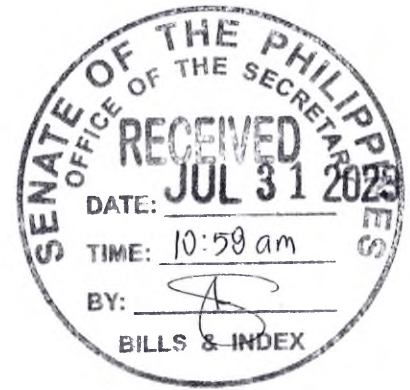


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Introduced by: Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

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**A SENATE RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS**  
**AND INVESTIGATIONS TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION**  
**AND IRREGULARITIES AT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH**  
**(NCMH)**

1 WHEREAS, the National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) plays a crucial role in  
2 providing specialized care and treatment for individuals suffering from mental health  
3 conditions;

4 WHEREAS, serious concerns about the presence of corruption and irregularities  
5 within the NCMH, compromising the quality of care and support provided to patients;

6 WHEREAS, our investigation revealed questionable practices in the NCMH's  
7 food procurement system, resulting in increased costs and potential technical  
8 malversation;

9 WHEREAS, allegations were made against a senior employee, Engr. Evelyn  
10 Purino, for alleged misappropriation of lands allocated for NCMH projects and potential  
11 conflicts of interest involving government officials;

12 WHEREAS, there are accusations of ownership conflicts involving Sunshine  
13 Recovery, a psychiatric center purportedly owned by current NCMH officials, which  
14 may be in violation of the law;

15 WHEREAS, the well-being and rights of NCMH patients must be protected, and  
16 any abuse or corruption within the institution must be thoroughly addressed;

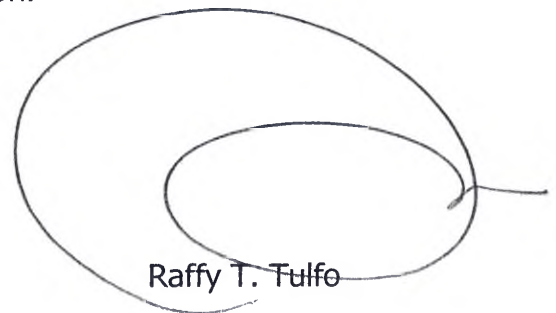
17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved,  
18 to direct the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations to  
19 conduct a comprehensive investigation in aid of legislation on the alleged corruption  
20 and irregularities at the National Center for Mental Health.

1 RESOLVED FURTHER, that the inquiry shall aim to:

- 2 1. Examine the allegations of corruption and irregularities in the food  
3 procurement system at NCMH, including the increase in costs and potential  
4 technical malversation;
- 5 2. Investigate the role and actions of Engr. Evelyn Purino in the misappropriation  
6 of lands allocated for NCMH projects and any conflicts of interest involving  
7 government officials;
- 8 3. Scrutinize the ownership and management structure of Sunshine Recovery,  
9 assessing any potential violations of the law and conflicts of interest involving  
10 current NCMH officials;
- 11 4. Evaluate the responses and actions of NCMH Chief Dr. Noel Reyes in relation  
12 to the allegations of corruption and irregularities, including his handling of the  
13 outsourcing of food services and other decisions made during his tenure;
- 14 5. Assess the impact of corruption and irregularities on the well-being and rights  
15 of NCMH patients, and propose measures to safeguard their rights and improve  
16 the overall quality of care;
- 17 6. Determine the extent of accountability of those involved in any proven corrupt  
18 practices or irregularities and recommend appropriate actions, including  
19 possible removal from their posts and legal consequences, if warranted;
- 20 7. Propose legislative reforms or policy recommendations to prevent future  
21 occurrences of corruption and irregularities within NCMH and other government  
22 institutions providing critical services.

23 RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Committee shall hold public hearings to allow  
24 stakeholders, including NCMH officials, relevant government agencies, patients'  
25 representatives, civil society organizations, and other concerned parties, to present  
26 their testimonies and evidence relevant to the investigation.

*Adopted,*



Raffy T. Tulfo  
Senator