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DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ORDER

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SUBJECT: Reconstitution of the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (ATM)

The Philippine Country Coordinating Mechanism (PCCM) oversees the implementation of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) grants in the country. It was created through Administrative Order (AO) No. 2009-0024 dated December 02, 2009 entitled "Reconstitution of PCCM in support of the implementation of Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), and is composed of national and local government representatives, public and private sector stakeholders. It was first organized as part of the National Infectious Disease Advisory Council per AO No. 76 series 2002.

Technical Working Groups (TWGs) on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria were structured as support to the PCCM. Within the context of the PCCM, and in accordance with its Manual of Operations and AO 2009-0024, the TWGs on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria are hereby reconstituted:

I. TWG for HIV/AIDS

Chairperson: **Dr. Rosalind Vianzon**, Division Chief, Disease Prevention and Control Bureau
Alternate Chair: **Dr. Jose Gerard Belimac**, Program Manager, Disease Prevention and Control Bureau
Co-Chair: **Mr. Rommel Legwes**, President, Pinoy PLUS
Members:

1. **Dr. Genesis Samonte**, OIC-Division Chief, Epidemiology Bureau
2. **Dr. Rossanna Ditango**, Head-AIDS Research Group, RITM
3. **Dr. Rosario Tactacan**, Head- HIV Department, San Lazaro Hospital (SLH)
4. **Dr. Elizabeth Telan**, Head – STD AIDS Central Cooperative Laboratory, SLH
5. **Dr. Amelia Medina**, Cluster Head, DOH – NCRO
6. **Dr. Emerose Moreno**, Cluster Head, DOH-MIMAROPA
7. **Dr. Maria Nerissa Dominguez**, HIV Technical Officer, WHO
8. **Dr. Rolando Cruz**, STI, HIV Program Coordinator, Quezon City Health Office
9. **Mr. Anastacio Marasigan, Jr.**, President, The Library Foundation (TLF)
10. **Representative, UNAIDS**

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II. TWG for Tuberculosis

Chairperson: **Dr. Rosalind Vianzon**, Division Chief, Disease Prevention and Control Bureau

Alternate Chair: **Dr. Anna Marie Celina Garfin**, Program Manager, Disease Prevention and Control Bureau

Co-Chair: **Ms. Amelia Sarmiento**, Executive Director - PhilCAT

Members :

1. **Dr. Genesis Samonte**, OIC Division Chief, Epidemiology Bureau
2. **Engr. David Masiado**, Division Chief, Logistics Management Division Administrative Service
3. **Dr. Ma. Cecilia Ama**, Head, National TB Reference Laboratory, RITM
4. **Dr. Stanley Carrascal**, Medical Coordinator, DOH-NCR
5. **Ms. Felisa Tang**, Nurse Coordinator, LGU-Quezon City
6. **Mr. Darwin Totengco**, President, Samahang Lusog Baga
7. **Ms. Bryn Sakagawa**, USAID
8. **Dr. Rajendra Prasad Yadav**, WHO
9. **Dr. Anne Remonte**, PHIC
10. **Dr. Salvacion Gatchalian**, Pediatric Society of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
11. **Dr. Carlos Tan**, Chief of Party, Health Policy Development Program
12. **Mr. Ronaldo Puno**, Philippine Association of Medical Technologists

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III. TWG for Malaria

Chairperson: **Dr. Leda Hernandez**, Division Chief, Disease Prevention and Control Bureau

Alternate Chair: **Dr. Raffy Deray**, Program Manager, Disease Prevention and Control Bureau

Members:

1. **Dr. Zaixing Zhang**, WHO
2. **Dr. Pilarita Rivera**, UP-CPH
3. **Asst. Regional Director**, Regional Office (RO) IV-B
4. **AMHOP Officer** from MLGU
5. **APHOP Officer** from PLGU
6. **Representative** (Treatment & Entomology), RITM
7. **Representative**, DOH- Epidemiology Bureau
8. **Representative**, DOH – KMITS

9. **Representative, DOH-BIHC**
10. **Representative from NCIP**
11. **Representative from DepEd**
12. **Representative from PAMET**
13. **Representative from PISMID**

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Functions of TWGs:

Overall, the TWGs shall be responsible for routine monitoring and supervision. The following shall be their specific functions:

A. On Proposal Development

1. Ensure an inclusive and transparent process in proposal development
2. Guide the development of proposal specifically in setting priorities/goals linked to the national strategic plans of each of the three diseases as well as the country's program needs and context
3. Present developed proposal to the PCCM for approval
4. Review and endorse grant proposal to the PCCM
5. Ensure completeness of requirements prior to submission of grant proposal to the GFATM

B. On Grant Negotiations

1. Provide additional information and revise grant proposal, as needed, based on the comments of the GFATM

C. On Grant Implementation

1. Track progress in grant implementation vis-à-vis approved work plan, including the conduct of monitoring visits
2. Identify bottlenecks and other implementation problems, and develop a clear plan with the Principal Recipient (PR) in addressing these problems
3. Review and endorse reports to the PCCM through the Philippine CCM Oversight Committee
4. Endorse to the PCCM recommendations of PR on major changes to the Scope and/or Scale of Performance Frameworks in signed Grant Agreements, as necessary
5. Work closely with the PR to identify technical assistance needs and facilitate/broker the provision of technical assistance to PR(s) and SR(s) as needed to address program challenges

6. Meet the PR at least once a month
7. Report to the PCCM critical issues in the proposal making and implementation of projects


D. On Grant Closure

1. Review and endorse to the PCCM the PR's Close-Out Plan and Close-Out Budget, including plans for the distribution or disposal of program assets

Under this Order, all expenses incurred in the performance of TWG functions shall be charged against the funds of DPCB or GFATM Projects thru the respective principal recipients, subject to the applicable accounting rules and regulations.

Department Personnel Order No. 2010-4368 dated October 05, 2010 is hereby rescinded.

~~By Authority of the Secretary of Health:~~


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