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***Isabela Health Workers in Unison for the next 3-Year Health Plan***

*Date: September 24-27, 2019*

*Venue: Marco Paulo Hotel and Restaurant, San Fermin, Cauayan City, Isabela*

Recognizing fully Department Memorandum # 0386 series of 2018 of Department of Health on Local Investment Plan for Health 2020-2022 emphasizing FOURmula One Plus for Health with its tagline “Boosting Universal Health Care” to attain Philippine Action Plan for Health, the Provincial Health Office once again spearheads the presentation of its consolidated plans for three years. Guided with the Train Model to speed up FOURmula ONE for Health of the DOH with four (4) thrusts namely Service Delivery, Governance, Financing and Regulation, new strategies and tools have evolved mainly to achieve the desired health outcomes.

Its aim is to produce better Local Health System performance through synchronized planning and targeted resource allocation from all sources envisioned by the National Government complemented by the vision/mission of Provincial, City and Municipal levels.

To usher the 2020-2022 period translated into “Local Investment Plan for Health (LIPH), the Provincial Health Office in close partnership with the Provincial DOH Office convened all LGUs composed of city/municipal health officers, Chiefs of Hospitals and development partners for the *Presentation of Local Investment Plan for Health (LIPH)*. Initially, they were oriented with the new guidelines and a call to formulate and craft their health plans followed. The process encourages their active participation for unified efforts and resources toward achieving SDGs and other health programs. These became the basis for a province-wide consolidated health plan critically crafted by PHO Program Managers, integrating the goals of Universal Health Care.

In the light of the above endeavor which serves as a roadmap, the Province of Isabela promises an enhanced health system guided by its burning zeal to serve every Isabeleno family thru improvement of access to high quality health services at the least cost especially among the poor, marginalized, IPs and other vulnerable population groups.



Honorable Governor Rodolfo T Albano III warmly delivers an inspirational message to the participants.



Provincial Health Officers at the forefront: Dr. Nelson O. Paguirigan, PHO II delivers a welcome message while Dr. Arlene Lazaro, PHO I (FHS) shares insights on health planning



Our Hon. Governor signs a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA ) from DOH related to Granting of Medical Assistance to San Mariano Community Hospital and Medical Specialists . Adding glitter to the event is an Awarding for the Provincial Purple Ribbon Winners and Adolescent-friendly Health Facility to municipalities.



The Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator, Atty. Eduardo Cabantac , the Asst. GSO, Mr. Daryl Gascon and Engr. Maningas from DOH CV-CHD RO2 provide input for the enhancement



Respective program coordinators of the Field Health Services and District Hospitals present the matrix of their LIPH 2020-2022 Plan while MHOs presents the Narrative part.



Hon. Governor Rodolfo T. Albano III poses with our partners from the PDOHO and the Association of Municipal Health Officers of Isabela

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## Enhancing Plans thru Universal Health Care (UHC) Integration

*Date: September 18-20, 2019*

*Venue: City Gardens Suites, Manila*

As our country enters to fully attain the goals of Universal Health Care for an equitable access to quality and affordable health care coupled with the protection from financial risk among all Filipinos, the Province of Isabela joins the other thirty-two (32) Integration Sites during Training of Facilitators of Strategic Planning attended by Provincial Health Officers, LIPH Focal Persons and personnel from Centers for Development.

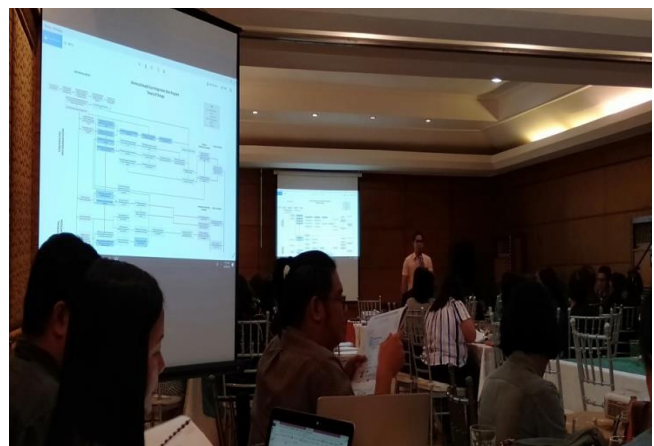
Considered as the greatest health care milestone, the noble endeavor was aimed to facilitate alignment of health plans made by province, cities and municipalities with that of national priorities and thrusts. With active involvement of all stakeholders, synchronicity and harmonization based on UHC goals are ensured. Since, it covers three (3) Integration areas-technical, managerial and financial dimensions, major strategic plans have to be designed, approved, implemented, monitored and evaluated to produce better health outcomes, more responsive health system and more equitable health system.

