



Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, POLICE REGIONAL OFFICE 10
LANAO DEL NORTE POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE
Camp Major Eduardo J Gallego, Pigcarangan, Tubod, Lanao del Norte



MEMORANDUM

TO : All COPs

FROM : C, PIDMU

SUBJECT : **Letter from Atty. Jeanne Ivy F. Abrina, Regional Director**
Commission on Human Rights

DATE : December 11, 2024

1. Reference: Memorandum from C, RIDMD dated December 11, 2024 with same subject.

2. This pertains to the result of jail visitation by personnel of the Commission of Human Rights (CHR) last November 21, 2024 at Magsaysay Municipal Police Station, Magsaysay, Misamis Oriental and Valencia City Police Station, Valencia, Bukidnon which highlights the following findings and recommendations below:

MPS/CPS	Finding	Recommendation
Magsaysay MPS, MIS OR PPO	Absence of a separate cell for female PUPC.	A separate cell for female PUPC must be provided.
Valencia CPS, BUK PPO	Safekeeping of persons with disabilities.	Article 14 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities prohibits unlawful or arbitrary detention based on disability, including mental health conditions, and promotes alternatives to institutionalization. Additionally, Article 25 of the same convention guarantees equal access to health care. These provision align with Section 6, paragraph b(2)(d), of PNP Memorandum Circular No. 2024-014, which states:



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Valencia CPS, BUK PPO	Safekeeping of persons with disabilities	<p>“PUPCs manifesting signs and symptoms of mental illness must be referred to a government or government-accredited mental health facility.”</p> <p>To fully implement this directive, it is crucial to strengthen coordination with stakeholders, particularly in the local and regional health sectors, to establish clear referral pathways for addressing the needs of persons with mental illness. With this, the Chief of Police may coordinate with the Local Health Unit and Department of Health to discuss the referral pathway mechanism.</p>
Valencia CPS, BUK PPO	Concerns about the proper handling of persons with mental disabilities, as not all personnel are trained to manage such situation.	The Human Rights Affairs Office may provide training on the fundamental handling and response techniques for police operations involving individuals with mental disabilities.

3. In this regard, you are hereby directed to take appropriate actions on the suggested recommendations by the CHR and strictly follow the guidelines stipulated under Section 6, paragraph a (12) and paragraph b(2)(d) of PNP Memorandum Circular No. 2024-014 in order to ensure that the PUPCs are humanely treated in adherence to the standards of International Human Rights. Thus, all existing guidelines in relation to the management and supervision of the PNP custodial facilities and Persons Under PNP Custody (PUPCs) are responsive to the current laws, policies, and other internal and external official directives. (See attached PNP MC). Submit actions taken to this Office through email address: ldnppoinves@gmail.com **NLT 12:00 NN December 13, 2024 (Friday)**.

4. For strict compliance.


RANDY A PONTANES
 Police Lieutenant Colonel



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