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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3261, S-2024

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM OF GERIATRIC MEDICINE, A SUB SPECIALTY OF INTERNAL MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL, CREATING PLANTILLA POSITIONS, ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Councilors BERNARD R. HERRERA and DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

WHEREAS, the older population is the fastest growing sector of the Philippine population; with the trend expected to continue from year 2025 to 2030, older Filipinos aged 60 years old are projected to account for at least 10% of the total population, making the Philippines an aging society based on UN's definition;

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WHEREAS, Section 65-A(b), Article XIV-A of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 537, as further amended by R.A. 6548, states that it is the duty of the Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH) Director to develop a program of patient care and hospital administration that shall include the establishment, management, operation and maintenance of a hospital organization with clearly defined lines of administration, operational and professional authority and responsibility, functional relationship and lines of communication among its various administrative and operational units and positions involved in the clinical and nursing aspects of patient care;

WHEREAS, Section 65-A(c), Article XIV-A of R.A. No. 537, as further amended by R.A. 6548, states further that the QCGH Director shall provide for the continued improvement of the hospital and its facilities and services, and for the training of all hospital personnel so that the highest professional level of patient care may be maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Health;

WHEREAS, QCGH was accorded by the Department of Health - a Level 3 accreditation, the highest level of hospital classification for a teaching and training institution with 10 accredited training programs of the different specialty societies, including that of Department of Internal Medicine;

WHEREAS, to better adhere to the provision of Republic Act No. 9994, or the "Expanded Senior Citizen's Act of 2010", there is a need to create a Geriatric Fellowship Training Program that will provide comprehensive geriatric assessment, management and other services to the senior citizens of Quezon City;

WHEREAS, this endeavor is in line with the proposed ordinance of creating a geriatric ward that will address the health care of senior citizens of Quezon City, by the 3 Quezon City Local Government Unit hospital.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROGRAM. - The Geriatric Fellowship Training Program for Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH) is hereby created and established in QCGH to oversee, streamline and centralize the assessment, care and management of out-patient and admitted senior citizens of Quezon City.

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SECTION 2. PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM. – The Geriatric Fellowship Training Program is established for the primary purpose of ensuring the comprehensive geriatric assessment and services that would provide the highest standard of geriatric care to senior citizens of Quezon City through the Quezon City General Hospital.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM. – The 2-year Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program that would provide a detailed guidance for trainees shall cover those who are graduates of a residency training program in acquiring appropriate knowledge, clinical skills and competence to diagnose, treat and care to become Geriatric Specialists.

SECTION 4. MANUAL OF OPERATIONS. – A training manual that will embody the general and specific goals which include the organizational set up, functional relationship, clear lines of communication, policies as well as duties and responsibilities of the trainor and trainees involved in the clinical and administrative aspects of the training program shall be formulated.

SECTION 5. COMPOSITION. – The Geriatric Fellowship Training Program of the Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH) shall be composed of the following staff and qualifications:

Position Title	No of Positions	Salary Grade	Education	Experience	Training	Eligibility
Medical Specialist III (part-time)	1	25	Doctor of Medicine w/ a Certificate as Fellow of the relevant specialty society and/or Diploma of the relevant specialty board	3 yrs. of responsible experience as Medical Specialist I or other related experiences	Must have formal training in their specialty	RA 1080 (Physician)

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Medical Specialist II (part-time)	4	23	Doctor of Medicine with a Certificate as Fellow of the relevant specialty society and/or Diploma of the relevant specialty board	2 years of responsible experience as Medical Specialist I or other related experiences	Must have formal training in their specialty	R.A. 1080 (Physician)
Medical Officer IV (Geriatric Fellow Trainee)	4	23	Doctor of Medicine	1 year of relevant experience	4 hours of relevant training	R.A. 1080 (Physician)

SECTION 6. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. – The aforementioned staff of the Geriatric Fellowship Training Program shall perform the following specific duties and responsibilities, but not limited to:

A. Medical Specialist III (part-time)

- Performs overall supervision of the Geriatric Department;
- Formulate, implement, monitor and update policies and procedures for the Geriatric Department;
- Guide and supervise residents and fellows-in-training in the diagnosis, treatment and management of geriatric cases;
- Evaluate the performance of staff;
- Review financial and annual report of the Department; and
- Act as a resource person or moderator during lay forums and conferences.

B. Medical Specialist II (part-time)

- Accept referrals on all geriatric cases made by residents and fellows-in-training;

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- Assist the Medical Specialist III in guiding and supervising residents and fellows-in-training in the diagnosis, treatment and management of geriatric cases;
- Assists the Medical Specialist III in guiding residents, fellows-in-training and nurse in performing the comprehensive geriatric assessment;
- Assist in formulating policies and guidelines for the Geriatric Center; and
- Act as a resource person or moderator during lay forums and conferences.

C. Medical Officer IV (Geriatric Fellow Trainee)

- See all cases admitted or referred under the service of the geriatric center's consultants or service patient and inform the attending consultant of the admission;
- Conduct twice a day rounds on all admitted patients, especially patients who need close monitoring;
- Update geriatric consultants on their admitted patients and relay results of laboratory examinations to the corresponding geriatric consultants; and
- Make and discuss discharge plans/instructions for the patient and their family. All discharge plan/instructions must be first discussed and approved by the attending geriatric consultant.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS. – For 2024, the Quezon City General Hospital is hereby authorized to utilize any available unappropriated funds for the implementation of this Ordinance. For the succeeding years, the Quezon City General Hospital shall include the funds needed for its operation in its annual budget proposal.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full legal force and effect.

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SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


ENACTED: February 12, 2024.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

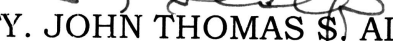

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: MAR 14 2024


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 12, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.


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