



**MINUTES OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS (PCA) MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2014 AT GREY'S HOSPITAL IN PIETERMARITZBURG**

CA Chairperson: Premier of the KwaZulu-Natal Province Mr ES Mchunu
PCA Deputy Chairperson: Mr P Mdletshe

SECTION 1: PROCEDURAL MATTERS		
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1.1 Opening & Welcome	<p>The Chairperson, Honourable Premier of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), Mr ES Mchunu, declared the meeting open at 14h36.</p> <p>He acknowledged and introduced his panel members, the PCA Deputy Chairperson who also is the Chairperson of the KZN Civil Society Forum, Mr Mdletshe, the Department of Health (DOH) MEC, Dr (Brig General) SM Dhlomo and the Director General, Mr NVE Ngidi.</p> <p>He also welcomed all those present- Mayors, Members of the Executive Council (MECs), Heads of Department (HODs), the PCA members and observers of the PCA meeting.</p> <p>He expressed his concern on the number of HODs present at the PCA meeting and emphasized the importance of all HODs being present in the PCA meetings.</p>	

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	MEC Mabuyakhulu and Councillor Bhamjee separately requested for early leave of absence from the meeting to attend to equally pressing commitments. The Chairperson acceded to their request.																																											

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1.3. Adoption of the Agenda	The agenda was adopted without any amendments.	
1.4 Minutes of the last meeting 17 September 2014 and matters arising	<p>The minutes of the previous PCA meeting held on 17 September 2014 were confirmed as a true reflection of the proceedings. Councillor Y Bhamjee, Mayor of uMgungundlovu District moved for the confirmation of the minutes. Councillor D Mazibuko Mayor of Uthukela District seconded. The minutes were then confirmed as a true reflection of the proceedings of 17 September 2014.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p><u>Condoms Factory:</u> MEC Mabuyakhulu drew the attention of the meeting to Page 6 of the minutes with regards to establishment of condom manufacturing plant in the Province. He informed the meeting that his department i.e. DEDT&EA was giving urgent attention to the issue and that a consortium interested in the project had come forward. Necessary consultations were now taking place. The Chairperson requested that MEC prepare a brief with specific time frames on this matter for presentation.</p> <p><u>Sexual Assaults</u> Referring the meeting to data on sexual assaults cases per district that was part of the meeting information pack, the Deputy Chairperson pointed out that sexual assault cases figures for the Province were appalling. This was of great concern.</p>	<p>Prepare a brief with specific time frames and further details on the condoms manufacturing plan by the consortium (att: MEC Mabuyakhulu)</p>

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2.1 Presentation on OSS: Premier Mr E S Mchunu	<p>Prior to his presentation, the Chairperson stated that MEC Dhlomo and Dr Ndlovu would contribute to the presentation at the later stages. He indicated that his presentation was aimed at refocussing Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) in the Province. Key points he highlighted were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That he attended a sharing of experiences summit on OSS model that was organised by the Presidency and held in Mpumalanga Province where KwaZulu-Natal had a prominent spot, referring to the OSS best practice model. Though acknowledging that the Province deserved the accolades, his observation was that we were derailing as on OSS a Province. • That there was a slight loss of focus on what OSS was conceived for and why war rooms (WRs) existed. OSS was mooted to put communities at the centre of tackling societal ills especially HIV & AIDS, STIs & TB and other vices supported by Government and stakeholders. 	

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<p>2.1 Presentation on OSS: Premier Mr E S Mchunu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That based on his observations in the past few months, war rooms were all but a name. War rooms in our communities were now focussing on other issues other than dealing with HIV & AIDS, TB and STIs thus negated the existence and use of the war rooms. • Fighting HIV&AIDS, TB and STIs and other social ills should always be at the centre of the war room and is the core burden for OSS. He pointed out that he was concerned about the slow rate at which the HIV prevalence was dropping. OSS should be used to intensify programmes implementation and boost results. He emphasised that the only way of boosting the results was to fight the epidemic from the ground. • HIV&AIDS statistics such as condoms distribution, male circumcision, TB, ARV intake, and defaulters should be displayed in war rooms. War room (WR) officials should know what is going on in the WR in terms of these statistics, e.g. know the number of people on treatments in the ward. This should be the basis with which war rooms discuss their affairs. 	

