



Republic of the Philippines
 PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
 Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
 Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
 OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD ON THE 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

PRESENT:

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Vice Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Arthur Christopher D. Marañon	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Atty. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez IV	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SK Rep.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo	Member - 5 th District
------------------------	-----------------------------------

ABSENT (ON-LEAVE):

Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.
-------------------------------	-------------------

**ORDINANCE NO. 001
 Series of 2026**

AN ORDINANCE REORGANIZING THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL PROVINCIAL LOCAL AIDS COUNCIL (NOPLAC) FOR THE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, PREVENTION, AND CONTROL OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION (STI), HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV), AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11166, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

Authored by:

DR. ROWELA A. GERZON; EDJOHN A. JAVELLANA, RN MAN; REGALADO C. AGUHAYON, RN MN JD

Sponsored by Joint Committee:
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

HON. ARACELI SOMOSA, Chairman ;
HON. RITA ANGELA GATUSLAO, Vice Chairman

Members:

HON. LAURENCE MARXLEN DE LA CRUZ, HON. PATRICIA PAULA ALONSO-VALDERRAMA;
HON. ARTHUR CHRISTOPHER MARAÑON

and

COMMITTEE OF LAWS, RULES, AND ORDINANCES
HON. SIXTO TEOFILO ROXAS V. GUANZON, JR., Chairman
HON. ATTY. HOPE MAREY DEPASUCAT-SAZON, Vice Chairman

Members:

HON. ARACELI T. SOMOSA; HON. ARTHUR CHRISTOPHER MARAÑON;
HON. LAURENCE MARXLEN DE LA CRUZ

[Handwritten signature and a blue question mark]



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 2 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

WHEREAS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a disease that recognizes no territorial, social, political, or economic boundaries, for which there is no known cure.

WHEREAS, the Philippines has one of the fastest-growing HIV epidemics in the Western Pacific region (Cousins, 2018) and the world. A 327% increase in annual new HIV infections was observed in the country from 2010 to 2021. Data from the National HIV/AIDS and STI Surveillance and Strategic Information Unit (NHSSS, 2022) of the DOH Epidemiology Bureau show that the estimated PLHIV in 2022 (158,400) is projected to increase by more than twofold by 2030 (364,000).

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11166, the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act of 2018, mandates a comprehensive national response to the HIV and AIDS epidemic.

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize the Provincial AIDS Council in Negros Occidental to localize and implement the provisions of RA No. 11166, ensuring an integrated prevention and control program for STI, HIV, and AIDS.

WHEREAS, as of December 2024, the Philippines has 135,026 or 63% of estimated PLHIV who have been diagnosed or laboratory confirmed, and are currently living or not reported to have died based on the HIV and AIDS Registry of the Philippines (HARP). In Negros Occidental, the total number of reported cases from 1986 to December 2024 is 1725.

WHEREAS, due to the passage of RA 11166 or the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act 2018, Provincial Ordinance No. 2018-017 or the 2018 Provincial AIDS Council of Negros Occidental needs to be amended for the reason of policy alignment to new national law which repealed the RA No. 8504 or the Philippine AIDS Prevention and Control Act of 1998.

WHEREAS, to better grasp and deal with the situation locally, there is a need to reorganize the Provincial AIDS Council, which shall formulate and supervise an integrated prevention and control program in the province, and allocate more resources for such.

BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Negros Occidental in Regular Session duly assembled to enact this ordinance to wit:

I. TITLE AND PURPOSE

1. BRIEF TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE REORGANIZING THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL PROVINCIAL LOCAL AIDS COUNCIL (NOPLAC) FOR THE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, PREVENTION, AND CONTROL OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION (STI), HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV), AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11166, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES" ?



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 3 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

2. PURPOSE

The Council is created to be the central advisory, planning, and policy-making body for:

- a. The prevention and control of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), in accordance with RA 11166;
- b. Defining the functions of the Council and its Technical Working Group (TWG);
- c. Providing responses through programs, projects, and other related initiatives and purposes;
- d. Providing technical assistance to the respective LGUs or Local AIDS Council of the different municipalities and component cities in the Province of Negros Occidental; and
- e. Ensuring the establishment and operation of Local AIDS Councils in all municipalities and component cities in the Province of Negros Occidental.

II. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. DEFINITION OF TERMS - As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall align with the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act of 2018 and are defined as follows:

- a. **Anal Sex** - a form of sexual intercourse, in which the anus performs the sexual function of the vagina.
- b. **Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)** - a condition characterized by a combination of signs and symptoms caused by HIV contracted from another person, which attacks and weakens the body's immune system, making the afflicted individual susceptible to other life-threatening infections.
- c. **Compulsory HIV Testing** - refers to HIV testing imposed upon a person attended to or characterized by lack of consent, use of physical force, intimidation, or any form of compulsion.
- d. **Contact Tracing** - refers to the method of finding and counseling the sexual partner(s) of a person who has been diagnosed as having Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI).
- e. **Entertainment Establishments** - refer to business establishments which include but are not limited to the following: bars, night clubs, disco houses, beer houses, cocktail lounges, massage clinics, karaoke bars / sing along pub houses, hotels, motels, lodging houses, saunas and other similar establishments wherein the services of hired entertainers are employed and patrons are entertained and thus, secured a permit to operate within the municipality/city.
- f. **HIV Transmission** - refers to the transfer of HIV from one infected person to an uninfected individual, most commonly through sexual intercourse, blood transfusion, sharing of intravenous needles, and during pregnancy.
- g. **HIV Treatment hubs** - refer to private and public hospitals or medical establishments accredited by the DOH to have the capacity and facilities to provide treatment and care services to PLHIV.
- h. **Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)** - refers to the virus which causes AIDS.
- i. **Informed Consent** - refers to the voluntary agreement of a person to undergo or be subjected to a procedure based on full information, whether such permission is written or conveyed verbally. ?



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 4 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

- j. **Key Population** - Groups at higher risk of HIV, as defined in RA No. 11166, include the following:
- a. **Males having Sex with other Males (MSM)** - refers to all men who engage in sexual and/or romantic relations with other men.
 - b. **Transgender having Sex with other Males (TSM)** - refers to people who have a gender identity or gender expression that differs from their assigned sex at birth and who engage in sexual and/or romantic relations with men.
 - c. **Injecting Drug Users** - refers to persons who use illicit drugs. The drugs are injected directly into the body, into a vein, into a muscle, or under the skin with a needle and syringe. Blood-borne viruses, including HIV and Hepatitis, can be transmitted via shared needles or other drug injection equipment.
 - d. **Young Key Population** - refers to young populations between the ages of 10-24 years old engaging in behaviors that put them at risk for HIV infection, including but not limited to adolescents, young MSM, transgender people, and people who inject or use drugs.
- k. **Medical Confidentiality** - refers to the relationship of trust and confidence created or existing between a patient or a person with HIV and his attending physician, consulting medical specialist, nurse, medical technologist and all other health workers or personnel involved in any counseling, testing or professional care of the former, it also applies to any person who, in any official capacity, has acquired or may have acquired such confidential information.
- l. **Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) or Migrant Workers** - refers to persons who are to be engaged, are engaged, or have been engaged in a remunerated activity in a state of which they are not citizens or on board a vessel navigating the foreign seas other than a government ship used for military or non-commercial purposes, or on an installation located offshore or on high seas. "**Persons to be engaged in a remunerated activity**" refers to applicant workers who have been promised or assumed employment overseas.
- m. **Person Living with HIV (PLHIV)** - refers to any individual diagnosed with HIV.
- n. **Ports of Entry/Exit** - refers to a place where people or goods may lawfully enter or exit the province.
- o. **Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)** - refers to a preventive medical treatment started immediately after exposure to a pathogen (HIV) in order to prevent infection by the pathogen and the development of the disease;
- p. **Post-Test Counseling** - refers to the process of providing risk-reduction information and emotional support to a person who submitted to HIV testing at the time that the test result is released.
- q. **Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)** - refers to the use of prescription drugs as a strategy for the prevention of HIV infection by people who do not have HIV and AIDS. It is an optional treatment, which may be taken by people who are HIV-negative but who have a substantially higher-than-average risk of contracting an HIV infection.
- r. **Pre-test Counseling** - refers to the process of providing an individual with information on the biomedical aspects of HIV AIDS, and emotional support to any psychological implications of undergoing HIV testing and the test result itself before the individual is subjected to the test.
- s. **Provider-initiated Counseling and Testing (PICT)** - refers to a health care provider initiating HIV testing for a person practicing high-risk behavior or vulnerable to HIV after conducting HIV pre-test counseling. A person may elect to decline or defer testing such that consent is conditional.

3.
a



(Page 5 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

- t. **Safer Sex Practices** - refers to choices made and behaviors adopted by a person to reduce or minimize the risk of HIV transmission. These may include postponing sexual debut, non-penetrative sex, and correct and consistent use of male or female condoms. And reducing the number of sexual partners.
- u. **Social Protection** - refers to a set of policies and programs designed to reduce poverty and vulnerability by promoting efficient labor markets, diminishing people's exposure to risks, and enhancing their capacity to protect themselves against hazards, interruptions, or loss of income.
- v. **Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)** - are diseases acquired from sexual contact, such as but not limited to gonorrhea, syphilis, trichomoniasis, chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, hepatitis B, bacterial vaginosis, scabies, pubic lice, HIV, and AIDS.
- w. **Vaginal Sex** - sexual intercourse in which the penis is inserted in the vagina.
- x. **Voluntary HIV Testing** - refers to HIV testing done on an individual who, after having undergone pre-test counseling, willingly submits himself/herself to such test.
- y. **Vulnerable populations** – refers to migrant workers, people in closed settings, people with disabilities, and partners of KP, women, and children.
- z. **Workplace** - refers to the office, premise, or work site where workers are habitually employed and shall include the office or place where workers, with no fixed or definite work site, regularly report for assignment in the course of their employment.

