

VMMC hosts Inter-Agency Meeting on the Establishment of Veterans Ward

An initial consultative inter-agency meeting on the establishment of Veterans Ward in selected government hospitals across the county was held last Thursday, February 7, 2020 at the CMPS Conference Room.

Representatives from the Health Facilities Development Bureau of the Department of Health (DOH-HFDB), Batangas Medical Center, Region 1 Medical Center, Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center and Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) attended the said meeting to ensure the successful implementation of the project.

Also present during the event were the top management of VMMC led by Director Dominador M. Chiong Jr, along with the members of the PVAO-VMMC Veterans Hospitalization and Medical Care Program (VHMCP) Committee.

During the initial meeting, resource persons from the DOH presented a brief backgrounder of the project. Afterwards, the representatives from the different hospitals were then asked and encouraged to provide comments/suggestions on the proposed establishment of Veterans Ward. A thorough discussion ensued among the representatives who voiced out their respective concerns about the program. Although all of the hospitals signified their support and commitment to the project, they suggested that further deliberation be conducted to fine tune the implementation of project.

The Philippine Veterans Affairs Office, an agency under the control and supervision of the Department of National Defense, by virtue of Republic Act No. 6948, as amended by Republic Act No. 7696, is mandated to provide hospitalization, medical care, and treatment to Filipino Veterans and their dependents through the Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) and Veterans Wards in selected government hospitals nationwide.



VMMC Director Dominador M. Chiong Jr., presides over the inter-agency consultative meeting



The representative from Region 1 Medical Center voices its support and commitment to the program.



Dr. Pilar Ibarra of PVAO addresses the issues and concerns raised during the meeting.



DOH resource person gives an overview of the program.



VHMCP Committee members listen intently during the presentation of DOH