



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 1 s. 1995

SUBJECT: Creation of a National Voluntary Blood Services Unit (NVBSU)

Pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the National Blood Services Act of 1994 (RA 7719), a National Voluntary Blood Services Unit is hereby created under the Office for Health Facilities, Standards and Regulation.

The NVBSU shall have the following functions:

1. Integration and coordination of all voluntary blood service program efforts such as, but not limited to, integration of blood service facilities operation and upgrading;
2. Development of training, information, education and communication (IEC) materials, program guidelines and standards especially on preventive services, and pre-and post-donation counselling for blood transfusion transmissible diseases in coordination with other health programs and units in the Department;
3. Provision of technical assistance and training in designing and implementing a voluntary blood donation program in private hospitals;
4. Preparation of the blood services operational plan incorporating the activities and needs of the other Department units and services involved in the blood services program such as, but not limited to, the Bureau of Licensure and Regulation, and Hospital Operation and Management Service;
5. Provision of secretariat services to the National Voluntary Blood Service Program Committee and as such shall:
 - 5.1. Collate and review all annual operational plans and proposed budgets of the different technical sub-committees at the national and sub-national levels;
 - 5.2. Propose priorities for budgetary allocation;
 - 5.3. Prepare the consolidated National Voluntary Blood Services Program Plan which shall be submitted during the first quarter meeting of the National Program Committee for approval;

5.4. Coordinate and document all National Voluntary Blood Services Program Committee and Sub-committee meetings and activities.

From January 1995, the NVBSU shall be directly under the Undersecretary of the Office for Hospital Facilities, Standards and Regulation (OHFSR) within the scope of the STOP D.E.A.T.H.: Hospitals for Philippines 2000 Program as delineated in DO No. 73-J s. 1994 and DO No. 427 s. 1994. The organizational structure of the Unit shall be as illustrated in figure 1. The Assistant Program Manager shall function as the Disbursing Officer of the Unit and shall be responsible for the financial transactions of the Unit.

The organizational relationship of the NVBSU to the OHFSR is shown in figure 2.

For immediate compliance.



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