III. POLICY-MAKING BODY

1a. GENERAL FUNCTION OF POLICY-MAKING BODY – NEGROS OCCIDENTAL PROVINCIAL LOCAL AIDS COUNCIL (NOPLAC) is hereby reorganized as a Local AIDS Council (LAC) under RA No. 11166 to oversee the implementation of this ordinance which is the composition of the Negros Occidental Provincial Local Aids Council (NOPLAC) is hereby properly defined as a Policy-Making Body that will be responsible with the following directions and authority as well as definition of its functions

1. It is the central policy-making body that will guide the direction of the provincial direction of the provincial efforts to curve-out its aids problem.
2. Recommend to the Provincial Board Members for an enactment of the necessary Resolution or Legislative action in order to concretize what has been duly formulated as a policy direction.
3. It shall also coordinate with other agencies and offices in order to fully achieve what is being defined in its objective and responsibility.
4. It shall also perform functions as may be required.

1b. SPECIFIC FUNCTION

ROLES, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NOPLAC. The NOPLAC shall have the following roles, duties, and responsibilities consistent with RA No. 11166:

1. Formulate policies and strategies consistent with the provisions of RA No. 11166 or the Philippine HIV/AIDS Act of 2018 for the prevention and control of STI, HIV and AIDS in the Province of Negros Occidental
2. Coordinate activities, mobilize measures, and strengthen working relationships among government and non-government agencies and other stakeholders involved in the campaign against STIs, HIV, and AIDS;
3. Promote information, education, and communication campaigns on STI, HIV, and AIDS prevention and control; and ensure that such efforts reach and benefit the key population;

 7.



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
 Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
 Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 6 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

4. Develop an annual STI, HIV, and AIDS prevention/action plan with a corresponding budget, bearing in mind that the services should be non-discriminatory and must observe the civil, political, economic, and social rights of everyone;
5. Identify and prepare remedies to problems in program implementation, program coordination, and gaps in policy guidelines; and enhance local multi-sectoral response to STI, HIV, and AIDS concerns;
6. Monitor and enhance the implementation of RA No. 11166 or the Philippine HIV/AIDS Act of 2018 and serve as the oversight committee to review this ordinance;
7. Promote skills development and capability building, advocacy programs and develop strategies to benefit the key population;
8. Recommend to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to enact, amend or repeal ordinances that shall assist in the control and prevention of STI, HIV and AIDS;
9. Assist in sourcing funds, request for funding and recommend allocation of resources to ensure availability of medication, medical services and treatment facilities.

2. COMPOSITION OF POLICY-MAKING BODY - it shall compose of a multi-representative which will be headed by the Provincial Governor acting as the Overall Chairman with the Overall Vice-Chairman that will assume responsibilities in the absence of the Overall Chairman at the same time shall be responsible directly and indirectly on the meetings, conventions, and conferences of the policy-making body.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION – The Negros Occidental Provincial Local AIDS Council is hereby reorganized and is now composed of the following persons and/or heads, representatives of the following offices and their short descriptions, to wit:

1.	Provincial Governor	Overall Chairman
2.	Provincial Health Officer	Overall Vice Chairman
3.	Provincial STI, HIV and AIDS Focal Point Person	Secretariat
4.	Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee Chairman on Health and Social Services	Member
5.	Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee Chairman on Education, Information and Communications Technology	Member
6.	Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer	Member
7.	Provincial Planning and Development Officer	Member
8.	Provincial Department of the Interior and Local Government Officer	Member
9.	Department of Health Representative	Member
10.	Department of Education Representative	Member
11.	Commission on Higher Education/Academe Representative	Member
12.	Philippine National Police Representative	Member
13.	Representative from FAITH BASED Organization	Member
14.	Representative from LGBTQ community	Member
15.	Representative from an Organization of People Living with HIV (PLHIV)	Member (2)
16.	Representative from Tourism	Member
17.	Representative from the Negros Occidental-Association of Municipal/City Health of The Philippines (AM/CHOP)	Member
18.	Representative from Youth Organizations in the Province of Negros Occidental	Member
19.	Representative from the Kapisanan ng mga Broadcaster's ng Pilipinas – Negros Occidental Chapter	Member
20.	Negros ACE-Negros Association of Chief of Executive	Member
21.	League of Municipal Mayor	Member
22.	PDRRM	Member
23.	PESO	Member
24.	PIO	Member
25.	SK	Member
26.	DOLE	Member
27.	Liga sa Barangay	Member
28.	Provincial Legal Office (PLO)	Member
29.	Population Development Office (POPCOM)	Member



