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**DOH – CAR OFFICE PERSONNEL ORDER**  
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**SUBJECT: Reconstitution of New Regional Newborn Screening (NBS) Program Coordination Team**

**RE: REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9288 otherwise known as the Newborn Screening Act 20014 ACT PROMULGATING A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AND A NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR ENSURING NEWBORN SCREENING.**

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to protect Promote the right to health of the people, including the rights of children to survival and full and healthy development as normal individuals. In pursuit of such policy, the State shall institutionalize a national newborn screening system that is comprehensive, integrative and sustainable, will facilitate collaboration among government and non – government agencies at the national and local levels, the private sector, families and communities, professional health organizations, academic institutions and non – governmental organizations. The National Newborn Screening System shall ensure that every baby born in the Philippines is offered the opportunity to undergo the newborn screening and thus be spared from heritable conditions that can lead to mental retardation and death if undetected and untreated.

In view of the implementation of the DOH – Rationalization, the new Newborn Screening Committee is hereby amended to be composed of the following:

Chairperson: **Dr. Virginia L. Narciso, MOIV CAHDC, Head**  
Members: **Ms. Benelyne M. Balag-ey, HEPO II, ARD Office**  
**Ms. Windawila Baclig, LO II, RLED**

Provincial/City Health Team NBS Point Persons:

1. **Ms. Agnes Casia, DMOIV, Abra**
2. **Dr. Andrew Martin, DMOIV, Apayao**
3. **Ms. Jocelyn Bestre, DMO IV Benguet**
4. **Dr. Marivic Fabro, DMOIV, Ifugao**
5. **Dr. Bernadette Andaya, DMOV, Kalinga**
6. **Dr. Natividad Oprecio, DMOIV, Mt. Province**
7. **Engr. Gaudencio Tiwing, CDOH, Baguio City**

Secretariat: **Ms. Ellaine Kia P. Rosario, NBS Nurse Coordinator**

The round metal gong of the Cordillera known locally as “gangsa” is a symbol of the upland people’s culture that has been passed on from generations to another.

The profile of a person blowing a “tangguyub” represents a community being called for an important matter or action.

The lines that shape the mountains, the rice terraces, clouds and rivers symbolize the connectivity and flow of human interaction in a *geographic area such as the Cordillera*.

All the symbols combined represent unity and harmony of its people with culture and environment in beating the gong for self determination.