The “ Story of Juan and Juana” relayed by Ms. Laura Sason from UP-College of Public Health emphasized the complete package of UHC to every Filipino family as well as the Theory of Change (TOC) as a blueprint for UHC Integration. Using the Toolkit and the Facilitator’s Manual as the main references, several concepts were discussed in order to form Powerful Coalition on LGU Stakeholders as well as engaging the Organization thru Communication developed by WHO and DOH-HEPO Bureau.

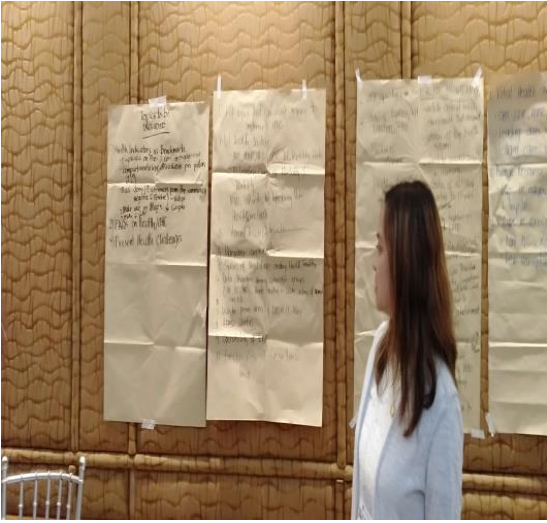
Once integrated into the local health plans, a whole-of- system,whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach towards UHC is to be enjoyed by every Isabeleno family!



The banner that led all participants during the 2-day UHC activity with the “ Story of Juan and Juana” as initial topic



The Theory of Change as a reference guide of UHC Integration into the LIPH as discussed by Dr. Albert Domingo, WHO Consultant



Dr. Lazaro, PHO I(FHS) takes a closer review to the group's output on "Creating the Urgency" thru Health Impacts



Ms. Santos, Provincial UHC focal Person works on the workshop on "Crafting Effective Visions" thru graphics



The three UHC Integration Sites (Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya) with PHIC Regional VP discuss the group workshop on Expectation Setting



The Regional UHC Coordinator, Dr. Peca-at leads the Cagayan Valley Group during the Action Planning Immediate Steps

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**LEPROSY: ZERO TRANSMISSION, ZERO DISABILITY, ZERO DISCRIMINATION**

*Date: September 11-13, 2019*

*Venue: Philippine International Convention Center, Manila*

The 20<sup>th</sup> International Leprosy Congress was recently held in Manila at the Philippine International Convention Center last September 11-13, 2019 with the theme **Global Partnership in Addressing Current Challenges – Zero Transmission, Zero Disability, Zero Discrimination**. The activity was organized by the International Leprosy Association (ILA), a professional society of physicians, scientists, and individuals and organizations in related areas, working to understand and relieve the problems associated with leprosy. International delegates from different countries with burden of Leprosy disease was well represented along with local representatives from various Center for Health Development Offices together with their representative counterpart in different Provincial Health Offices.

The Congress offered a wide variety of sessions of important topics including diagnostics, clinical leprosy and the social aspects of leprosy wherein scientists, researchers, health staff, partners and individuals affected by leprosy had the privileged opportunity to interact, discuss and share experiences in a variety of fields. Also, the WHO recommendation for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) with single-dose Rifampicin (SDR) was introduced in which several clinical trials were conducted wherein a certain decrease in transmission was noted.

