

Republika ng Pilipinas KAGAWARAN NG KALUSUGAN PAMBANSANG SANGGUNIAN SA NUTRISYON (NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL) NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



Excerpts from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee held on May 18, 2022 via Zoom

RNC-NCR RESOLUTION NO. 03 Series of 2022

RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ENSURE INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZENS AS PRIORITY BENEFICIARIES OF THEIR LOCAL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, according to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities (PWDs), PWDs include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others;

WHEREAS, based on the 2010 Census of Population and Housing, of the 11.8 Million households in Metro Manila, 166,716 or 1.41 percent have disability;

WHEREAS, as defined in the Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2010, a senior citizen or elderly refers to any resident citizen of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old;

WHEREAS, in the 2015 Census of Population, 11.3% or 851,214 out of the total 12.9 Million in NCR are senior citizens;

WHEREAS, the DOH through the DOH Administrative Order No. 2015-0004 "Revised National Policy on Strengthening the Health and Wellness Program for Persons With Disabilities" advocates for the integration of health and wellness program for PWDs in the annual health plans of LGUs;

WHEREAS, the DOH Administrative Order No. 2015-0009 "National Policy on the Health and Wellness Program for Senior Citizens" envisioned a country where all Filipino senior citizens are able to live an improved quality of life through a healthy and productive life;

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 11 of the Constitution states that health and other social services should be available to all people and there shall be priority for the needs of the senior citizens and disabled, among others;

WHEREAS, according to the WHO World Report on Disability (2011), improved nutrition to prevent disability in childhood receives attention, but the nutritional needs of children and adults with disabilities are scarcely addressed;

WHEREAS, senior citizens or older people are more vulnerable to nutritional deficiencies and as such, need adequate nutrition to help maintain good health, decrease the onset of chronic diseases, and help maintain their functional independence;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Regional Nutrition Committee of the National Capital Region in a meeting duly assembled, to enjoin all LGUs to ensure inclusion of senior citizens and persons with disability as priority beneficiaries of their local nutrition programs aligned with the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) which is the country's framework for nutrition improvement;

RESOLVED FURTHER, for the NNC-NCR Regional Office being the RNC Secretariat to:

- 1. coordinate and monitor the implementation of this resolution
- 2. report the status of implementation to the RNC
- 3. review the effectiveness of implementation of this resolution after three (3) years of its implementation

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the NNC-NCR Regional Office being the Secretariat of the RNC to furnish the NNC Central Office, all regional members of the RNC and all local government units in the region a copy of this resolution.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AND ADOPTED, this 18th day of May 2022 during the meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee held via the Zoom.

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