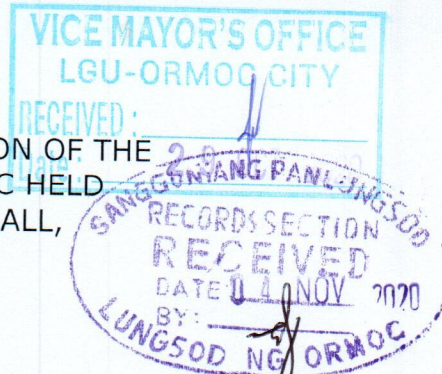


REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,  
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING  
ON OCTOBER 27, 2020



PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.  
Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,  
Roiland H. Villasencio,  
Tomas R. Serafica,  
Nolito M. Quilang,  
Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,  
Jasper M. Lucero,  
Peter M. Rodriguez,  
Gregorio G. Yrastorza III,  
Lalaine A. Marcos,  
Esteban V. Laurente,

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer  
SP Member  
SP Member, Majority Floor Leader  
SP Member  
SP Member Asst. Majority Floor Leader  
SP Member  
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Joan Marbie C. Simbajon,

Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President,  
Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc  
Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President,  
Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

ON LEAVE:

Vincent L. Rama,

SP Member

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-336**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY  
MAYOR RICHARD I. GOMEZ OR THE ACTING CITY  
MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN THE  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BY AND  
BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLAREAL AND  
THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF ORMOC, FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DUTIES AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY OF ORMOC AND THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF VILLAREAL IN PROVIDING  
PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE  
LATTER'S CONSTITUENTS THROUGH THE "LAMTAG  
ORMOC PROJECT".**

WHEREAS, this Fifteenth Sangguniang Panlungsod was in receipt of an Indorsement dated October 5, 2020 from the Office of the City Mayor, endorsing a request for the issuance of a Resolution granting the City Mayor or Acting City Mayor the authority to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by and between the Municipality of Villareal and the City Government of Ormoc, for the establishment of the duties and responsibilities of the City of Ormoc and the Municipality of Villareal in providing psychosocial support services to the latter's constituents through the "LAMTAG ORMOC Project", a copy of the MOA is hereto attached as "ANNEX A" and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, in a Letter dated September 16, 2020, the City Health Department informed the Office of the City Mayor that the Municipality of Villareal through Hon. Mayor Marilou P. Latorre expressed their intention and desire to adopt the City's Mental Health Program through online means to their constituents, a copy of the letter is hereto attached as "ANNEX B" and made an integral part hereof;



WHEREAS, in an Opinion dated October 1, 2020, the City Legal Office finds nothing legally objectionable in the said MOA and that the same is not contrary to law, morals, public order, or public policy much less detrimental to the best interest of Ormoc City, a copy of the Opinion is hereto attached as "ANNEX C" and made an integral part hereof;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Ormoc was able to create a Psychosocial Support Service in accordance with the guidelines imposed by NDRMC Memorandum No. 62 s. 2017, also known as the "National Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergencies and Disaster Situations";

WHEREAS, a Psychosocial Support Service (PSS) named "LAMTAG ORMOC" came to light in order to help people battling from anxiety, depression, and the like to find strength and outlet to their bottled feelings and emotions during this pandemic. A "Chat and Call" service was made readily available even to people from far-flung areas coupled with a script which is universally applicable to any age, gender, and culture;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Ormoc with its capacity and capability to provide Psychosocial Support Services, has manifested its intent to provide free social support through the "LAMTAG ORMOC Project" to help areas outside Ormoc City who are experiencing the emotional impact of COVID-19 in its constituents;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Villareal has made known its desire to undergo the Psychosocial Support Program in order to address and provide assistance to individuals in their community and who has developed moderate-severe anxiety or depression due to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the subject MOA clearly and plainly encapsulates the terms and conditions of the agreement of the parties thereto, including their specific roles and obligations towards the attainment of the lofty ends of the same, and this Sanggunian, upon thorough review, finds that the same is entered into for the best interests of the City and the Municipality of Villareal and their respective constituents, and therefore, is most deserving of this august Body's prompt and favorable consideration;

WHEREFORE, on joint motion of SP Member Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga, Chairman, Committee on Health and Sanitation and SP Member Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr. Chairman, Committee on Laws and Ordinances, severally seconded by SP Members Roiland H. Villasencio, Esteban V. Laurente, Joan Marbie C. Simbajon, Tomas R. Serafica, Peter M. Rodriguez and Lalaine A. Marcos; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MAYOR RICHARD I. GOMEZ OR THE ACTING CITY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BY AND BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLAREAL AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF ORMOC, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY OF ORMOC AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLAREAL IN PROVIDING PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE LATTER'S CONSTITUENTS THROUGH THE "LAMTAG ORMOC PROJECT";

ADOPTED, October 27, 2020.




RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of the final notarized Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) be submitted to this Sanggunian for its information and files;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, to furnish copies of this resolution each to the City Mayor of Ormoc Richard I. Gomez; the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Emnas; the City Legal Officer, Atty. Josephine Mejia-Romero; the City Health Department; the Municipality of Villareal; the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG; and other offices concerned for their information and guidance;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

  
LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR.  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer



## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

### KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement was made and entered into by and among the following Parties:

The **CITY GOVERNMENT OF ORMOC**, a local government unit duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office at Aunubing Street, Brgy. Cogon, Ormoc City, herein represented by its CITY MAYOR, Honorable **RICHARD I. GOMEZ, DPA**;

-and-

The **MUNICIPALITY OF VILLAREAL** (herein referred to as "VILLAREAL"), under the Province of Western Samar, with office address \_\_\_\_\_ represented herein by Honorable Mayor **MARILOU P. LATORRE**;

### WITNESSETH: THAT --

**WHEREAS**, LGU-ORMOC CITY established a Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Service (MHPSS) as a sub-cluster of Health Emergency Management Bureau (Hem-B) under the City Health Department; and was created to support the mental health and wellbeing of the people especially those in areas seriously hit with crisis, emergencies and disasters;

**WHEREAS**, a Psychosocial Support Service (PSS) named "LAMDAG ORMOC" came to light in order to help people battling from anxiety, depression and the likes to find strength and outlet to their bottled feelings and emotions during this pandemic. A "Chat and Call" service was made readily available even to people from far flung areas, coupled with a script which is universally applicable to any age, gender and culture;

**WHEREAS**, LGU-ORMOC CITY has implemented the set of guidelines issued by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in times of an emergency which shall enable the city to plan, establish and coordinate responses to protect and improve the people's mental health and psychosocial well-being in the midst of an emergency or disaster;

**WHEREAS**, LGU-ORMOC CITY was able to create a Psychosocial Support Service in accordance with the guidelines imposed by NDRRMC Memorandum No. 62 s. 2017, also known as the "**NATIONAL GUIDELINES ON MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER SITUATIONS**";

**WHEREAS**, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution enunciates that the "State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The state shall endeavour to provide free medical care to paupers."

**WHEREAS**, LGU-ORMOC CITY, with its capacity and capability to provide Psychosocial Support Services, has manifested its intent to provide free social support through the "LAMDAG ORMOC Project" to help areas outside Ormoc City who are experiencing the emotional impact of COVID-19 in its constituents.

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of VILLAREAL has made known its desire to undergo the Psychosocial Support Program in order to address and provide assistance to individuals in



their community and who has developed moderate- severe anxiety or depression due to the pandemic;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the PARTIES have agreed as follows:

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. That **LGU-ORMOC CITY** shall:

- a. Provide Psychosocial Support through 'LAMDAG ORMOC' to Villareal residents who need to undergo the Psychosocial Support Service;
- b. Make recommendations for referral to a higher level of care;
- c. Be free of any liability when the client develops any untoward behaviour after conduct Psychosocial Process;
- d. Assist in the monitoring process and progress of the client;
- e. Provide technical support to the program as necessary;
- f. Submit report to Villareal every Friday afternoon following the effectivity of the agreement;
- g. Handle the information acquired during the course of the project with utmost confidentiality;

2. That **VILLAREAL** shall:

- a. Share information: Name, CP Number, and Medical Condition of Clients, and send it to email address of Lamdag Ormoc: cdm\_ul@yahoo.com;
- b. Confirm / Validate recommendations and give feedback/report seven days after the recommendation is given;
- c. Practice confidentiality at all times especially to sensitive information from the report submitted by LGU-ORMOC CITY;
- d. Regularly monitor the condition and progress of the client;
- e. Strengthen record keeping and regularly submit reports to the Provincial Health Office of Western Samar.

**OTHER PROVISIONS:**

- A. It is expressly agreed herein that all information acquired by the Parties pertinent to this arrangement shall be strictly confidential and neither Party has the authority to reveal or disclose the same to third parties without prior consent from each other. Otherwise, the guilty Party shall be held liable for damages.
- B. By mutual agreement of the parties, any provision of this contract may be changed and/or amended by way of written document by both parties. Such change or amendment shall be deemed incorporated herein.
- C. If any provision of this Agreement is, for any reason, found to be invalid or unenforceable, all other provisions of this Agreement not affected thereby shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.
- D. This Agreement shall take effect immediately upon the signing hereof and shall be effective for a period of one (1) year and is deemed automatically renewed unless



sooner terminated by either party voluntarily or in case of violation of any terms and conditions stated in the agreement, with at least thirty (30) – day prior notice to either party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties through their authorized representatives have hereunto signed this Agreement this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines.

