



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Isabela
MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN

Office of the Municipal Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 06 Series of 2021

AN ORDER CREATING THE PRE-MARRIAGE ORIENTATION (PMOC) TEAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN, ISABELA

WHEREAS, Article XV Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the state to recognize the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation and shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development. Section 2 of the same Article recognizes marriage as an inviolable social institution that is the foundation of the family and thus, shall be protected by the State;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 965 and Section 15 of Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Law or RA 10354 require couples who apply for marriage license to present a Certificate of Compliance, certifying that they had duly received adequate instructions and information on responsible parenthood, family planning, breastfeeding and infant nutrition;

WHEREAS, Article 16 of the Family Code further requires couples, applying for marriage license, whose ages falls between 18-25 years old, to undergo marriage counselling by a marriage counsellor duly accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

WHEREAS, Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No.1 series of 2018: Revised Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counselling (PMOC) Program Implementing Guidelines for 2018 was issued by the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare (DSWD) and Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to streamline and harmonize the implementation of the Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counselling (PMOC) Program at the local government level;

WHEREAS, in Section 6.0, subsection 6.1.1.1 of the same JMC provides that the Local Chief Executives shall effect the implementation of the PMOC program particularly the issuance of executive orders/circulars/ directives for an effective and responsive PMOC program and implementation;

WHEREAS, Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No.1 series of 2020 was issued for the Supplemental Guidelines to the JMC No.1, Series of 2018;

WHEREAS, the said supplemental guidelines provides for the expanded composition of the Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counselling (PMOC) Team;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ELIZABETH B. OCHOA, Municipal Mayor of Palanan, Isabela by virtue of powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. CREATION AND COMPOSITION. The Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counselling (PMOC) team is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

Team Leader: **GRACE B. ONG**
Population Program Officer II

Members: **ELMA O. GONZALES**
Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer

LEVITO P. PALOGAN
Municipal Civil Registrar

GENALYN V. BERNARDO, RN
Nurse II

**Authorized Representatives or Authorized
Solemnizing Officers of Faith Based Organizations in
the locality**

To be part of the local PMOC Team, the Authorized Solemnizing Officers of different Faith Based Organizations must possess the qualifications set forth by the PMOC JMC, such as but not limited to:

1. They have a valid Certificate of Registration and Authority to Solemnize Marriage issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority; an
2. They have undergone the Pre-Marriage orientation training provided and/or under the supervision of POPCOM; and
3. They are likewise encouraged to be an Accredited Pre-Marriage Counselor.

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITES. The functions of the PMOC Team are the following:

1. Develop and maintain a responsive mechanism to effectively implement the PMOC program in the municipality;
2. Ensure adequate number of trained PMOC members that can cover the prevailing number of marriage license applicants;
3. Advocate for the effective implementation of the PMOC Program to ensure adequate resources, logistics requirement, and policy support for the program;
4. Undertake preparatory activities for the PMOC sessions by:
 - 4.1. Disseminating information about the PMOC program through community assemblies, barangay meetings, and quad-media outlets;
 - 4.2. Posting schedules of PMOC sessions in the office of the Municipal Civil Registrar, offices of the mandatory members of the PMOC team, and other noticeable places in the municipal hall;
 - 4.3. Ensuring appropriateness, readiness and availability of a venue form PMOC sessions;
 - 4.4. Preparing schedules of PMOC sessions for mandatory team members of the PMOC to enable them to plan these activities; and
 - 4.5. Processing of the accomplished marriage expectation inventory (MEI) by contracting parties to take note of the specific areas of concerns needing emphasis at the actual conduct of the PMOC session
5. Conduct the PMO session for not more than 15 couples at a time and the PMC session per couple or by group of not more than six (6) couples;
6. Conduct PMC session for selected couples based on the accomplished MEI, for contracting parties where one or both parties are 18-25 years old or as requested couples;
7. Provide the Certificate of Compliance to contracting parties who have completed the PM Orientation to be signed by the PMOC Team Members who conducted the PMO Session and issued by the Population Office;
8. Provide the Certificate of Marriage Counseling to contracting parties who have completed the PM Counseling session to be issued by an accredited PM Counselor;

9. Regularly assess, resolve and/or elevate arising issues in the implementation of the PMOC program; and
10. Maintain a client satisfaction feedback survey and consolidate the result annually as a mechanism to monitor the quality of PMOC session provided as well as to serve as an additional basis in the renewal of the accreditation of PM counselors.

SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT SUPPORT. The Municipal Population Officer shall provide secretariat support to the implementation of the PMOC program. The PMOC Secretariat shall perform the following functions:

1. Maintain the profile and electronic or hard database of couples;
2. Prepare the needed supplies, materials, and equipment for the conduct of the PMOC sessions;
3. Prepare and control the issuance of Certificate of Compliance and Certificate of Marriage Counseling; and
4. Prepare and submit reports to PMOC Regional TWG.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect, unless otherwise amended, modified or revoked.

DONE this 8th day of March 2021 in Palanan, Isabela.


ELIZABETH B. OCHOA
Municipal Mayor