



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 1
Series of 2021**

**SUBJECT: CLOSURE ORDER AGAINST NEW FOUND WAY TREATMENT CENTER,
INC. IN TACLOBAN CITY**

WHEREAS, Section 2 (Declaration of Policy) of R.A. No. 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended (the "Act"), states, among others, that it is "the policy of the State to provide effective mechanisms or measures to re-integrate into society individuals who have fallen victim to drug abuse or dangerous drug dependence through sustainable programs of treatment and rehabilitation";

WHEREAS, Section 81 (j) of the Act provides that the Dangerous Drugs Board (the "Board") shall initiate and authorize closure proceedings against non-accredited and / or sub-standard treatment and rehabilitation centers based on verified reports of human rights violations, subhuman conditions, inadequate medical training and assistance, and excessive fees for implementation by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency;

WHEREAS, Section 6 (Complaints and Violations) of Board Regulation No. 2, Series of 2019 (Subject: Implementing Rules and Regulations Governing the Accreditation of Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers) issued by the Board provides that the Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau (HFSRB) or the Center of Health Development of the Department of Health shall evaluate complaints against treatment and rehabilitation centers and initiate the conduct of fact-finding investigation, subject to the provisions of the Act;

WHEREAS, during its 192nd Board Meeting (6th Special Online Session) held on 4 February 2021, the Board discussed the concern regarding the New Found Way Treatment Center, Inc. (NFWTCI) in Tacloban City for operating and actively rendering treatment services to admitted patients even without the required valid DOH accreditation;

WHEREAS, it was noted during the said meeting of the Board that, based on the result of a surveillance / monitoring activity conducted by the DOH-Center for Health Development and the report from the DOH-Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development, the said facility is not DOH-accredited, the HFSRB recommended that the said Center be **CLOSED** and for it to **CEASE** and **DESIST** from operating as a drug rehabilitation center.

WHEREAS, during the 5th Special Online Session of the Board held on 17 November 2020, the matter was taken up and discussed, whereupon it was decided to adopt the recommendation of HFSRB for the closure of the said facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to adopt and approve the DOH-HFSRB's recommendation for the closure of the said center and for it to **CEASE** and **DESIST** from operating as a drug rehabilitation center, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended, and Regulation No. 2, Series of 2019 issued by the Board.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency be furnished with a copy of this Resolution for its implementation, with the assistance of the Department of Health, and thereafter submit a report to the Board within seven (7) days from implementation thereof.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the DOH, through its concerned Regional Office, shall provide the appropriate measures in mitigating the possible disruption of the rehabilitation process of the patients in the said Center due to its closure.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 4th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, 2021, in Quezon City.


Secretary CATALINO S. CUY, CEO VI
Chairman

Attested by:


Undersecretary EARL P. SAAVEDRA, CESE
Secretary of the Board