

PSA Memorandum Order No. 03 Series of 2019

RECONSTITUTING THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (IACCRVS) was established through PSA Board Resolution No. 12, Series of 2014, to serve as venue for discussion and resolution of issues on CRVS, review current techniques/methodologies, and recommend policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of data generated from Civil Registration and Vital Statistics;

WHEREAS, PSA Board Resolution No. 12, Series of 2014, stated that PSA Technical Staff shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution:

WHEREAS, to enhance consultation with and ensure wider participation of stakeholders to effectively resolve current and emerging issues and concerns related to civil registration and vital statistics;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the Committee to reaffirm the commitment of its member agencies in participating actively in the discussion and resolution of issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, the IACCRVS is hereby reconstituted with the following composition and terms of reference:

Chairperson

Philippine Statistics Authority

Vice-Chairperson

Department of Health

Members

Department of Foreign Affairs

Department of Justice Department of Education

Department of Social Welfare and Development Department of Interior and Local Government

Office of the Cabinet Secretary Commission on Population

The Chairperson is the Deputy National Statistician of the Civil Registration and Central Support Office of the PSA. In case the Chairperson is not available, the Assistant National Statistician for the Civil Registration Service (ANS-CRS) will act as Chair. The ANS-CRS is also in-charge for the monitoring of the activities and the smooth flow of the IACCRVS.

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The above agencies shall identify their permanent representatives to the IACCRVS with at least the rank of a Director. The agencies shall, likewise identify two (2) permanent technical staff who will be the alternate representative in the event that the permanent representative will not be able to attend meetings.

The specific functions of the Committee are as follows:

- 1. Serve as forum for the exchange of views and expertise to resolve technical issues and problems arising from the dissemination and use of civil registration and vital statistics:
- 2. Develops, reviews and proposes relevant legislations, policies, rules and regulations to address CRVS issues;
- 3. Reviews multi-sectoral national CRVS strategy and solicit support for its implementation;
- Recommends to the Board appropriate measures for the improvement of statistics including the statistical methodologies, and processes for the generation and dissemination of vital statistics, such as information on cause of death;
- 5. Recommends to the Board an efficient workable scheme for the allocation of agency responsibilities in the dissemination of vital statistics;
- Recommends to the Board the activities/programs for the CRVS goals aligned with the eight outcomes of the Regional Strategic Plan for the improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific; and
- Review statistical requirements of stakeholders in the Philippine Statistical System, such as prioritization of outputs required to carry out civil registration and vital statistics related programs and delineate the responsibilities of involved stakeholders.

Subject to Board Resolution No. 12, Series of 2014 and subsequent board resolution adopted by the PSA Board, the membership of the IACCRVS may be increased or decreased as the exigencies of its work require, provided that it shall be authorized by the PSA National Statistician and Civil Registrar General through another Memorandum Order. Furthermore, resource persons may be invited in the meetings of the Committee as need arises.

The Committee may establish technical working groups (TWGs) and task forces (TFs), as the need arises to assist in the exercise of its functions, subject to the approval of the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General. Technical, secretariat, and logistic support to the TWGs/TFs shall be provided by the concerned agencies as agreed upon by the concerned group. Other member agencies are enjoined to give same support whenever deemed necessary by the Committee.

The Committee shall formulate its internal rules of procedures governing the conduct of meetings, official functions and activities.

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To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the IACCRVS, the Committee shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary.

The Committee shall submit to the PSA National Statistician and Civil Registrar General its work program and shall report on the progress of its work, including the findings and recommendations on issues referred to it.

For effective conduct of meetings, the identified IACCRVS members shall serve as basis for determining its quorum.

The PSA Technical Staff shall provide technical, secretariat and logistics support to the IACCRVS. It shall monitor compliance to policies formulated and report periodically to the PSA Board upon recommendation by the Committee and the PSA National Statistician and Civil Registrar General.

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