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2.1 Presentation on OSS: Premier Mr E S Mchunu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unethical to discuss all other issues and leave out HIV & AIDS, TB and STIs and other social ills in war room structures. Fighting HIV & AIDS, TB and STIs and other social issues must be treated it as “holy war” where we all must be ethical soldiers. Leaders, communities, government and stakeholders must show interest at how war rooms function and support WRs. Mayors should look back at what OSS stands and refocus OSS and war rooms. He appealed to all Mayors (District and Local Municipalities) and local structures to strengthen OSS. He indicated that discussions would soon commence with the Provincial Treasury to find ways of allocating minimal budgets to WRs to supporting the strengthening of their functionality. He reminded the meeting that the Province and the PCA should not fail the community by not ensuring that structures were strengthened. 	<p>The leadership at all levels should support the war rooms.</p> <p>Have discussions with the Treasury on the possibility of allocating some budget to the war rooms.</p> <p>.</p>

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2.1 Presentation on OSS: Premier Mr E S Mchunu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of reporting in the next meeting, the Chairperson expected good reports from the districts. The reports should reflect the current situation (reporting quarter) set against the quarter targets and the baseline (previous quarter results). Where targets are not met, the report should state what districts are doing to intervene. 	Districts must prepare good reports for presentation reflecting the current results against the current targets and the previous results (baseline)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He also suggested for there to be a provision of health check-up corner during all PCA meetings, where PCA members would undergo health screening. It was necessary that PCA members walk the talk. • The upcoming annual World AIDS Day event on the 1st of December 2014 commemorations had been decentralised to the districts and further to the local municipalities and wards. Each District would organise and conduct their individual events. The model for commemoration would be geared towards total involvement of the community hence a greater role for the WRs. 	

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2.1 Presentation on OSS: Premier Mr E S Mchunu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In emphasising the need to boost results, the Chairperson indicated that the International AIDS Conference taking place in 2016 in Durban. There was need for the Province to show the world impressive progress. 	
2.1.1 Presentation on OSS: Dr N I Ndlovu	<p>The presentation re-emphasised Chairperson presentation. The following were the key points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> War room functioning was the bedrock of OSS and was critical to the effective fighting of HIV & AIDS, TB and STIs; and other social ills in the community. The background of OSS could be defined by its logo, where at the centre of it is the red ribbon, signifying the challenge of HIV and AIDS and TB the Province faces. The open hands means empowerment of the people of the Province, standing up to build KwaZulu-Natal. Communities should therefore lead the rebuilding of society. Government accepts that it cannot achieve this on its own and so requires the support of communities. While communities lead in their own development, Government's role is to improve access to and provide the services. Community's participation should be achieved through war room functionality. 	

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2.1.1 Presentation on OSS: Dr N I Ndlovu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSS focuses on five critical areas. These are: community leadership and participation, behavioural change, integration of government services in the war rooms, economic activities and environmental care. Additional emphasis was put on profiling, which is an integral aspect of the war rooms. The purpose of profiling is to come up with a list of challenges including those in the area of HIV and AIDS and TB, teenage pregnancy, school drop outs and poverty among others. This can then be addressed by WRs through government interventions and departmental referrals. Encouraging success stories have arisen from households profiling. 	
2.1.2 Presentation on OSS: Dr S Dhlomo	<p>The following were the key points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally the Province had done well on OSS implementation and in combatting HIV and AIDS, TB, STIs and other social ills regardless of the challenges in strengthening our programmes. There had been tremendous progress since the inception of the war rooms, he however, echoed the Chairperson's pronouncement in terms of the war rooms losing focus. 	

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2.1.2 Presentation on OSS: Dr S Dhlomo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interventions were taking place which included those targeting youth aged 15-34 such as awareness campaigns and peer education sessions. There was also health promotion and education on condom use, prevention of mother to Child transmission (PMTCT), prevention of teenage pregnancy, medical male circumcision (MMC) TB and sexual reproductive health among others. Programmes such as Zazi campaigns, 'Mom connect' focussed on young women. Programmes accelerating behavioural change and risk reduction focussing on men included 'Phila ndoda uvikele umndeni wakho' campaign, 'Isibaya samadoda' dialogues and 'Taking services to the Taxi Ranks'. Measures had been put in place to identify "TB hot spots" including informal settlements. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In terms of accelerated access to comprehensive care management and treatment, the National Health Insurance (NHI) "Centralised Chronic Medicines Dispensing & Distribution" initiative has been piloted in 60 health facilities. 	