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 7 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

1. Provincial Governor – Chairperson - guides the implementation of policies aimed at preventing and addressing HIV/AIDS, ensuring that health initiatives are prioritized in governance.
2. Provincial Health Officer - Vice Chairperson - focuses on managing and coordinating HIV/AIDS prevention and intervention programs, providing essential support to the chairperson in leading health initiatives.
3. Provincial STI, HIV, and AIDS Focal Point Person – responsible for data management, program coordination, and communication to foster a comprehensive response to the epidemic.
4. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee Chairman on Health and Social Services – Member - advocates for policies that integrate HIV/AIDS services within broader health and social welfare programs, promoting access and support for affected individuals.
5. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee Chairman on Education, Information and Communications Technology - ensures young people receive accurate information on prevention and stigma reduction.
6. Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer – Member – implements social welfare programs that address the needs of people living with HIV, ensuring that social support services are accessible and responsive.
7. Provincial Planning and Development Officer – Member- integrates HIV/AIDS considerations into provincial development plans, ensuring that health promotion and disease prevention are foundational to long-term development strategies.
8. Provincial Department of the Interior and Local Government Officer - ensures that local governance structures support HIV/AIDS initiatives, fostering collaboration between local and national health strategies.
9. Department of Health Representative – Member - ensures local efforts align with national HIV/AIDS policies, providing guidance on effective health interventions.
10. Department of Education Representative – Member - promotes the inclusion of HIV/AIDS education in the school curriculum, focusing on risk reduction, stigma reduction, and fostering a supportive environment for students.
11. Commission on Higher Education/Academe Representative – Member- advocates for research and higher education programs that address HIV/AIDS, supporting the development of future health professionals.
12. Philippine National Police Representative – Member- addresses health and safety issues related to HIV/AIDS, fostering community trust and supporting public health campaigns aimed at prevention.
13. Representative from Faith-Based Organization – Member - promotes compassionate responses to HIV/AIDS, integrating faith perspectives into health initiatives, and reducing stigma.
14. Representative from LGBTQ Community – Member - ensures that the specific needs of the LGBTQ community are addressed within HIV prevention and treatment programs.
15. Representative from an Organization of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) - Member (2)- inform policies and ensures that the voices of those living with HIV are addressed as part of the response strategy.
16. Representative from Tourism – Member - focuses on health initiatives that promote safe tourism practices, including education on HIV prevention among tourists and the local community.
17. Representative from the Negros Occidental-Association of Municipal/City Health of The Philippines (AM/CHOP) – Member- shares insights and best practices for effective HIV/AIDS responses across municipalities.

7.



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 8 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

18. Representative from Youth Organizations in the Province of Negros Occidental – Member -focuses on engaging young people in HIV prevention efforts, addressing their unique challenges and encouraging peer support initiatives.
19. Representative from the Kapisanan ng mga Broadcaster's ng Pilipinas – Negros Occidental Chapter – Member - promotes accurate information and confidentiality about HIV/AIDS, challenging stigma and misinformation in the community.
20. Negros ACE-Negros Association of Chief Executives – Member- fosters collaboration among government executives to enhance community health responses to HIV/AIDS, ensuring policies reflect the needs of affected populations.
21. League of Municipal Mayors – Member- collaborates with municipal leaders to synchronize regional efforts in preventing and addressing HIV/AIDS, advocating for comprehensive health policies at the local level.

Membership may be increased by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan upon the recommendation of the Council.

The NOPLAC may, as necessary, invite to its meetings and activities other government agencies, NGOs, and experts, who have relevant expertise that may be useful to accomplish its functions under this Ordinance.

Non-Government Organizations and Civil Society Organizations shall be accredited in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Province of Negros Occidental. The Provincial Governor shall issue guidelines on the qualifications, nomination, and selection of NGO or CSO representatives to the NOPLAC.

4. Meetings and Quorum – The NOPLAC shall meet at least twice a year at any venue, the notice of the meeting including the agenda, shall be sent to members at least one (1) month before the scheduled meeting, except in case of emergencies, in which case, a 48-hour notice shall be sufficient.

The presence of the Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, or Vice Chairperson and at least 10 permanent members of the NOPLAC shall constitute a quorum to do business, and a majority vote of those present shall be sufficient to render decisions.

4a. Secretariat – The NOPLAC shall be supported by Negros Occidental Provincial Health Office, serving as secretariat, members of which shall be appointed by the Department Head.

