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MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG
Province of Oriental Mindoro



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BONGABONG, ORIENTAL MINDORO HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2012 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL

Present:

Hon. ALFONSO A. MONTALBO, DMD	VICE MAYOR
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Hon. JEREMY I. ENRIQUEZ	MEMBER
Hon. ROBERT H. SOSA	MEMBER
Hon. EVELYN B. ALEA	MEMBER
Hon. MARIETA A. SELDA	MEMBER
Hon. RICHARD S. CANDELARIO	MEMBER
Hon. ROGELIO C. MAULION	MEMBER
Hon. DOLORES U. DE GALA	MEMBER
Hon. VICTORIA B. PADULLO	ABC Mun. Federation President
Hon. CLEOPATRA M. ENRIQUEZ	S.K. Mun. Federation President

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On Official Business:

Hon. OWEN C. LIWANAG	MEMBER
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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2012-01

**SAFE MOTHERHOOD ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG,
ORIENTAL MINDORO**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government, through the Department of health, has committed itself to the Millennium Development Goals or MDG of lowering the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR);

WHEREAS, current health data from the Department of Health shows that there are four types of risks that increase the number of maternal and neonatal deaths in the country, one of which is the risk of delivering without being attended to by skilled birth attendants, namely: skilled midwives, nurses and physicians;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 2383 (The Medical Act of 1959), as amended, prohibits the illegal practice of medicines and penalizes any person found guilty of illegal practice of medicine;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7164 (Philippine Nursing Act of 1991), prohibits the illegal practice of nursing and penalizes any person found guilty of illegal practice of nursing;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7392, as amended (Philippine Midwifery Act of 1992) prohibits the illegal practice of midwifery and penalizes any person found guilty of illegal practice of midwifery;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health, through Administrative Order No. 2008-2009 has ordered the implementation of health reforms for rapid reduction of maternal


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and neonatal mortality through the national and local application of the integrated Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) strategy;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the rapid reduction of risks posed by pregnancy and childbirth which are not attended by skilled health personnel in a health facility setting;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. EVELYN B. ALEA, unanimously seconded, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan, in session assembled, to enact this Ordinance as follows:

Section 1. **Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as "Safe Motherhood Ordinance of the Municipality of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro".

Section 2. **Rationale.** According to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), obstetrical complications are still the leading cause of death for women of reproductive age in developing countries.

In the past years, maternal health program strategy was the risk-based approach focus on pre-natal care and trainings of Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA) but this particular intervention did not reduce mortality.

Not all obstetrical complications are predictable or avoidable but can be managed if identified early. Thus, there is a need to focus on prenatal and post-partum stages to be assisted by skilled birth attendant and that includes Physicians, Nurses and Midwives only.

Therefore, this measure is being initiated in order to eradicate or at least reduce maternal deaths and/or illnesses of mother who undergoes prenatal, delivery and postnatal treatment.

Section 3. **Mandatory Provisions.**

1. All prenatal, delivery and postnatal services on mothers in Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro shall be performed only by skilled birth attendants who may either be a licensed physician, nurse and midwife.
2. Home birth delivery shall be strictly prohibited. Birth delivery shall always be done at birthing places within the jurisdiction of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro such as Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEMONC) and Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEMONC) hospitals, Municipal Health Offices, Health Centers and Health stations including barangay health centers and health stations and Birthing Homes.

Section 4. **Role of TBA or Traditional Birth Attendants.** The role of all Traditional Birth Attendants of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro shall only be limited to supportive care during prenatal, perinatal and postpartum of the mother.

For TBAs to be able to perform their duties and functions as authorized in this Ordinance, they must be duly accredited by the Municipal Government of Bongabong, through the Municipal Health Officer, after attending one day seminar to be given by the same office about their duties and responsibilities and about this Ordinance and upon paying an annual accreditation fee of P500.00.

Section 5. Specific Function and Duties of Traditional Birth Attendants.
The functions and duties of TBA are as follows:

- a) Assist in the formulation of birth plan for pregnant mothers;
- b) Guide/identify/locate/report all pregnant mothers to the Rural Health Units (RHU);
- c) Act as a companion in the birthing clinic/hospital during labor and delivery of the mother;
- d) Assist the midwife in the preparation of the delivery room in the birthing clinic;
- e) Assist the midwife during labor watch;
- f) May run errands when necessary;
- g) Assist mothers to initiate breastfeeding 30 minutes to hour after delivery;
- h) To report the midwife any untoward post-partum complication.

Section 6. Education and Information. The Rural Health Office shall undertake education and information dissemination activity to all TBA in BONGABONG for the proper implementation as far as their role in birth delivery services is concerned.

Section 7. Inventory and Evaluation.

- a) The Rural Health Office shall conduct inventory activity of all Barangay Health Centers regarding their conduciveness to serve as birthing place and to determine what are necessary medical equipments and supplies the LGU should procure necessary for birth delivery services and this will be included as an important indicator in the Municipal Investment Plan for Health.
- b) The Municipal Health Officer of RHU shall conduct constant and profound evaluation of all skilled birth attendants assigned under its jurisdiction in terms of its skills and capacity in executing birth delivery services in order to assure a quality delivery of services.

Section 8. Capacity Building. The Municipal Government of Bongabong shall appropriate funds in the annual budget intended only for enhancing the skills of all birth attendants to make them highly skilled and professional in their profession.

Section 9. Penalty Provisions. Any traditional birth attendant performing health services to mother not in accordance with functions and duties enumerated in Section 5 hereof shall be penalized as follows:

- a) First Offense - Warning
- b) Second Offense - Php 1,000.00 fine plus his/her privilege as recognized TBA (Hilot) shall be revoked permanently
- c) Third Offense - Php 2,500.00 fine and/or imprisonment of six (6) months or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 10. – Separability Clause. If any part of this ordinance is declared as unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections hereof that are not declared unlawful or unconstitutional.

SECTION 11. – Repealing Clause. All previous ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. – Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and compliance with the publication or posting as required by RA 7160.

Certified true:

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Atty. EDUARDO M. MAGSINO
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested:

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ALFONSO A. MONTALBO, DMD
Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

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Approved/Disapproved

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Date: SEP 10 2012

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