**CITY GOVERNMENT OF ORMOC**

**Mayor RICHARD I. GOMEZ, DPA**

**MUNICIPALITY OF VILLAREAL, PROVINCE OF WESTERN SAMAR**

**Mayor MARILOU P. LATORRE**

"Annex B"



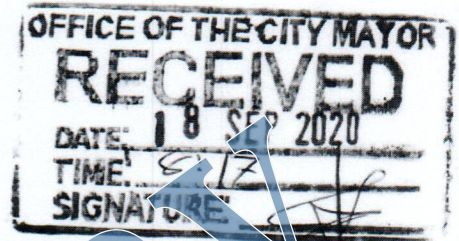
Republic of the Philippines  
**CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**A.G.A.K.**  
**Drug Rehabilitation and Support Services**  
Ormoc City



Brgy. San Pablo., Ormoc City, Leyte, Philippines, 6541 CP No. 0938-360-5644 EmailAdd: [cdm\\_ul@yahoo.com](mailto:cdm_ul@yahoo.com)

September 16, 2020

HON. RICHARD I. GOMEZ, DPA  
City Mayor



Thru: Hon. LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN JR.  
City Vice Mayor

Dear Mayor and Vice Mayor,

Good Day!

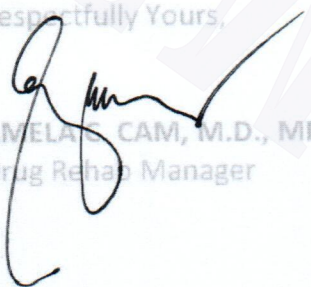
AGAK Drug Rehabilitation and Support Services have been operating since 2016 up to the present. One of the programs AGAK is LAMDAG Psychosocial and Mental Health Support Services. This program had helped several LSI's and other persons suffering from Mental Health as result of this pandemic crisis. Because of the success of the program, it had been known to other LGUs Villareal, Western Samar thru Hon. Mayor Marilou P. Latorre, expressed her intention and desire that our Mental Health Program will be adapted thru online means to their constituents.

In line with this, we would like to ask endorsement by asking the Sangguniang Panlungsod to enact a resolution to give the City Mayor authority to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement. To know more about the contents of the said agreement, attached hereof is the printed draft of the MOA.

Your positive response is greatly appreciated. May you have queries, please contact Drug Rehabilitation Program Coordinator: Cristobal Dexter V. Mendola III, with the following contact information 09277715960; FB Page: Lamdag Ormoc; Email Add: [cdm\\_ul@yahoo.com](mailto:cdm_ul@yahoo.com).

Together we can achieve a healthy and drug free community. Thank you.

Respectfully Yours,

  
AMELA S. CAM, M.D., MPM, FPCAM  
Drug Rehab Manager



# OFFICE OF THE CITY LEGAL OFFICER

Ormoc City, Leyte



01 October 2020

**MA. VICTORIA LYRA P. DELA CERNA RRT, MBA-HA, MPA**

City Govt. Asst. Dept Head I

City Mayor's Office

LGU – Ormoc City

Re: Review of Draft MOA between LGU Ormoc and the Municipality of Villareal  
Dear Ms. Dela Cerna:

This has reference to your letter requesting for review of the draft MOA to be entered into by and between the City Government of Ormoc and the Municipality of Villareal.

The said MOA would establish the duties and responsibilities of the City of Ormoc and the Municipality of Villareal in providing Psychosocial Support Services to the latter's constituents. This support service intends to provide free social support through the "LAMTAG ORMOC Project" to address mental health concerns in this time of the pandemic. With the express intent of their Municipal Mayor, Hon. Marilou P. Latorre, the municipality shall adopt the said Mental Program and will be provided online.

This Office has reviewed the above mentioned MOA and has rendered changes thereto in order to put emphasis on the confidentiality of the information that may be acquired during the program. The said change has been communicated to the office concerned and the latter has signified consent to the changes. Thus, a copy of the revised MOA is attached to this recommendation. Other than the revisions provided in the MOA, the undersigned finds that the same is not contrary to law, morals, good customs, public order and public policy.

It is recommended that the draft MOA be endorsed to the SP for the issuance of a Resolution granting the City Mayor the authority to enter into and sign the said agreement in behalf of LGU-Ormoc City pursuant Section 22 (c) in relation to Section 455 (b) 1 (vi) of R.A. No. 7160 (Local Government Code).

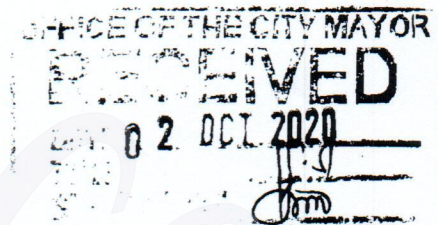
For the City Legal Officer:

Most Respectfully,

  
**ATTY. ANNE VERNADICE A. AREÑA**  
Attorney At Law

WITH CONFORMITY:

**ATTY. JOSEPHINE A. MEJIA- ROMERO**  
City Legal Officer



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