IV. IMPLEMENTING ARM (PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACTION UNIT)

- 1. FUNCTION OF IMPLEMENTING ARM** shall be called as **NEGROS OCCIDENTAL STI, HIV, AIDS, PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACTION PLAN**. Within three (3) months from the effectivity of this Ordinance and every One (1) year thereafter, the NOPLAC shall develop a Negros Occidental STI, HIV, AIDS Prevention and Control Action Plan.
- 2. COMPOSITION OF IMPLEMENTING ARM** - it shall be composed of the Provincial Health Office as the operation chairman and members that may be designated by the Overall Chairman, in this case the Provincial Governor.

7.



(Page 9 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

3. CONTENT – The Action Plan shall be oriented towards the Province’s Vision of zero deaths, transmissions, and discrimination and shall include:

- i. Interim targets;
- ii. Strategies;
- iii. Activities;
- iv. Projected outcomes;
- v. Expected outputs;
- vi. Estimated budget and funding source;
- vii. Responsible office, person, or organization;
- viii. Monitoring and evaluation plan;
- ix. Timeline

4. Evaluation – The NOPLAC shall evaluate the Action Plan every One (1) year and update the same as needed. The NOPLAC shall, within six (6) months after the termination of the current Action Plan, submit a written report on the implementation of the Action Plan to the Province Governor and Provincial Council.

5. Local Health Investment Plan – The NOPLAC shall ensure that the Action Plan is aligned and integrated in the Province’s Local Health Investment Plan.

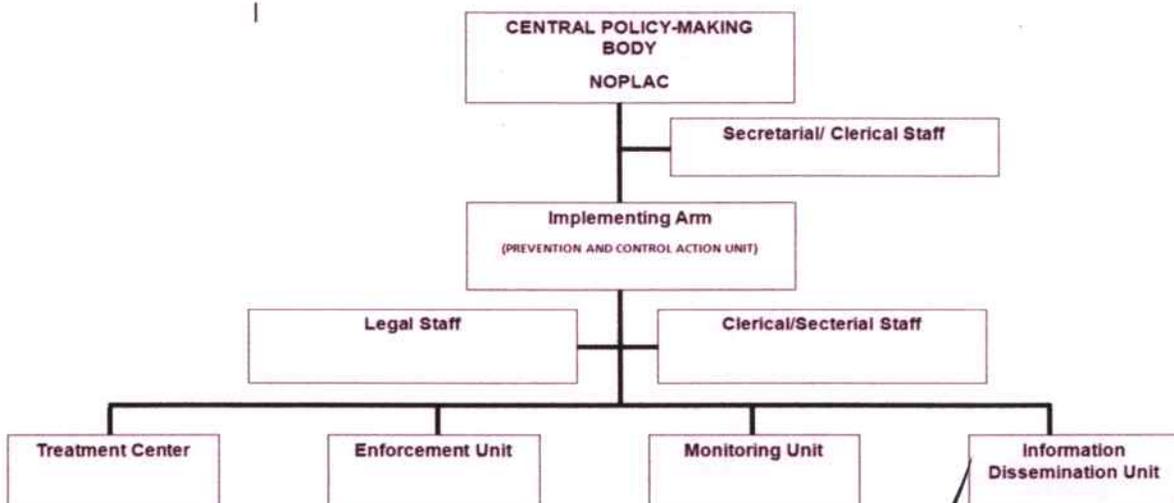
6. Funding. Funds necessary for the operation of the Council shall be charged under the General Fund. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of the ordinance shall be appropriated accordingly under the Annual Executive Budget. All municipalities and cities shall also coordinate their own funds for their respective local councils. Nothing precludes PNAC from receiving funds from other sources.

7. Secretariat of the Council - The Secretariat of the Council shall perform the following duties and functions:

- a. Prepare the agenda of the meetings of the Council and record the minutes of the same;
- b. Shall keep all the records of the Council;
- c. Collate reports from member agencies of the Council;
- d. Submit to the Chairperson and copy furnish to the Vice-Chairperson of the Council an Annual Accomplishment Report of the Council; and
- e. Send communication letters relative to the schedule of meetings of the Council.

V. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION (NOPLAC)



[Handwritten signature] 7.



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 10 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

- A. Central Policy-Making Body
 - a. It must have its own purpose
 - a2. Its own composition
 - a3. Its own function

- B. Implementing Arm
 - a1. It must have its defined function
 - a2. It must have its own composition
 - a3. It must have a Secretarial/ Clerical group
 - a4. The line function of the Implementing Arm must include the following:
 - a) Rehabilitation Confinement Center.
 - b) Enforcement Unit
 - c) Monitoring Unit
 - d) Information Dissemination Group

- C. Inter-Local Government Unit (LGU) duplication of similar function under the principle of a province-wide program every thirty-one (31) LGU is hereby encouraged enjoined and mandated to adopt similar Organizational Structure within their own respective locality and therefore a copy of this Ordinance is hereby furnished every LGU for purposes of guidance and compliance to adopt this Ordinance.

