

## Second National Health Assembly

### Agenda 3.4

16 November, 2009

#### **Development of A Primary Health Care System To Facilitate the People's Access to Quality Healthcare**

The Second National Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on “Development of a primary health care system to facilitate the people's access to quality healthcare”,

*Aware* that primary health care systems are important mechanisms and strategies which create efficient health care systems and enable the people to have fair and thorough access to health care systems while promoting their self-reliance on health promotion, disease prevention,

*Informed* that a great number of primary care units still needs to be developed for meeting qualified standard because the primary care units now are facing problems on the lack of personnel, the lack of adequate and continuous support in resources and development, and the lack of unified management and implementation of plans as well as there being limited participation from relevant agencies, resulting in a situation where many people are unable to access quality primary care services,

*Aware* that while health problems and disease burdens have shifted more toward non-communicable, chronic and newly emerging diseases with more complicated impact factors, primary care units have not been developed to increase their potential in efficiently handle these new forms of health problems,

*Concerned* about the increased service load both at hospitals and at primary care units and its impact on health care delivered to the people, especially the under-privileged and chronic patient groups,

*Aware* of relevant development policies and laws, principles, targets and measures prescribed in the National Health Statute, B.E. 2552 (2009), including the Five Year Strategic Plan on Development Co-operation for the Primary Care System, the National Strategic Plan on the Health Personnel Decade, B.E. 2550-2559 (2007-2016) and the policy to develop *Tambon* health promotion hospitals,

*Realizing* on the Resolution 1.7 of the 1<sup>st</sup> National Health Assembly “The Role of Local Administration Organizations in the Management of Health, Natural Resources and the Environment” No. 2.3 (For the transfer of health centers to be under the management of local administrative organizations...)

*Concerned* about the lack of flexibility, lack of fluidity and the situation that the economic stimulus “Thailand: Investing from Strength to Strength 2012” budget is used in non-accordance with set objectives of developing primary care,

Hereby adopts the following resolutions:

1. Requesting the Ministry of Public Health, in conjunction with the National Health Security Office, Local Administrative Organizations, Department of Local Administrations, relevant agencies and civil societies to develop a concise strategic plan and action plans pursuant to the strategic plans on developing the primary health care system to be done in 2010 by harmonizing the Five Year Strategic Plan on Development Co-operation for the Primary Care System (2007-2011) with the National Strategic Plan on the Health Personnel Decade, B.E. 2550-2559 (2007-2016), the Thailand: Investing from Strength to Strength 2012 Action Plan, the *Tambon* Health Promotion Hospital development policy, and the Resolution 1.7 of 1<sup>st</sup> National Health Assembly and to submit the formulation for Cabinet approval as strategic plan and operation plan for the development of the primary health care system.
  - 1.1 Aiming at the development of primary care units towards being readiness and reaching qualified standard and capacity within a 5 year-time (or in 2015) to provide first services to patients before the secondary health care system and higher-leveled health care services.
  - 1.2 Urging the Ministry of Public Health to review the “Thailand: Investing from Strength to Strength 2012 Action Plan” by focusing on number of health personnel in primary care units as a higher priority than an investment on equipment and the units’ structure.
  - 1.3 Having a specific organization under the Ministry of Public Health as a mechanism for the management of strategic and operation plans of the strategies for development of a primary health care system, as well as for the continuous control and monitoring of the primary care system development in the country.
2. Developing all-sector participatory health resource management mechanisms at province and district levels with active participation from all sectors, which support the development of efficient primary care systems whereby:
  - 2.1 The National Health Security Office will consider and designate measures or mechanisms for participatory budgetary management of provincial, district and tambon health security systems which shall be transparent and accountable measures/mechanisms aiming at the efficient development of the primary care system.
  - 2.2 The Ministry of Public Health will consider and amend regulations to support measures and organizing mechanisms for all-sector participatory provincial,

district and tambon health management systems for the network of primary care services with quality and qualified standard.

2.3 Local administration organizations and civil societies will participate in the steering for the direction as well as management and providing of resources for the sustainable primary health care system in the communities.

3. Requesting the Secretary-General of the National Health Commission to report on the progress to the Ninth National Health Assembly.