



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Surigao del Sur
Municipality of San Agustin

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SECRETARY

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

September 19, 2025

HON. MANUEL O. ALAMEDA
Provincial Vice Governor
TSP, Capitol hills, Telaje, Tandag City
Surigao del Sur



Thru: MR. EDGAR G. PEREZ, II, LLB
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Dear Hon. Alameda:

Respectfully submitting herewith the Municipal Ordinance of the Municipality of San Agustin, to wit:

1. Municipal Ord No. 02, s.2025: **“AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN AGUSTIN, ESTABLISHING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, ALLOCATING RESOURCES, AND ADOPTING PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11036, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MENTAL HEALTH ACT".”**

for review and appropriate action of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 and its implementing rules and regulation.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

MARIO T. PONTILLO, JR.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 8th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 13TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SAN AGUSTIN, SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, SAN AGUSTIN, SDS ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2025.

Refer To: Committee on Health, Sanitation and Nutrition
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Noted

HON. ALEX L. DE GUZMAN
 Municipal Vice Mayor
 (Presiding Officer)

Hon. Randy J. Barro
 Hon. Roberto G. Layson
 Hon. Pastor R. Climaco Jr.
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 Hon. Julius O. Corvera
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Municipal Ordinance No. 02
 Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN AGUSTIN, ESTABLISHING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, ALLOCATING RESOURCES, AND ADOPTING PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11036, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MENTAL HEALTH ACT".

Introduced by:

Hon. Julius O. Corvera

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) recognizes mental health as a fundamental component of overall well-being, emphasizing that individuals should be able to realize their abilities, cope with life's stresses, work productively, and contribute to their communities;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11036, or the "Mental Health Act," mandates local government units (LGUs) to establish and strengthen mental health services at the community level, ensuring accessible, affordable, and responsive mental health care for all;

WHEREAS, mental health concerns, including psychological distress, mental illnesses, and psychosocial disabilities, continue to rise due to various socio-economic and environmental factors, necessitating a structured and sustainable mental health program in the Municipality of San Agustin;

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop local-level mental health services that integrate primary care interventions, resource allocation, public awareness campaigns, reportorial requirements, capacity-building programs, and referral systems linking community health workers to specialized mental health facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of San Agustin, in session duly assembled, that:

ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "San Agustin Mental Health Care Ordinance of 2025."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

The Municipality of San Agustin adopts a comprehensive, community-based, and accessible approach to mental health care, ensuring that mental health services are integrated into the primary health care system and linked to higher levels of care when necessary.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES

This Ordinance aims to:

- a) Establish mental health services at the primary care level within the Municipality of San Agustin;
- b) Ensure adequate resources such as mental health facilities, medicines, and trained personnel;
- c) Implement public awareness campaigns to reduce stigma and promote mental well-being;
- d) Enforce reportorial requirements for data collection on mental health cases and disabilities;
- e) Strengthen capacity-building programs for community health workers and local stakeholders;
- f) Develop a referral system linking primary care providers to specialized mental health facilities.

ARTICLE II MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT THE PRIMARY CARE LEVEL

SECTION 4. INTEGRATION INTO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

The Municipal Health Office (MHO) shall integrate mental health screening, diagnosis, treatment, and counseling into existing primary care services and Barangay Health Stations (BHS).

SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Each barangay shall have designated Mental Health Focal Persons (MHFPs) trained to identify, refer, and provide basic psychological support to individuals experiencing mental health concerns.

SECTION 6. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The Municipal Health Officer (MHO) shall coordinate with the Provincial Health Office (PHO) and Department of Health (DOH) Regional Office to deploy licensed psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers to support local mental health care services.

**ARTICLE III
RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

SECTION 7. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

A portion of the Gender and Development (GAD) Budget and other available municipal funds shall be allocated annually for mental health services, covering:

- a) Personnel training and hiring of mental health professionals;
- b) Procurement of psychotropic medications and other essential supplies;
- c) Establishment of mental health-friendly spaces within RHU and Barangay Health Centers.


SECTION 8. COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS

The Municipality of San Agustin shall work towards establishing Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) within designated health facilities to provide counseling, therapy, and psychiatric services.

**ARTICLE IV
PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY**

SECTION 9. MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION AND EDUCATION

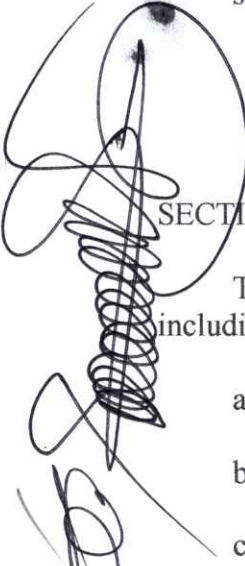
The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and the Municipal Health Office (MHO), in coordination with DepEd, DILG, and accredited NGOs, shall develop and implement:

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- a) Mental Health Awareness Month activities;
 - b) Communication plans targeting schools, workplaces, and vulnerable sectors;
 - c) Social media campaigns and IEC materials to reduce stigma and encourage help-seeking behavior.

**ARTICLE V
REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS AND DATA MANAGEMENT**

SECTION 10. DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

The MHO shall ensure the quarterly submission of reports on mental health cases, including:

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- a) The number of individuals diagnosed with mental health conditions;
 - b) Demographic profiles and common presenting symptoms;
 - c) Treatment outcomes and service utilization rates.

SECTION 11. CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PRIVACY

All data collected shall be treated with strict confidentiality, adhering to the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173).

**ARTICLE VI
CAPACITY BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS**

SECTION 12. TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The Municipality, in partnership with DOH-accredited training institutions, shall conduct regular capacity-building programs for:

- a) Barangay Health Workers (BHWs);
- b) Mental Health Focal Persons (MHFPs);
- c) Social workers, teachers, and law enforcement personnel.

ARTICLE VII REFERRAL SYSTEM AND LINKAGES TO HIGHER LEVELS OF CARE

SECTION 13. REFERRAL PROTOCOLS

A Referral System shall be established to ensure seamless coordination between RHU and:

- a) Tertiary hospitals for specialized psychiatric care;
- b) Non-government organizations (NGOs) and mental health institutions for psychosocial interventions;
- c) Emergency crisis hotlines for immediate psychological support.

ARTICLE VIII FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, resolutions, and local policies inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ENACTED this 9th day of September 2025 at the Municipality of San Agustin, Province of Surigao del Sur by unanimous votes of Sangguniang Bayan Members present.

ATTESTED:


~~ALEX L. DE GUZMAN~~
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


~~EMERICK A. QUEVEDO~~
Acting Secretary

APPROVED:


~~NICOLAS O. ALAMEDA, CE, MPA~~
Municipal Mayor

Date of Approval: September 18, 2025