III. COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Section 9. PSYCHIATRIC, PSYCHOSOCIAL, AND NEUROLOGIC SERVICES IN MUNICIPAL

RURAL HEALTH UNIT. A psychiatric, psychosocial, and neurologic services in the municipality, which shall serve as a community-based mental health care center of the Municipal Government.

a) Out-patient hospital care for those service users exhibiting psychiatric or neurologic symptoms;
b) Linkage and possible supervision of home care services for those with special needs as a consequence of long-term hospitalization, unavailable families, inadequate families, inadequate or noncompliance to treatment;
c) Coordination with drug rehabilitation centers on the care, treatment and rehabilitation of persons suffering from drug or other substance-induced mental, emotional and behavioral disorder, and;
d) Referral system with other health and social welfare programs, both government or non-government, for programs in the prevention of mental illness, the management of these at risk for mental health and psychosocial problems and mental illness or disability.

Section 10. COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER – Each barangay, as a matter of priority, shall establish or provide a counseling center space so that those considered with mental health concerns may be initially evaluated and monitored, for their eventual referral to the proper mental health professional, worker, allied professional, service provider, or facility. In furtherance hereof, barangays are highly encouraged to set aside the amount necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of this Ordinance. Their annual budgets should carry provision and budget to implement this ordinance, which shall be subject to the scrutiny of the Municipal Budget Office before submission to the Sanggunian for approval.

Section 11. CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS FOR BARANGAY FRONTLINE WORKERS. - The Municipal Health Board (Board), as provided under Chapter III hereof, with technical assistance from Department of Health (DOH), shall be responsible for the training of BHWs, and other barangay volunteers on the promotion of mental health. The LGU shall provide them assistance for medical equipment and supplies to carry out their functions. For this purpose, capacity-building activities for mental health issues and those persons- in-distress situations shall be designed by the Board to ensure uniformity and regularity in its conduct for the barangays of the municipality. The Board shall also take into special consideration the expertise of established training groups for this purpose.

IV. MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND/OR SECTORS

Section 12. MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS- In close coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Municipal Mental Health Board, all educational and training institutions in the Municipality, at all levels, shall establish a mental health care system for the students, learners, and personnel, which include the following:

a) A guidance office, which shall be available at any time of the day for students;
b) Appropriate mental health training for school guidance counselors, nurses and doctors, and allied professionals;
c) Training of school teachers for mental health both in classroom and virtual setting, and

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d) Advocacy and promotional activities, and awareness campaigns on the protection and promotion of the right to mental health.

Section 13. MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN WORK INSTITUTIONS. - Employers and municipal government, agencies, and instrumentalities, shall establish a mental health care system. which shall include programs and services for the mental health of the employees.

Section 14. CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS FOR OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. - In close coordination with mental health facilities, academic institutions, and other stakeholders, mental health professionals, worker, and other service providers shall undergo capacity-building, reorientation, and training develop their ability to deliver evidence-based, gender-sensitive, culturally appropriate and human-rights oriented mental health services, with emphasis on the community and public health aspects of mental health. For this purpose, non-government organizations, people's organizations and other entities that are helping in the promotion and advocacy for mental health awareness shall be encouraged to coordinate with the Municipal Health Office and the Board for purpose inclusion in the comprehensive plan to address mental health issues in the Municipality.

V. RIGHTS ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Section 15. ACCESS TO EFFECTIVE AND QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH CARE. - Every constituent shall have the right on equal and non-discriminatory basis, to receive mental health care appropriate to his or her needs and shall be entitled to care and treatment in accordance to the same standards and accessibility as other sick individuals. Likewise, people in far-flung areas and/or highly populated or depressed area/barangays and people from vulnerable sectors such as the children at risk, children in conflict with the law, people deprived of liberty, indigenous people, and women in postpartum shall have the same level of access, and shall be prioritized for regular home visits, access to mobile health care clinics, if possible, based on the guidelines to be set by the Board.

Section 16. CONFIDENTIALITY. All patients or service users with mental illness enjoy the right to confidentiality. Confidentiality of all information, communications, and records including those in Data Privacy Act, in whatever form or medium stored, regarding the patient/service user, any aspect of the patient's/service user's mental health, or any treatment or care received user, which information, communication, and records shall not be disclosed to third parties without written consent of the patients/service user's legal representative, except in some circumstances allowed by law.

Section 17. INFORMED CONSENT TO TREATMENT. Service users must provide informed consent in writing prior to the implementation by mental health professionals, workers, and other service providers of any plan or program of therapy or treatment, including physical or chemical restraint. All persons, including service users, person with disabilities, and minors, shall be presumed to possess legal capacity for the purpose of this Ordinance or any other applicable law, irrespective of the nature or effects of their mental health conditions or disability. Children shall have the right to express their views on all matters affecting themselves and have such views given due consideration in accordance with their age and maturity.

Section 18. ADVANCE DIRECTIVE. Any person seeking the services, established in this ordinance, may set out his/her preference in relation to treatment through a signed, dated, and notarized advance directive executed for the purpose. An advance directive may be revoked by a new advance directive or by a notarized revocation.

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VI MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 19. PENAL PROVISION. - This ordinance strictly prohibits the discrimination against a person with a mental health condition.

a. This Ordinance adopts the penalty clauses provided in Section 44, in relation to Sections 18, 4(c), 4(e), and 5(h) of R.A. No 11036. For this purpose, the Municipal Government of Roxas shall assist any complaint/s in the filing of a case with proper court.

b. Failure to observe the provisions of Chapter V and Chapter VI, Section 21 hereof. the following shall be observed:

1. First offense - the concerned official shall be asked to explain within 24 hours why no appropriate administrative sanction be meted against him/her for failure to comply with the said provision.

2. Second Offense - for failure, despite notice, to comply, the concerned officer shall be meted a fine of one thousand pesos (P1000.00).

3. Third Offense for failure, despite repeated demands to comply, shall be meted with two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00), or an imprisonment of not more than fifteen (15) days, based on the discretion of the court.

If the violation is committed by a public officer, he/she shall also be subject to administrative liability, in addition to the above-mentioned penalties.

For the purpose, the Municipal Legal Officer shall be directed to implement this provision of the Ordinance.

Section 20. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the office of the mayor, in coordination with the Board, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 21. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATIONS. The amount of five Hundred Thousand Pesos (500,000.00) shall be appropriated for the implementation of this ordinance.

Section 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or not valid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the other provisions or part thereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

Section 23. REPEALING AND AMENDATORY CLAUSE. All municipal ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations or any part thereof which are in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 24. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect after twenty-one days upon its approval and posting in three conspicuous public places.

On motion of Councilor Lucille T. Bacay duly seconded by all this Ordinance is hereby ENACTED.

Adopted: 09 February 2026

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