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Philippine Physical Therapy Association RE: Proposal for Collaboration

Project Title:

Collaborative Initiative for Enhanced Physical Therapy Services in Region 8

Collaborating Parties:

- Tingog Partylist

- Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region 8

- DRTREFI Physical Therapy Department

- RTR Physical Therapy Alumni Association (RTR PTAA)

Executive Summary

This proposal outlines a collaborative initiative aimed at enhancing physical therapy services in Region 8, Philippines. By leveraging the combined resources and expertise of Tingog Partylist, DSWD Region 8,

DRTREFI Physical Therapy Department, and RTR PTAA, we aim to establish a sustainable and impactful physical therapy program that addresses the needs of underserved populations, particularly children,

infants, and senior citizens.

Objectives

1. Expand Access to Physical Therapy Services: Provide free or low-cost physical therapy services to underserved communities in Region 8.

2. Improve Health Outcomes: Enhance the quality of life for individuals with physical disabilities or developmental delays through early intervention and specialized care.

3. Promote Professional Development: Offer clinical mentorship and internship opportunities for DRTREFI Physical Therapy students.

4. Foster Community Engagement: Raise awareness about the importance of physical therapy and

encourage community involvement in health initiatives.

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Project Components

1. Establishment of a Pilot Pediatric Physical Therapy Clinic

- Facility Setup: Identify and renovate a suitable DSWD facility to serve as physical therapy clinic.

- Equipment Procurement: Purchase and install necessary physical therapy equipment and assistive devices.

2. Service Delivery

- Therapy Services: Provide comprehensive physical therapy services to children and infants under the care of DSWD

- Assessment and Treatment: Conduct regular physical therapy assessments and necessary treatments for eligible beneficiaries.

3. Education and Training

- Clinical Mentorship: Deploy physical therapy student interns under the strict supervision of licensed physical therapists.

- Professional Development: Ensure all staff members maintain valid and up-to-date professional licenses and credentials.

4. Community Outreach

- Workshops and Seminars: Organize educational sessions for families and caregivers on physical therapy techniques and the use of assistive devices.

- Advocacy Campaigns: Raise awareness about the benefits of physical therapy and promote inclusive health policies.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. Tingog Partylist

- Advocate for legislative support and funding for the initiative.

- Facilitate community engagement and mobilize local resources.

2. DSWD Region 8

- Provide logistical support (provision of a room suitable to be used a therapy clinic in one of the DSWD facilities housing children and infants with special needs)

- Grant permission for physical therapy assessments and treatments.

-Grant permission to RTR PTAA to use the program while maintaining strict confidentiality of cases in its fundraising initiatives to sustain the program.

- Ensure the safety and security of staff and patients within the facility

3. DRTREFI Physical Therapy Department

- Offer clinical mentorship and internship opportunities for physical therapy students.

- Contribute expertise and academic resources to the initiative.



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4. RTR Physical Therapy Alumni Association (RTR PTAA)

- Lead the establishment and operation of the physical therapy clinic.

-acquire funding for procurement and maintenance of physical therapy equipment. -handle staffing and daily operations of the clinic.

- Maintain confidentiality of all cases handled

- Abide by all rules and safety regulations set forth by DSWD facilities.

- Use the program for fundraising purposes to sustain its activities and services while maintaining confidentiality of beneficiaries as required by law.

Legal Basis for Collaboration and Advocacy

*1. Republic Act No. 8980(Early Childhood Care and Development Act)*

Section 6 of R.A. 8980 emphasizes the importance of integrated and comprehensive health services for children, including preventive, promotive, and curative care. This act provides a strong legal basis for including rehabilitation services as part of the holistic care provided to children, ensuring their optimal growth and development.

*2. Republic Act No. 11223(Universal HealthCare Act)*

The Universal Health Care Act mandates the provision of comprehensive health care services to all Filipinos, promoting health equity and access. This includes the integration of public and private health systems to deliver a full range of

services, including rehabilitation.

- Section 4: Advocates for the integration of health services, ensuring that every Filipino has access to quality health care. - Section 32: Encourages the participation of private sector partners in delivering health care services, which can include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy.

Advocacy for Amendment to R.A. 8980

Tingog Partylist can advocate for the amendment of R.A. 8980 to explicitly include rehabilitation services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy in the scope of services provided to children. This amendment would align with the broader goals of the Universal Health Care Act and ensure that children receive comprehensive care that addresses all aspects of their development.

Proposed Amendment Highlights:

1. Inclusion of Rehabilitation Services: Amend the relevant sections of R.A. 8980 to mandate the inclusion of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and ABA Therapy as essential services under the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) program.

2. Funding and Resources: Secure dedicated funding for these services to ensure their availability and accessibility to all children in need.

3. Professional Standards: Establish guidelines and standards for the provision of these services, including the qualifications and training required for professionals delivering care.

4. Integration with Existing Health Programs: Ensure that these services are integrated with existing health and education programs to provide a seamless continuum of care for children.

Conclusion

By leveraging the legal frameworks provided by R.A. 8980 and R.A. 11223, and advocating for the inclusion of

rehabilitation services in early childhood care, this collaborative initiative can significantly enhance the quality of life and developmental outcomes for children in Region 8. The support and advocacy of Tingog Partylist, in collaboration with

DSWD Region 8, DRTREFI Physical Therapy Department, and RTR PTAA, are crucial in realizing this vision.



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Budget

- Facility Setup: P200,000

- Equipment Procurement: P100,000

- Service Delivery: P300,000 per year (Licensed Physical Therapist)

- Education and Training: P50,000 per year

- Community Outreach: P50,000 per year

Timeline

- Phase 1: Planning and Preparation\*\* (Months 1-3)

- Needs assessment, securing partnerships, and planning logistics.

- Phase 2: Facility Setup (Months 4-6)

- Renovation and equipment installation.

- Phase 3: Service Delivery and Outreach (Months 7 -onwards)

- Launch clinic, provide services, and conduct outreach programs.

*Expected Outcomes*

- Increased access to physical therapy services for underserved children and infants under the care of DSWD Region 8.

- Improved health outcomes for children and infants in Region 8.

- Enhanced professional skills and experience for physical therapy students.

- Greater community awareness and involvement in health and rehabilitation initiatives.

Conclusion

This collaborative initiative represents a significant step toward improving the health and well-being of vulnerable populations in Region 8. By combining the strengths and resources of Tingog Partylist, DSWD Region 8,

DRTREFI Physical Therapy Department, and RTR PTAA, we can create a sustainable and impactful program that makes a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Your support and collaboration are crucial to the success of this initiative.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

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