ORDINANCE NO. 17-102

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION UNIT AT THE OSPITAL NG MUNTINLUPA AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR OPERATION THEREOF.

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9262 otherwise known as the, “Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004”, declares that, “it is the policy of the state to exert efforts to address violence committed against women and children in keeping with the Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of international human rights instruments of which the Philippines is a party.”

WHEREAS, Section 40, of the same law, “mandates local government units to provide women and children victims of violence temporary shelters, provide counseling, psycho-social services and/or, recovery, rehabilitation programs and livelihood assistance”;

WHEREAS, in 1997, Administrative Order 1-B or the “Establishment of a Women and Children Protection Unit in All Department of Health (DOH) Hospitals” was promulgated in response to the increasing number of women and children who consult due to violence, rape, incest, and other related cases;

WHEREAS, since A.O. 1-B was issued, the partnership among the Department of Health (DOH), University of the Philippines Manila, the Child Protection Network Foundation, several local government units, development partners and other agencies resulted in the establishment of Women And Child Protection Units (WCPUs) in DOH-retained and Local Government Unit (LGU) - supported hospitals;

WHEREAS, one of the most important of these interventions that must be provided to victim-survivors of violence against women and children is immediate, appropriate and timely medical care and attention;
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WHEREAS, this intervention can be undertaken by competent service providers, preferable female, and trained in the principles and methods of child friendly and gender-sensitive medical and health care and treatment, in crisis and long-term counseling and support, in investigative interview techniques and in the collection of forensic evidence in a facility appropriate for this purpose;

WHEREAS, under the Department of Health AO-1-B, Series of 1997 the goal is to institutionalize and standardize the quality of service and training of all women and children protection units;

WHEREAS, the general objectives of Women and Children Protection Unit (WCPU) are as follows:

1) Establish at least one women and children protection unit in every province;
2) Ensure that all health facilities have competent and trained gender-responsive professionals who will coordinate the services needed by women and children victims of violence;
3) Standardize and maintain the quality of health care services rendered by all women and children protection units;
4) Ensure the sustainability of women and children’s protection unit programs through appropriate organizational and budgetary support;
5) Create and maintain a centralized and harmonized database for all reports submitted by the different women and children protection units.

WHEREAS, the Ospital ng Muntinlupa was established in 1997 through the initiative of former Mayor Ignacio R. Bunye to provide access to the growing numbers of patients-residents of Muntinlupa City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa, in session assembled that;

SECTION 1. Title – This ordinance shall be known as the “an ordinance providing for the creation of a Women And Children Protection Unit (WCPU) at the Ospital ng Muntinlupa (OSMUN) and providing funds for operations thereof.

SECTION 2. There is hereby created Women and Children Protection Unit (WCPU) at the Ospital ng Muntinlupa (OsMun) that shall be primarily tasked with providing immediate medical treatment and other medical services to women and children victim-survivors of violence. Aside from medical intervention the WCPU shall also provide a holistic approach for the recovery of victim-survivors.
SECTION 3. The Women and Children Protection Unit shall have the following personnel composed of:

1. Trained Medical Doctors
2. Medical Social Worker
3. Psychologist/Psychiatrist
4. Policewoman

SECTION 4. Guidelines and Systems – Guidelines and systems shall be formulated by the Trained medical doctors who will lead the Women and Children Protection Unit (WCPU) in order that proper medical care and attention are given to victim-survivors as well as to ensure their safety and protect their privacy. The Director shall be guided by the Guidelines in the Establishment and Management of a Referral System on Violence Against Women and their Children at the Local Government Unit Level issued by the Inter-Agency Council on Violence Against Women and their Children (IAC-VAWC) and such other relevant and pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. Appropriations – The funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged to the Ospital ng Muntinlupa and shall be part of Annual Investment Plan (AIP).

SECTION 6. Separability Clause – If for any reason, any Section or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other Sections or provisions hereof, unaffected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause – Any Executive Order, Memorandum or similar directive contrary to any of the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause – this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ENACTED, by the 8th Sangguniang Panglunsod of Muntinlupa this 3rd day of July, 2017, on its 40th Regular Session.

CONCURRED:

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

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