VI. EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

1. **NATURE AND SCOPE**- Education programs shall include human rights, non-discrimination, and HIV Prevention, targeting students, key populations, and the general public, as mandated by RA No. 11166.

2. **TRAINING OF PEER EDUCATORS** - All persons who will conduct an education information activity on STI, HIV, and AIDS shall be required to undergo a seminar or training accredited by the Department of Health (DOH). The DOH shall certify the competency of persons or organizations conducting STI, HIV, and AIDS education with the concurrence of the council.

3. **EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES** - The Council shall encourage the Department of Education (DepEd) to integrate subjects taught in public and private schools at elementary, secondary, and tertiary levels, the STI, HIV, and AIDS education specifically on the causes, modes of transmission and ways of preventing STI, HIV and AIDS. It shall also be integrated into the non-formal education program and into the indigenous learning systems. Family Development Sessions conducted in the communities shall also include topics such as STI, HIV, and AIDS.

4. **EDUCATION IN ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS** - Operators and/or managers and entertainers of entertainment establishments shall attend seminars of STI, HIV and AIDS prevention and control conducted by the Municipal and City Health Office or operators and/or managers shall develop, implement and evaluate a workplace on STI, HIV and AIDS education and information program for all the entertainers.

3.
✓



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 11 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

5. **EDUCATION IN OTHER WORKPLACES** - In compliance with Department Order No. 102-10, Series of 2010 of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and Announcement No. 21, Series of 2010 of the Commission of Civil Service, the STI, HIV and AIDS education shall be integrated in the orientation, training, continuing education and other human resource development programs of employees and employers in the government and private offices. Employers shall develop, implement, and evaluate a workplace on STI, HIV, and AIDS education and information program for all their workers.
6. **EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITIES** - Local Government Units (LGUs) through their health, social welfare, and population offices shall undertake an STI, HIV, and AIDS education and information program in their communities in coordination with non-government organizations and civil society groups.
7. **INFORMATION FOR TOURISTS AND TRANSIENTS** - Informational materials for STI, HIV, and AIDS shall be adequately provided at all ports of entry or exit.
8. **INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AS HEALTH SERVICE** - STI, HIV, and AIDS education shall form part of the services of health workers in both the government and private sectors. The information dissemination on STI, HIV, and AIDS shall be discussions on HIV-related ethical issues such as confidentiality, informed consent and the duty to provide treatment.
9. **MASS MEDIA** - The Council shall conduct information dissemination through the mass media, in partnership with the Public Information and Community Affairs Office and the media organizations and establishments in the province.

VII. OTHER PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS

1. **PROMOTION OF PROPHYLACTICS AND INFORMATION MATERIALS FOR PREVENTION** - To prevent STI and HIV infection, all entertainment establishments are required to make available and accessible prophylactics (e.g. condoms) and information materials on STI, HIV, and AIDS prevention and control within their establishments and to provide guidance on correct and consistent use of the same. They shall place posters containing such information within their premises, particularly in comfort rooms and dressing rooms.

VIII. REGULAR MEDICAL EXAMINATION

1. **REGULAR STI SCREENING FOR ENTERTAINERS AND OTHERS WITH SIMILAR OCCUPATIONS** - All entertainers and others with similar occupations shall be encouraged to undergo a voluntary medical checkup (gram staining) once a month at the Social Hygiene Clinic in their respective Municipal/City Health Office and secure a health certificate.

IX. DECLARATION OF AIDS AWARENESS MONTH

1. **DECLARATION OF AIDS AWARENESS MONTH** - The month of December, being the World AIDS Prevention Month, is hereby declared as AIDS Awareness Month in the Province of Negros Occidental. The Council shall spearhead the advocacy programs during the said month and ensure that appropriate funds for these events shall be appropriated, allocated, and sourced out. 7.



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 12 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

X. SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINIC

1. PURPOSE - A Social Hygiene Clinic in every Municipal City Health Office is encouraged by the Council to be established. This shall be at the frontline of STI, HIV, and AIDS prevention and control. It shall be strengthened by the Provincial Government through the provision of adequate technical and logistical support, facilities, and funding.

