISIDRO	Member (5 <sup>th</sup> District)
ALFREDO V. ALILI	Member (6 <sup>th</sup> District)
MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS	Member (6 <sup>th</sup> District)
ANTONIO S. HUI	Member, PCL Federation President
DANTE G. HALAMAN	Member, LnB Federation President
DAX PAOLO C. BINAG	Member, SK Federation President
ADRIAN PHILIP S. BAYSAC	Member, Agricultural /Industrial Workers Labor Sector Representative
GRETCHEN F. VALDEZ	Member, Indigenous Cultural Communities Sector Representative

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13-07**  
**Series of 2022**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH BOARD TO DESIGNATE THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHWs) IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AS BARANGAY-LEVEL HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION OFFICERS (HEPOs), TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF HEPOs, AND TO ALLOCATE AMOUNTS FROM THE SPECIAL HEALTH FUND TO FINANCE THE MOBILIZATION OF HEPOs IN HEALTH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA**

**Sponsor: HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES**  
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation

**WHEREAS**, Section 30 of Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Health Care Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations strengthens the adoption of integrated and comprehensive approach in ensuring that all Filipinos are health literate, provided with healthy living conditions, and protected from hazards and risks that could affect their health status, by directing Local Government Units (LGUs) to issue and implement effective health promotion policies and programs that promote health literacy and health lifestyle among their constituents, prioritizing programs that address key risk factors to prevent and control disease as well as to advance population health and individual well-being in Province-wide and/or City-wide Health Systems (P/CHWS);

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**WHEREAS**, recognizing the advantages and benefits of the Universal Health Care Act in improving local health systems, the Provincial Government of Isabela, through Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 171, series of 2019, expressed its commitment to be an implementation site of the Universal Health Care (UHC) Law;

**WHEREAS**, as a manifestation of its above said commitment and in pursuit of its endeavor to further improve the Province's health systems, this Honorable Body passed Resolution No. 453, series of 2019, which authorized the Provincial Governor, Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III, to *sign in behalf of the Provincial Government of Isabela a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health for the Integration of Local Health Systems into Province-wide and City-Wide Health Systems, pursuant to the Universal Health Care Law of 2019*;

**WHEREAS**, Section 17 of the UHC Law mandates those institutions integrated to the Province-wide health systems to establish primary care networks for the delivery of health services;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health (DOH) issued Department Memorandum No. 0313 enjoining local government units which committed to be an implementation site of the Universal Health Care Law to pass a Resolution mobilizing their respective BHWs for the operationalization of health promotion policies, programs, and activities in the community as barangay-level HEPOs;

**WHEREAS**, the DOH, through Administrative Order No. 2020-0042, as provided in Section VI(a)(4) thereof, directed institutions integrated to Province-wide Health Systems to establish a Health Promotion Unit and designate BHWs as HEPOs. In support of such Order, the DOH issued Administrative Order No. 2020-0037 which provided the *Guidelines for the Implementation of Local Health System Maturity Levels* and required the designation of the BHWs as barangay-level HEPOs to have defined terms of reference or scope of work for health promotion which shall serve as key result areas for determining the integration maturity level participating institutions;

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body hereby confirms the commitment that the Provincial Government of Isabela has made in supporting the implementation of the Universal Health Care Law in the Province of Isabela and the integration of local health systems to Province-Wide and City-Wide Health Systems;

**WHEREAS**, Section 20 of the UHC Law provides that all health resources intended for health services to finance population-based and individual-based health services, health system operating cost, capital investments, and remuneration of additional health workers, and all incentives for all health workers shall be pooled from the Special Health Fund (SHF). Further, Section VI(c)(1) of DOH AO No. 2020-0042 provides that the *management, operations, and implementation of health promotion policies, programs, and activities shall be funded by the Special Health Fund and other local budgetary sources*;

**WHEREAS**, DOH-DBM-DOF-DILG-PhilHealth Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2021-0001 established that the Provincial Health Board and City Health Board shall assume full responsibility in the management of the SHF;

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**WHEREAS**, in line with the Provincial Government of Isabela's commitment to serve as an implementation site of the UHC Law and to support the full implementation thereof in the Province of Isabela, this Honorable Body hereby urges the Provincial Health Board, as the lead body in the formulation of health and medical policies, strategies, and operation plans of the Provincial Government of Isabela, to issue the necessary resolutions for the adoption of this Honorable Body, viz: (1) Designating BHWs in the Province of Isabela as barangay-level HEPOs with defined terms of reference or scope of work; (2) Develop strategies that will ensure that such BHWs possess adequate technical capacity to properly execute their functions as barangay-level HEPOs; (3) Establish a Governance Structure providing the Technical and Managerial Oversight of BHWs in the execution of their functions as barangay-level HEPOs, and; (4) to appropriate ample resources from the SHF to ensure the sound implementation of health activities to be undertaken by such BHWs in their capacity as barangay-level HEPOs;

**WHEREFORE**, upon motion of Honorable Emmanuel Joselito B. Añes, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled, it was –

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVES, TO PASS A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH BOARD TO DESIGNATE THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHWs) IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AS BARANGAY-LEVEL HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION OFFICERS (HEPOs), TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF HEPOs, AND TO ALLOCATE AMOUNTS FROM THE SPECIAL HEALTH FUND TO FINANCE THE MOBILIZATION OF HEPOs IN HEALTH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA**

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Provincial Governor and Chairperson of the Provincial Health Board, Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III; and the Provincial Health Officer and Vice Chairperson of the Provincial Health Board, Dr. Nelson O. Paguirigan, for their information and appropriate action.

**Approved and Adopted, March 29, 2022.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS  
of the foregoing Resolution:**

**ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

**ATTESTED/ APPROVED:**

**FAUSTINO G. DY III**  
Provincial Vice Governor & Presiding Officer