With the theme serving as commitment springboard of all health workers, the province shall ensure that Leprosy cases be gradually reduced and sustain its Prevalence Rate below the national benchmark prescribed by DOH.



Distinguished delegates/officers from various International Leprosy Organizations deliver their warm messages while our very own Secretary of Health, Francisco T. Duque III, welcomes all the delegates.



The success of the Congress was attained thru the collaborative efforts of the organizers as well as the active involvement and participation of the delegates.

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***Field Health Services Information System (FHSIS) version 2018:  
A Guiding Light for Public Health Workers***

*Date: September 5-6 2019*

*Venue: Piazza Zicarelli Hotel & Restaurant, Upi, Gamu, Isabela*

With the changing demands in health services, program updates and expanded programs follows variations in data gathering, reporting and recording. Hence, the Department of Health – Epidemiology Bureau developed and enhanced the existing FHSIS Manual of Procedures that serves as standard guide for all public health workers to ensure the generation and delivery of quality and reliable health data.

The Provincial Health Office in close partnership with the Provincial DOH office conducted the *Training on Field Health Services Information System (FHSIS) version 2018* that aims to cascade information to the municipal level for the enhanced FHSIS Manual of Procedures version 2018 in view of the changing demands and needs of the different public health programs in line with the new thrusts and priorities in the health sector. Participants consist of Public Health Nurses/FHSIS Coordinators from different RHUs in the province while program coordinators from the Provincial Health Office and DMOs from the Provincial DOH acted as facilitators.

With the new knowledge, skills and attitude gained, the provincial government can be assured of quality data which critically contribute as primary basis for health better planning!



PHO II warmly welcomes all the participants



Engr. Noriega introduces the new Environmental Sanitation reporting form of the FHSIS MOP Version 2018





Respective program coordinators provide updates based on the FHSIS MOP Version 2018



Public Health Nurses from Benito Soliven and Palanan clarify issues on the updated FHSIS report

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***Population Officers: Catalysts for Empowered Isabeleño Families***

*Date: September 4-5, 2019*

*Venue: Municipal Conference Hall, Dinapigue, Isabela*

The Commission on Population and Development is an attached office of the DOH which is the coordinating lead in the promotion of population management for well-planned and empowered Filipino families and communities. Its program mandates include Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning, Adolescent Health & Development Program and Population Development.

As part of its commitment to help attain its vision, the Municipality of Dinapigue organized an activity, *“Teenage Symposium cum Municipal Population Officers’ 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting”* which aims to conduct information dissemination related to Teenage Pregnancy and the Power of Youth on social issues and enable them to realize their full potential and total well-being. Thus, strengthening their commitment to become responsible members of society. A total of twelve (12) Population Officers/Designate/Municipal Social Worker Officer and three (3) staff of POPCOM regional office led by Mrs. Rosario Eugenio attended the activity and a warm welcome from Hon. Reynaldo D. Derije and his Municipal Administrator, Ms. Ruth Derije greeted the team.

To be in solidarity with the most valued resource this humble town has, the team showed its great social concern for the welfare of Indigenous People (IPs) of Dinapigue by paying a visit to the Dumagatan Village where around 20 families reside. This was an opportunity to conduct gift-giving of clothing, footwear and canned goods among the families specially the children. Happy and thankful faces from the villagers filled the hearts of all provincial and municipal population officers. As a culminating activity, a meeting was held to discuss POPCOM-related programs and concerns.

Indeed, these initiatives will enable Isabeleno families and the entire community to achieve better quality of life through partnership and collaboration !



The Local Chief Executive, Hon. Derije greets the POPCOM team with his warm and refreshing welcome words at the seashore



A snapshot of the Regional, Provincial & Municipal Population Officers with the MHO of Dinapigue.



PopCom RO2 staff lectures the youth of Dinapigue on issues on Adolescent Reproductive Health.



Exciting faces from the Dumagatan Villagers were evident during Gift-giving activity

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