

## ABSTRACT

**Title of Research Paper** : The Result of Performing Role of Tambon Administration Organization in the Functions Transferred from the Public Welfare Department : A Case Study of Tambon Administration Organization Class 1 in the Central Region

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The Study examined the performance and needs of the tambon administration organization committees, including the cooperation between the tambon administration organizations and other agencies, in order to find out the problems of their performance after the transfer of tasks from the Public Welfare Department.

The sample of 105 tambon administration organization committee members were included in the study. These committee members came from the tambon administration organization committees in Class 1 of eight provinces: Cha Choengsao, Chonburi, Nakhonratchasima, Nonthaburi, Pathumthani, Ayutthaya, Samutprakarn and Samutsakorn provinces. A questionnaire was used to collect the data and the SPSS program was employed for data analysis. Percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test and F-test were descriptive and inferential statistics used to describe the data and to test the hypotheses.

### Findings

1. The performance of the tambon administration organization committees in carrying out the functions transferred from the Public Welfare Department was found to be moderate, whether it was considered as a whole, or whether individual dimensions were considered separately. The dimensions considered were payment of allowances to the elderly, payment of allowances to the disabled, tasks at the village public welfare center, providing welfare for the homeless, for the sufferers of disasters and welfare for very low income people looking after the social welfare center for the elderly, and preventing child abuse.

2. The needs of the tambon administration organization committees in providing social welfare for the disadvantaged, were found to be at a high level.

3. Cooperation between the tambon administration organizations and other agencies was found to be at a moderate level.

4. The problems concerning the social welfare operation of the tambon administration organizations were (1) the committee members lacked a knowledge and understanding of social welfare work, (2) the organization did not have enough budget to provide social welfare for the people and also lacked the personnel to perform this duty.

5. No significant difference was found in work performance at the 0.05 level between the committee members who had different sexes, age, educational levels, primary occupations and number of working years in the position. Therefore, the hypothesis was rejected.

On the other hand, the tambon administration organization committee members were found to have different work performance at the 0.05 level when net monthly income was considered.

6. To improve the work performance of the tambon administration organizations that was transferred authority from the Public Welfare Department, it was recommended that the tambon administration organizations should be prepared in different aspects by holding meetings to explain the regulations and procedures in transferring work from the Department. The Public Welfare Department should send its social welfare officials to work at each tambon administration organization. Also, all the tambon administration organization members should be informed well about the transfer of social welfare work to the tambon administration organization.