XI. SAFE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

1. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST HIV TRANSMISSION. In accordance with the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, all health care providers, agencies, and service establishments shall adopt the following updated principles and guidelines to prevent HIV transmission:

- a. **Enhanced Universal Precautions and Infection Control:** All procedures including the donation of blood, tissues, or organs; surgical, dental, tattooing, embalming, and similar interventions; and the handling, disposition, or management of cadavers, body fluids, and wastes from persons known or reasonably suspected to be HIV-positive must be governed by upgraded universal precautions. These standards call for the strict observance of evidence-based infection control protocols, as provided in the revised Department of Health guidelines under RA No. 11166. Every facility shall ensure that these practices are continuously reviewed and updated in light of emerging scientific and epidemiological evidence.
- b. **Upholding Human Rights and Non-Discrimination:** In all contexts where HIV-related risks are present, service providers must ensure that the rights, dignity, and confidentiality of every person are protected. Procedures should be performed only after obtaining informed consent, and no person shall be subjected to stigma or discrimination on the basis of real or perceived HIV status. These measures resonate with the Act's commitment to a human right-based approach that guarantees equal access to quality care and the safeguarding of each individual's privacy.
- c. **Multi-Sectoral Coordination and Community Engagement:** Consistent with the multi-sectoral approach endorsed by RA No. 11166, the effective implementation of these precautions requires collaborative engagement among government agencies, private sector entities, community organizations, and stakeholders. Regular consultations and coordinated training programs should be undertaken to ensure that all parties are informed, aligned, and fully capable of meeting the enhanced safety protocols against HIV transmission.

XII. TESTING, SCREENING AND COUNSELING

1. VOLUNTARY HIV TESTING - No compulsory HIV testing shall be allowed. However, voluntary testing for individuals at high risk of contracting HIV shall be encouraged.

2. PROHIBITIONS ON COMPULSORY HIV TESTING - Compulsory HIV testing as a precondition to employment, admission to educational institutions, the exercise of freedom of abode, entry or continued stay in the country, or the right to travel, the provision of medical service or any other kind of service, or the continued enjoyment of said undertakings shall be deemed unlawful.

7.

9



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 13 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

3. **EXCEPTIONS** - Conditions for voluntary HIV testing and exceptions to compulsory HIV testing, as provided in RA No. 11166, shall be strictly observed.
4. **ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING** - The Social Hygiene Clinics and HIV Testing Centers shall guarantee anonymity and medical confidentiality in the conduct of the HIV test. The use of an assumed name or code name instead of a real name, and written informed consent using the said assumed or code name, is allowed.
5. **PRE-TEST AND POST-TEST COUNSELING** - The HIV Testing Center shall be required to provide free pre-test and post-test counseling for persons who avail of their HIV testing services as mandated by RA No. 11166.

XIII. HEALTH AND SUPPORT SERVICES

1. **ACCESS TO SERVICES** - Persons with STI, HIV, and AIDS shall have access to basic health and support services through the community and hospital-based programs without prejudice to optimum medical care, which may be provided by special AIDS wards and hospitals.
2. **ETHICS OF CARE** - Health workers providing health services, examinations, and education to clients shall adhere to the basic principles of ethics of care. They shall also be sensitive to gender and sexual orientation in their treatment of patients, informing them of their rights, including the right to file charges for abuse committed against them.
3. **LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS AND TRAININGS** - The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) are encouraged to conduct livelihood, skills enhancement, and cooperative programs, and they shall be made available to all persons with HIV and AIDS.
4. **CONTROL OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIs)** - The Council shall pursue the prevention and control of STIs to help contain the spread of HIV infection.

XIV. MONITORING, REPORTING, AND DOCUMENTATION

1. **MONITORING AND REPORTING** - The Council, in coordination with the DOH, shall develop a comprehensive STI, HIV, and AIDS monitoring program and reporting procedures on the prevalence of such disease in the province. The Council shall integrate its monitoring efforts with the national framework under RA No. 11166, coordinating with DOH and PNAC.
2. **DOCUMENTATION** - STI, HIV, and AIDS contact tracing activities shall be initiated by the DOH in coordination with the Council. All other related activities shall be monitored and reported by the Council. Any information gathered shall remain confidential and shall not be used in any way to become the basis or qualification for employment, school admission, freedom of abode, or travel. ?



(Page 14 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

XV. CONFIDENTIALITY

1. **HANDLING OF MEDICAL INFORMATION** - Any person in custody of medical records or test results shall strictly observe confidentiality in handling all medical information, particularly the identity and status of persons with HIV. Exceptions to the mandate of confidentiality and to the regulations on the release of HIV/AIDS test results shall strictly adhere to the provisions of Section 46 of RA No. 11166.
2. **DISCLOSURE TO SPOUSE OR SEXUAL PARTNER** - Any person with HIV is obliged to disclose his/her status and health condition to his/her spouse or sexual partner at the earliest opportune time.

XVI. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PERSON WITH HIV/AIDS

1. **DISCRIMINATORY ACTS AND POLICIES** – As provided under RA No. 11166, the following are considered discriminatory against a person on the basis of actual, perceived, or suspected HIV/AIDS status and are considered unlawful:
 - a. Denial of hiring, promotion, assignment, or benefits from employment and termination of work;
 - b. Refusal of admission, participation in school activities, benefits, and services to a student, segregation or expulsion;
 - c. Abridgment of freedom of abode, lodging, and travel, quarantine, isolation, or refusal of lawful entry into the province;
 - d. Disqualification from an election or appointive office;
 - e. Exclusion from credit and insurance services, including health, accident, and life insurance;
 - f. Refusal of health care services or being charged with a higher fee; and
 - g. Denial of decent burial services;
 - h. and other similar and analogous acts.