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2.2 Presentation on Implementation of OSS, Lessons Learnt, Key Success Factors and Decision Points by Mr Bernard Katz (BroadReach Healthcare)	<p>The presentation on behalf of Dr Ernest Darkoh, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BroadReach Healthcare. It was the same presentation that had been made in Mpumalanga. The key points were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defined the current legislation, policies, structures, frameworks & plans in place and how these form the basis of enhancing service delivery. • The distinction between the OSS model and other models. • Key success factors for KZN in implementing the OSS model, recommendations for national replication and scale up, pit falls to avoid and major points for discussion, alignment & consensus. 	

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2. 3 Discussions	<p>The following was raised during discussions:</p> <p><u>Misuse of Condoms:</u> A concern was raised by Cllr ZD Nxumalo, Mayor of uBuhlebezwe Local Municipality on misuse of condoms. He indicated he witnessed a case in which a prominent football team had large supplies of condoms at their disposal.</p> <p>On enquiring why the team was in possession of a large amount of condoms, the response was the team's football players would use them to hold up the playing socks. He also stated that condoms were being sold to the elderly who believed the lubricant in condoms was a remedy for arthritis. This issue had also been raised in the September meeting by Cllr Ndlela of uMsunduzi Municipality.</p> <p>In addition, Ms Honey Allee, of the South African Business Coalition on HIV & AIDS (SABCOHA) stated that condoms were also being used by young girls as hairpieces and confirmed that the elderly were using condoms to as a cure for arthritis.</p> <p><u>Life Skills:</u> Ms Allee also stated that the IMA had started a club for the grannies and their grandchildren. The aim was to assist them with healthcare issues, and girl guides and scout groups for the youth to teach them life skills.</p>	

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2. 3 Discussions	<p><u>Research by the Health Economics and HIV and AIDS Research Division (HEARD).</u> Mr Theophilus Nji stated that HEARD would be carrying out research in the Province and requested support from District and Local Mayors as they go out to communities and learning institutions conducting research, building capacity and enabling leadership to roll back the HIV and AIDS pandemic. They already have programmes planned for 2015.</p> <p><u>Community Development Workers (CDWs):</u> Cllr MT Mbonambi, Deputy Mayor of KwaMaphumulo Local Municipality, commended Community Development Workers (CDWs) for their outstanding work within the communities. However the Cllr urged that the number of CDWs in the communities be increased as per the load of work they carry. He also recommended that there should be more training for CDWs on completing the 'Profiling Forms'.</p> <p><u>Key Recommendations</u></p> <p>The key recommendations from the presentations were as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceleration handing over of running of war rooms activities to community members • The fight against HIV and AIDS, STIs and TB to be central to the war rooms 	Provide the HEARD research programme details to the PCA Secretariat

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Districts to develop clear implementation plans for OSS aligned to Integrated Development Plans(IDPs) Commitment of leadership and direction in accelerating the implementation of OSS <p>In closing the Chairperson expressed appreciation to all the presenters for their time, efforts and dedication to OSS.</p>	
2.3 Presentation on proposed research on HIV incidence ‘Hot Spots’ in KwaZulu-Natal by Mrs Petro Rousseau	<p>Mrs Petro Rousseau made the presentation on behalf of Dr Fareed Abdullah, CEO of SANAC who sent his apology.</p> <p>The presentation focused on Health Policy Project’s (HPP) geo-health mapping using geospatial analysis to understand the local HIV epidemic. It was earmarked for eThekwin Municipality which had one the highest HIV prevalence in the country’s metros.This would be used to address programmatic challenges and help in focusing resources where they were needed most.</p>	

