

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF ILOILO
ILOILO CITY

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 11th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN NG ILOILO, HELD IN THE SESSION HALL OF THE NEW ILOILO PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, BONIFACIO DRIVE, ILOILO CITY ON MARCH 24, 2015.

PRESENT:

Hon. Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas,
Presiding Officer

Hon. June S. Mondejar,	Floor Leader
Hon. Dennis T. Valencia,	Member
Hon. Demetrio P. Sonza,	Member
Hon. Emmanuel R. Gallar,	Member
Hon. Licurgo P. Tirador,	Member
Hon. Maria Shalene Palmares-Hidalgo,	Member
Hon. Jesus C. Salcedo,	Member
Hon. Paulino M. Parian,	Member (Pres., PCL)
Hon. Jeneda Salcedo-Orendain,	Member (Pres., Liga ng mga Brgy.)

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Ninfa S. Garin,	Member
Hon. Carmen Rita Monfort-Bautista,	Member
Hon. Nielo C. Tupas,	Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-121

RESOLUTION EMBODYING PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2015-118, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsored by: Hon. June S. Mondejar
Co-Sponsored by: Hon. Raul C. Tupas

WHEREAS, this ordinance is designed, among others, to ensure the continuity of the benefits and incentives which have been availed by the Barangay Nutrition Scholars for already a number of years and to grant additional benefits and incentives so as to motivate them to sustain and, if necessary, improve further their worth-recognizing performances and services;

WHEREAS, the said ordinance is valid pursuant to Section 468 (a) (1) (xi) (2) (i) (*Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation*) of Republic Act 7160;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of the Honorable June S. Mondejar, Floor Leader and sponsor of this ordinance, which was duly seconded;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby Resolved, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng Iloilo to enact the following provincial ordinance:

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2015 – 118

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sec. 1. Short Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “**Barangay Nutrition Scholars’ Benefits and Incentives Ordinance of 2015**”.

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. –It is the policy of the Province to protect and promote the right to health and nutrition of the people and adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to nutrition and related programs which shall endeavor to make nutrition and related services available to all the target beneficiaries. It shall then be its declared policy to promote and improve the social well-being and welfare of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars who are at the forefront of the said programs in the grassroots level. Towards this end, the Province shall adopt policies that will guarantee enhanced quality of life of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars.

Sec. 3. Purpose. – This ordinance aims to ensure the continuity of the benefits and incentives which have been availed by the Barangay Nutrition Scholars for already a number of years and to grant additional benefits and incentives so as to motivate them to sustain and, if necessary, improve further their performances and services.

Sec. 4. Definition of Terms. –

- a.) **Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS)** – refers to a barangay-based worker appointed by the Punong Barangay and registered by the Provincial Health Office through the Municipal Health Office, has undergone the required training, in accordance with law and regulations, and responsible for the delivery of nutrition and related services particularly to target beneficiaries.
- b.) **Registered BNS** –refers to Barangay Nutrition Scholar who has undergone one (1) year of volunteer service and registered by the Provincial Health Office through the Municipal/City Health Office.
- c.) **BNSs' Registry/Masterlist** – refers to the list of all registered BNSs to be maintained and regularly updated by Provincial Health Office through the Municipal/City Health Office.

Sec. 5. Coverage. – This ordinance shall cover all registered Barangay Nutrition Scholars in the Province of Iloilo who voluntarily render nutrition and related services to the target beneficiaries.

Sec. 6. Number of Barangay Day Care Workers. – There shall be provided at least one (1) BNS in every barangay throughout the Province of Iloilo. The Municipal/City Nutrition Action Officer(M/CNAO), in coordination with the concerned Punong Barangay, shall determine the ideal ratio of BNS to the number of target beneficiaries. As far as practicable, the BNS should be assigned to the barangay where he/she is residing.

Sec. 7. Registration. – In order that BNSs shall be entitled to the benefits and incentives provided under this ordinance, they shall register with the Provincial Health Office, through the Municipal/City Health Office, which is hereby mandated to maintain a provincial registry/masterlist of all BNSs in the Province. Official Identification Card duly signed by the Governor and inclusion on the provincial registry/masterlist of registered BNSs are deemed an appropriate proof of registration.

Sec. 8. Incentives and Benefits. – In recognition of their services, all registered BNSs who are actively and regularly performing their duties as certified by the assigned Midwife and/or Punong Barangay shall be entitled to the benefits and incentives, as follows:

- 1.) **PHILHEALTH Insurance Coverage** – All registered Barangay Nutrition Scholars shall be enrolled in the National Health Insurance program through Point of Care or Sponsorship Scheme for them to receive and avail on an adequate package of personal health services that must include in-patient hospital care, out-patient care, emergency and transfer services, and also other supplementary health benefits as may be defined by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC). The premium contribution shall be borne by the Provincial Government.
- 2.) **Medical Examination** – Medical examination in any hospital owned and managed by Iloilo Provincial Government as a requirement for registration or renewal of registration shall be provided free of charge to all registered Barangay Nutrition Scholars as long as the BNSs are still rendering services in their respective barangays.
- 3.) **Medical and Dental Benefits** – Registered BNSs shall be entitled to a fifty percent (50%) discount to the remaining balance, after the application of Section 8 (1), on all charges in any hospitals and medical facilities owned, operated and maintained by the Iloilo Provincial Government, without prejudice to Provincial Ordinance No. 2012-096 also known as the “Senior Citizen Ordinance of 2012”.
- 4.) **Free Legal Assistance** – Free legal representation and consultation services shall likewise be available for all registered Barangay Nutrition Scholars by the Provincial Legal Office for any legal problems encountered in line with the performance of their duties and functions as BNSs.
- 5.) **Financial Assistance** – Registered Barangay Nutrition Scholars shall receive financial assistance of not less than Php3,500.00 from the Provincial Government every December of every year. The

specific date, time and place where to receive the allowance shall be on discretion of the Governor.

- 6.) **Loyalty Incentive** – Registered Barangay Nutrition Workers who have rendered cumulative service for the following number of years shall be correspondingly entitled to a certificate of recognition and monetary incentive, subject to the availability of fund, as follows:
 - a. 10 years -----Php1,000.00 and Certificate of Recognition
 - b. 20 years -----Php2,000.00 and Certificate of Recognition
 - c. 30 years-----Php3,000.00 and Certificate of Recognition
 - d. 40 years -----PHP4,000.00 and Certificate of Recognition

The length of cumulative service shall be reckoned from day the volunteer was registered by the Provincial Health Office. This particular benefit shall be given by the Governor or his duly authorized representative during the BNSs' Annual Convention.

- 7.) **Assistance-to-Indigents-in-Crisis-Situation** – Registered Barangay Nutrition Scholars who are qualified to avail Assistance-to-Indigents-in-Crisis-Situation shall be entitled to receive this assistance of not less than Php 2,500.00 through the Provincial Social Welfare Development Office.
- 8.) **Use of Government Facilities** – Barangay Nutrition Scholars shall be allowed to use, for official purpose and free of charge, structures and other similar facilities owned, operated and maintained by Iloilo Provincial Government.
- 9.) **BNS Convention** – There shall be an annual convention of all BNSs in the Province of Iloilo known as BNSs' Convention where they will learn from the messages and lectures of the invited guests and lecturers respectively. This also serves as a forum where success stories and worth-sharing innovations are shared. The provincial government shall provide the necessary financial assistance for the realization of this annual conference.

Sec. 9. Review by the Provincial Health Office (PHO). – Every incentive or benefit for Barangay Nutrition Scholars requiring expenditure of provincial government fund shall be reviewed and approved by the PHO to ensure that only the deserving Barangay Nutrition Scholars get the same.

Sec. 10. Appropriation. – The amount necessary to carry out provisions of this Ordinance, following its enactment, shall be included in the ensuing Appropriation Ordinance embodying annual or supplemental budget and every year thereafter the same shall be included in the annual budget of the Provincial Government.

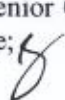
Sec. 11. Implementing Rules. – The Provincial Nutrition Action Officer, in coordination with the Chairman of the Committee on Health of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the sponsor of this ordinance and representatives from the Provincial Federation of Barangay Nutrition Scholars, shall formulate, within sixty (60) days from its effectivity, the rules necessary to implement this Ordinance.

SEC.12. Separability Clause – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remainder or any provision hereof not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC.13. Repealing Clause – All ordinances, executive orders, issuances including rules and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SEC.14. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect at the end of its posting in a conspicuous place in the Provincial Capitol and in forty-two (42) municipalities and one (1) component city in the Province for a minimum period of three (3) consecutive weeks.

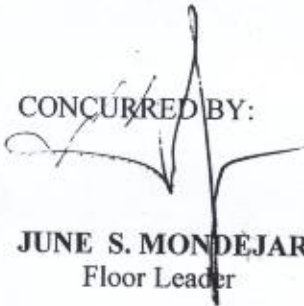
RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Resolution, the Governor, Hon. Arthur D. Defensor, Sr.; the Barangay Nutrition Scholars Provincial Federation President and all BNS Municipal/City Presidents of the municipalities and one component city; the Offices of the Provincial Legal Officer, the Provincial Health Officer, the Provincial Treasurer, the Provincial Budget Officer, the Provincial Accountant, and the Provincial Auditor; the Honorable Carmen Rita Monfort-Bautista, Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation; and the Honorable June S. Mondejar, Chairperson, Committee on Social Welfare, Housing, Senior Citizens and Persons with Disability, all of the Province of Iloilo, for their information and reference;



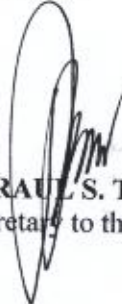
APPROVED.”

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above- quoted Resolution.

CONCURRED BY:

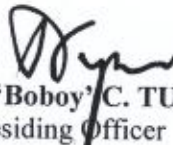


JUNE S. MONDEJAR
Floor Leader



ATTY. RAUL S. TIOSAYCO, JR.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED BY:



RAUL 'Boboy' C. TUPAS
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:



ARTHUR B. DEFENSOR, SR.
Governor

