

VETERANS REGIONAL HOSPITAL



RESOLUTION NO. 01  
Series of 2018

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE VETERANS REGIONAL HOSPITAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION MANUAL IN COMPLIANCE WITH FOI MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR N. 02, s. 2018, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PCOO AND OFFICIAL USE OF ALL OFFICES AND DIVISIONS OF THE VRHAS A REFERENCE GUIDE IN THE PROCESS OF REQUESTING INFORMATION BY THE PUBLIC.**

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution, under Sec. 7, Art. III, guarantees the right of the people to information on matters of public concern and access to official records, and to documents and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as to government research data used as basis for policy development, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law;

**WHEREAS**, to operationalize the said Constitutional mandate, the Executive Branch issued on July 23, 2016 Executive Order (EO) No. 2, also known as the Freedom of Information (FOI) EO, which serves as the enabling mechanism to promote transparency in the government's administrative process;

**WHEREAS**, all agencies, departments, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities of the Executive Branch including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), Government Financial Institutions (GFIs), Government Entities (GEs), Non-Chartered GOCCs, and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) are covered by the application of the said EO;

**WHEREAS**, the Presidential Communications Operations Office issued FOI-Memorandum Circular No. 02, s. 2018 with subject "Freedom on Information (FOI) Program Criteria and Validation Process for the Eligibility to FY 2018 Performance-Based Bonus";

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of FOI-MC No. 2, s. 2018 mandates agencies under the Executive Branch to comply with the enhanced FOI Program requirements including the FOI People's Manual signed by the head of the agency, the Agency Information Inventory, the 2018 FOI Summary Report, the 2018 FOI Registry, and a visible and hyperlinked FOI logo in the agency's homepage to be eligible for PBB, subject to compliance validation by the PCOO starting 1 October 2018;

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of the above Memorandum Circular sets the deadline of submission on 30 September 2018;

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the Memorandum Circular, the Veterans Regional Hospital (VRH), a hospital under the Department of Health, through its FOI Committee has drafted the VRH FOI Manual;

**WHEREAS**, said VRH FOI Manual complies with the form prescribed under Memorandum Circular No. 02, s. 2018 which prescribes the Model People's Manual for agencies;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, WE, the members of the VRH FOI Committee hereby recommend the approval of the VRH Freedom of Information Manual for submission to the PCOO and official use of all offices and divisions of the Veterans Regional Hospital as a reference guide in the process of requesting information by the public.

Carried unanimously this 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 at the Veterans Regional Hospital, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.

  
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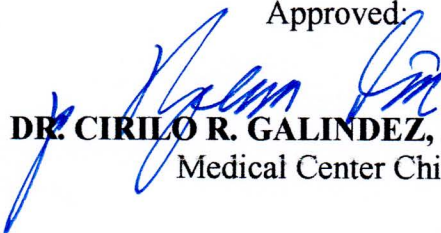
  
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