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**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: Creation of the Steering Committee for the 2007 National TB Prevalence Survey (3rd NPS).**

**Rationale:**

The first National Prevalence Survey (NPS) was conducted in 1981 and then followed with a second NPS in 1997. Within a period of 15-16 years, the Annual Risk of Infection (ARI) showed minimal decline from 2.5% to 2.3% respectively. Such result prompted the country to adopt the DOTS strategy that was rapidly expanded within a span of 5 years (1997-2003). Now that DOTS has achieved full coverage within the public health sector and has gained strong participation from the private, the overall impact of a national TB control program needs to be surveyed again. Operationally, a span of 10 to 15 years in low resource settings is suitable for the conduct of another national prevalence survey. This kind of study will also enable the NTP to revisit its directions and tailor the strategies based on a more accurate scenario of the country's TB situation.

In order to facilitate the efficient and effective conduct of the 3<sup>rd</sup> NPS, it is necessary to organize a *Steering Committee* that will take the overall responsibility of the said survey. This multi-sectoral representation shall ensure the appropriate conduct of operations, as agreed upon from the protocols and terms of reference, that are in accordance to international standards and cognizant with expert's opinion.

**Objective:**

To ensure quality implementation of the 2007 National Prevalence Survey

**Specific objectives:**

The specific objectives of the 3<sup>rd</sup> NPS steering committee are divided into 3 tasks: a) managerial b) technical body c) coordinating.

**A. Managerial Objectives**

1. To prepare an operational plan that shall serve as the framework for the implementation of the survey.
2. To monitor and evaluate the implementation based on the developed plan.
3. To decide accordingly on management-related issues.

**B. Technical Objectives:**

1. To set policy directions that shall serve as guidelines for all those concerned.
2. To review proposals and approve that which agrees with the protocol.
3. To review the technical/progress reports submitted by the Principal investigator
4. To approve and authorize the final NPS report prior to dissemination.

**C. Coordinating Objectives:**

1. To identify and mobilize key partners, e.g. Centers for Health Development (CHDs), local government units (LGUs), and other partners, pertinent during the course of implementation.
2. To coordinate with the senior management of the DOH for the feedback of activities.

**Frequency of Meeting:**

The Committee shall meet at least every quarter or as deemed necessary by the body.

**Composition:**

This Committee is composed of technical experts from DOH, partners in the public and private sectors (CCM members) and international experts.

**Chairperson:** Director Yolanda E. Oliveros  
Director IV  
National Center for Disease Prevention and Control

**Co- Chairperson:** Director Jaime Y. Lagahid  
Director III  
NCDPC-IDO

**Members (14)**

- A. DOH:  
NCDPC-IDO: Dr. Rosalind Vianzon  
Dr. Anna Marie Celina Garfin  
Dr. Vivian Lofranco
- NCDPC-NEC: Director Enrique T. Tayag  
Dr. Agnes Benegas

NTRL: Dr. Noel Macalalad  
Dr. Nora Cruz

**B. WHO:**

WPRO: Dr. Philip Glaziou

Country Office: Dr. Michael Voniatis

- C. DOST-PCHRD: Dr. Jaime Montoya
- D. JICA/QTBCP Project: Dr. Mie Kasamatsu
- E. PhilCAT: Ms. Amelia Sarmiento
- F. Individual Expert: Dr. Mariquita Mantala
- G. CCM Member (CFC-GK): Dr. Elmer Garcia

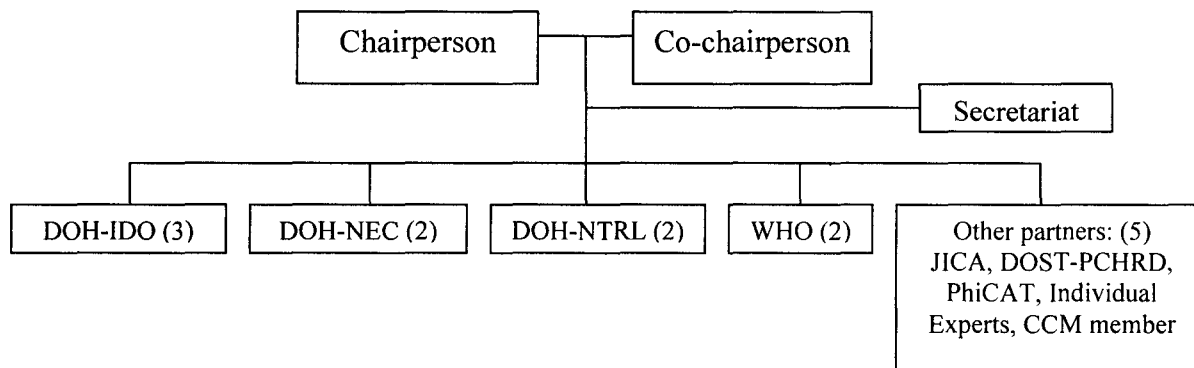
**Secretariat**

- 1. Dr. Ernesto Bontuyan, Jr - Head, Secretariat
- 2. Ms. Cirila Negad - SVHPO, NCDPC
- 3. Mr. Ferdinand La Puebla - SHPO, NCDPC

The secretariat staff shall bear technical and administrative functions which are as follows:

- A. Technical:
  - a. Prepare the minutes and incorporate the corrections made.
  - b. Provide a follow-through of the recommendations made by the steering committee.
- B. Administrative:
  - a. Prepare and circulate agenda through e-mail and hard copies.

**Organizational Set-up:**

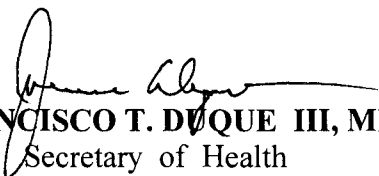


**Operational support:**

The cost incurred by the steering committee to perform its functions shall be charged from the GFATM funds.

**Effectivity:**

The creation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> NPS Steering Committee shall take effect immediately and shall be duly functional until such time that the final report 3<sup>rd</sup> NPS report is officially approved for dissemination.

  
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