



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 064 – 2024

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING LOCAL-LEVEL
COMPONENTS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH POLICY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11036, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"MENTAL HEALTH ACT"**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11036, also known as the "Mental Health Act," mandates the establishment of a comprehensive, integrated, and effective mental health system at all levels of the health care delivery system, especially at the local level, with the goals of promoting mental well-being, preventing mental illness, providing timely and accessible mental health care, and reducing stigma and discrimination associated with mental health conditions;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Santa Maria, Bulacan recognizes the importance of mental health and well-being as integral to the overall health of its constituents;

WHEREAS, there is a need to implement mental health programs and services to promote mental well-being, prevent mental illness, and provide accessible, effective, and responsive mental health care within the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARTOLOME R. RAMOS, Municipal Mayor of Santa Maria, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the implementation of the following mental health local-level components:

SECTION 1. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT THE PRIMARY CARE LEVEL. The Municipal Health Office (MHO) shall ensure the availability and accessibility of mental health services at the primary care level. These services shall include, but are not limited to, counseling, psychiatric evaluation, crisis intervention, psychosocial support, and mental health education. Mental health assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up care shall be integrated into the municipality's primary healthcare services. The Municipal Health Office (MHO) shall ensure the availability and accessibility of mental health services at the primary care level. Mental health assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up care shall be integrated into the municipality's primary healthcare services.

SECTION 2. RESOURCES. The LGU shall allocate resources to establish and maintain mental health facilities, procure essential psychotropic medicines, and provide other necessary materials for mental health care services in collaboration with relevant government agencies and stakeholders.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC AWARENESS. The LGU shall develop and implement a comprehensive public awareness program to reduce stigma and discrimination against persons with mental health conditions. This shall include



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communication plans, campaigns, and advocacy initiatives through various platforms such as social media, local radio stations, community forums, and educational seminars. Additionally, mental health awareness activities may be conducted during barangay assemblies, school events, and other public gatherings to promote understanding and acceptance within the community.

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SECTION 4. REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS. The MHO shall submit quarterly reports containing relevant data on mental health illnesses and disabilities within the municipality. These reports shall include, but are not limited to, the number of diagnosed cases by age and gender, types of mental health conditions, interventions provided, referrals made to higher levels of care, and follow-up outcomes. Data on public awareness activities, capacity-building initiatives, and resource utilization shall also be documented. The reports shall be consolidated and forwarded to the Provincial Health Office and other concerned agencies. The MHO shall submit quarterly reports containing relevant data on mental health illnesses and disabilities within the municipality. These reports shall be consolidated and forwarded to the Provincial Health Office and other concerned agencies.

SECTION 5. CAPACITY BUILDING. Regular training and capacity-building programs shall be conducted for community health workers, barangay health workers, and other relevant personnel to equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills in providing mental health care services.

SECTION 6. LINK TO HIGHER LEVELS OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE. The LGU shall establish referral systems linking primary care providers to secondary and tertiary mental health facilities to ensure the appropriate management of complex mental health cases.

SECTION 7. FUNDING. Funds necessary for the implementation of this Executive Order shall be sourced from the appropriate budget of the LGU, subject to the availability of funds and applicable government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

DONE this 18th day of November 2024, at the Municipal Hall of Santa Maria, Province of Bulacan.


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