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2.3 Presentation on proposed research on HIV incidence 'Hot Spots' in KwaZulu-Natal by Mrs? Petro Rousseau	<p><u>Questions/Comments:</u> The overriding comments were the need to verify statistics and data used with official sources such as Statistics South Africa. Secondly, there was need for the project to work collaboratively with other research institutions such as the Human Sciences Research Council, the University of KwaZulu-Natal and others. The presenter indicated that the intention was not to duplicate work that had already been done.</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Mrs Rousseau and confirmed that the proposal will be presented at the Cluster meeting.</p>	
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5. Civil Society Report by Deputy Chairperson and CSO Forum Chairperson Mr Patrick Mdletshe	<p>Mr Mdletshe provided feedback on the civil society forum meeting took place on 15 October 2014. The following were the key issues:</p> <p><u>Amendment of the PCA Constitution:</u> The meeting was in agreement on the need to make amendments on the PCA Constitution in terms of aligning sector representation in the PCA to those of SANAC.</p>	

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5. Civil Society Report by Deputy Chairperson and CSO Forum Chairperson Mr Patrick Mdletshe	<p><u>Additional Members from the PLHIV Sector:</u> Following an outcry from the PLHIV sector, the meeting agreed that four additional members of this Sector be incorporated into the PCA Secretariat. These were nominated and are Ms Nonhlanhla Radebe, Ms Phume Ngcobo, Ms Promise Makhanya and Ms Sihle Mahaye.</p> <p><u>Functioning PLHIV Structures:</u> The meeting agreed on the need to have well-functioning PLHIV structures at the District, Local and Ward level. The meeting urged all Local and Districts Municipalities to have well-functioning PLHIV structures within their LAC or DAC before February 2015. The meeting further urged all Mayors to be at the fore front of their AIDS Councils.</p>	
	<p>Mr Mdletshe, then called upon Ms Musa Njoko to make some announcements regarding the second Musa Njoko uBuntu Awards Ceremony. The key details were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second Musa Njoko uBuntu Awards Ceremony will take place on 29 November 2014. The uBuntu Awards are mainly to honour and encourage those involved in TBHIV related work. 	

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5. Civil Society Report by Deputy Chairperson and CSO Forum Chairperson Mr Patrick Mdletshe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The venue is Kwa Mashu Christian Centre in Durban commencing from 17h30. • PCA members are invited to the event which would also be used as a as a pre-event to World AIDS Day. • The event would also be used in celebrating Ms Njoko's 20 years living with HIV and celebrating achievements that the KwaZulu-Natal Province has made on HIV and AIDS. • The event also aimed to encourage Pastors, Gospel artists, Local celebrities, TV personalities to be activists for TBHIV • Ms Njoko also used the opportunity to urge churches and religious institutions not to be silent on all deception, myths and misconceptions regarding HIV & AIDS. 	
	<p>Questions/comments/Clarifications:</p> <p><u>Support for the PLHIV Sector in eThekwini:</u> The Mayor of eThekwini Metro Cllr J Nxumalo reported that they had met with the PLWHA Sector in eThekwini. In this meeting, the sector had requested assistance as they were just getting started. The Mayor reported that they were willing to assist but sought to confirm whether the Civil Society Forum was aware of this meeting and the group.</p>	

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	<u>Inclusion on Men who have Sex with Men Sector:</u> MEC Dhlomo enquired as to why there was no sector on 'men having sex with men' or 'female having sex with female'. Mr Mdletshe responded that there, currently, is no sector representing them even at national (SANAC) level. The issue was however being discussed.	
SECTION 4: INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL UPDATES		
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4.1. International AIDS Conference 2016	Dr Dhlomo reported that the International AIDS Conference is taking place in 2016 in Ethekwini Metro. It was a great honour for KwaZulu-Natal, Ethekwini Metro and South Africa at large to host this significant international event.	
SECTION 5: MENTIONS AND CLOSURE		
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5.1. World AIDS Day 2014	The World AIDS day commemorated every first of December 2014. The theme was "Zero Stigma and Discrimination". Events have been decentralised meaning that each District would be responsible for their individual event. The events will include having campaign sessions and offering/uptake of HIV and other health services. The district champion MECs, Mayors and HODs will lead the events.	

SECTION 5: MENTIONS AND CLOSURE		
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5.2 16 Days Activism against Women and Children Abuse	The '16 Days Of Activism Against Women And Children Abuse', taking place from 25 November to 10 December, will also take a similar format as the 'World AIDS Day' in terms of decentralizing the activities.	
Closure	There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairperson thanked all present and adjourned the meeting at 17h38.	

BY THE CHAIRPERSON: (Signature).....

BY THE DEPUTY-CHAIRPERSON: (Signature).....