XVII. PENAL PROVISIONS

1. **PROHIBITED ACTS.** It shall be unlawful for any person, establishment, institution, or agency to commit any of the following acts:
 - a) Obstruct, prohibit, or refuse the implementation of Education in Entertainment Establishments, as provided under Section 13 of this Ordinance;
 - b) Restrict or prohibit the promotion, distribution, or display of prophylactics and information materials for prevention, as provided under Section 17;
 - c) Conduct or enforce compulsory HIV testing in violation of the provisions under Section 23;
 - d) Violate the principles and standards of Ethics of Care in the delivery of HIV-related services, as outlined in Section 28;
 - e) Improperly handle, disclose, or use confidential medical information in violation of Section 35.
2. **DISCRIMINATORY ACTS.** It shall likewise be unlawful for any person, natural or juridical, to commit any discriminatory act or enforce any policy that directly or indirectly discriminates against a person based on their actual, perceived, or suspected HIV status, as provided under Section 36 of this Ordinance.

3.



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 15 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

3. PENALTIES

- A. Any person, or group of persons, or establishment found guilty of committing any of the punishable acts enumerated in Article XV shall be meted out with the following penalties:
1. On the first offense, a fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P 3,000.00) or an imprisonment of four (4) months, at the discretion of the court.
 2. On the second offense, a fine of Four Thousand Pesos (P 4,000.00) or an imprisonment not exceeding eight (8) months, at the discretion of the court.
 3. On the third offense, a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P 5,000.00) or an imprisonment of twelve (12) months, and/or suspension or revocation of business permit and license to operate, at the discretion of the court.
- B. For a group of persons or an establishment, the penalties shall be imposed on the president or manager in case of a company, corporation, or association; the owner, proprietor, or operator in case of a single proprietorship; or the administrator in case of government property, office, or building. All fines collected shall be used to finance STI, HIV, and AIDS programs, projects, and campaigns of the province.

Furthermore, applicable special laws shall also impose the corresponding penalties stated therein, along with other relevant penalties.

XVIII. FUNDING

1. **BUDGETARY REQUIREMENT** - Funds necessary for the operation of the Council and implementation of this Ordinance shall be Php 2,000,000.00 and subsequently, any increase shall be charged accordingly under the General Fund. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this ordinance shall be appropriated accordingly under the Annual Executive Budget. All municipalities and cities shall also appropriate their own funds for their respective Local AIDS Council.

XIX. RULE OF INTERPRETATION

It shall include that any provision not thereto spelled out shall construed in favor of the Overall Vice Chairman of the Policy-Making Body.

XX. ADOPTION CLAUSE

Enjoining all thirty-one (31) Local Government Unit to adopt and develop similar Ordinance in their own locality

XXI. SUPERSEDING CLAUSE

This Ordinance supersedes previous Ordinance or other issuances or orders. Likewise, it also amends, modify, all provision not consistent with the provision of Ordinance.

XXII. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

All agencies and offices of the government and private sectors shall implement this ordinance in coordination with the Council.



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
Old Capitol Building, Bacolod City
Tel. No. 707-8075 (Admin) * 435-7698 (Board Member) * 709-0121 (Legislative Division)
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

(Page 16 of SP Ordinance. No. 001, Series of 2026)

XXIII. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Council shall, in consultation with the concerned offices, departments, associations, public agencies, private organizations, and non-government organizations, formulate the implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this ordinance.

XXIV. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If for any reason, any section of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other sections which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force or in effect.

XXV. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, rules, and regulations as parts thereof that are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

XXVI. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

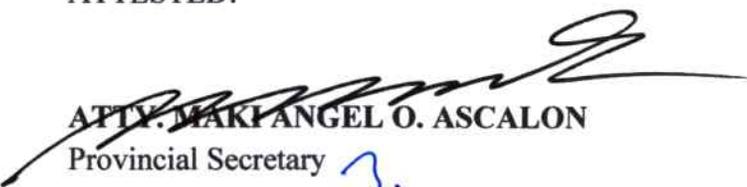
This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Negros Occidental.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

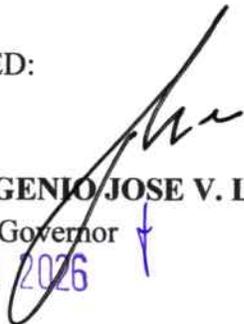
CERTIFIED CORRECT:


HON. JOSE BENITO A. ALONSO
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MAK ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary

APPROVED:


HON. EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor

MAR 11 2026