



MINUTES OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS (PCA) MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2016 AT THE GREY'S HOSPITAL IN PIETERMARITZBURG

PCA CHAIRPERSON:

MR ES MCHUNU- PREMIER OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE,

PCA DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON:

MR P MDLETSHI-CHIRPERSON OF THE KZN CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

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ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION/ACTION
1.1 OPENING AND WELCOME	<p>Meeting declared open at 13h27 by the Chairperson, Honourable Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Mr ES Mchunu.</p> <p>In his opening remarks, the Chairperson welcomed and appreciated all the Members of the Executive Council (MECs), Heads of Departments (HODs), Honourable Mayors, Departmental Officials and all other guests for attending, the PCA meeting despite busy schedules. He also acknowledged the presence of the representative of the International AIDS Society (IAS) Professor Olive Shisana.</p>	

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The MEC for Health Dr S M Dhlomo, Cllr T Mchunu (Mayor, uThungulu) and Cllr TE Maphumulo (Mayor uMkhambathini) would be joining the meeting at a later stage.																																								

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1.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted without any amendments. MEC P Nkonyeni moved the motion for adoption. This was seconded by MEC Mr M Mabuyakhulu.	
1.4. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING	<p><u>1.4.1. Update on Progress Condom factory by Department of Economic Development:</u> <i>(Update by MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Mr M Mabuyakhulu).</i> The department had continued to facilitate commencement of the project. This was now in the final stages before commencement.</p> <p><i>Comment from the Chairperson:</i> He urged all DACs and LACs to update their respective DACs and LACs on the condom factory. Progress update to be provided again in September 2016.</p>	<p>Update respective DACs and LACs on the condom factory and further cascade to communities. <i>(Att: DAC and LAC Chairpersons)</i></p>
		<p>Progress update to be provided again in September 2016. <i>(Att: PCA Secretariat)</i></p>
	<p><u>1.4.2 Update on Global Fund Application:</u> <i>(Update provided by Mr S Magagula HOD KZN Treasury):</i> The Global Fund will be providing KZN with USD 31 676 308 for implementation of programmes. Grant implementation was to commence by April 2016 once signing of the grant has been done. A key step is the signing of the framework agreement by the country. Other next steps are; (1) signing of the grant agreement by KZN Treasury (2) recruitment of staff (3) engagement of a consultancy for hot spot mapping (4) development of concept note on care and cash programme for young girls and women (5) selection of a sub-recipients for young women & girls programme and (6) training of all implementers.</p>	<p>Report back to the PCA on grant signing and how the funds will be utilised. <i>(Att: Mr S Magagula HOD KZN Treasury)</i></p>

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1.4. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING	<p>1.4.2 Update on Global Fund Application (contd): Other organisations that will work in KZN under the auspices of the global fund grant are: the National DOH, NGOs (Kheth'impilo, Soul City, NACOSA, AIDS Foundation of SA and Right to Care).</p> <p><i>Comment from the Chairperson:</i> The council should note that this is a large amount of money that should be used diligently. He urged the treasury to report back in the next council meeting on grant signing and how the funds would be utilised.</p>	
	<p>1.4.3 Update AIDS 2016 conference: <i>(update by Professor O Shisana)</i>. The theme of the conference was "Access, Equity, Rights-Now." The theme remind us that all our gains will be lost if we do not continue to build a strong global movement to change the course of the epidemic.</p> <p>Key conference dates were as follows: 1 April 2016-Volunteer applications opens. 11 April 2016-Satellite Symposium submissions close. 21 April 2016-Late breaker abstract submissions opens. 28 April 2016- Late registration fee starts. 3 May 2016-Exhibitions applications close and 12 May 2016: Late breaker abstract submissions closes.</p>	<p>Upload the presentation on their websites. <i>(Att: All government departments and district municipalities)</i></p> <p>PCA Secretariat should facilitate this.</p> <p><i>Access & Equity:</i> An elaborate report on access and equity on comprehensive treatment and related matters for all our people in the province in terms of ART be presented in the next meeting. <i>(Att: DOH).</i></p>

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1.4. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING	<p>1.4.3 Update AIDS 2016 conference (contd): The next major event was 100 days countdown commencing April 8 2016. The countdown ceremony will be held at the Gugu Dlamini park in Durban.</p> <p>An update of the HIV & AIDS museum was also provided by Debbie Heustice of the Civil Society Forum as part of the legacy project. The idea is to educate the public and preserve knowledge for the future generations.</p> <p><i>Comments from the Chairperson:</i> He urged all to work together to ensure conference was a success and at the same time reiterated that AIDS was devastating and real and focus should firmly be kept on fighting and defeating the epidemic despite the presence of misleading literature on HIV that could be a source of losing focus. The presentation should be disseminated as widely as possible using all media at our disposal.</p>	<i>Rights:</i> An elaborate report on rights to access to treatment, discrimination among others be presented in the next meeting. It also should include issues of stigma and GBV. Acting DG should ensure this is done. (<i>Att: Human Rights Directorate in the Office of the Premier</i>).
		Provide the council with an independent report on access to treatment, equity and rights. (<i>Att: Civil Society</i>)
		<i>Legacy:</i> A discussion in the next meeting be held on the kind of additional legacy the Province wants to leave/be known for after hosting the AIDS 2016 conference.
		Engage further on the location of the museum and update on the outcome of the engagement in the next meeting.

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1.4. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING	1.4.4 Report World AIDS 2015: <i>(by Dr Ndlovu)</i> . The report was presented for the PCA meeting to note. The National World AIDS day 2015 was held at Ugu District. The theme was towards an HIV free generation <i>Rise, Act, Protect</i> . The OSS approach was used with national and provincial leadership visiting communities in War Rooms. 23 wards were covered, with communities benefiting from services. The major challenge was cited that of role clarity when working with National departments.	

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2.1 DISTRICT REPORTS	<p><i>(District syntheses report presented by Dr Ndlovu)</i> The presentation was based on data submitted by the Districts. She also noted that quality of data was still a challenge.</p> <p>uMgungundlovu, eThekwini and Zululand had shown improvement. The Chairperson commended Civil Society for their intervention especially in eThekwini and Zululand. uMzinyathi though performing satisfactorily had governance challenges. Harry Gwala and Amajuba's performance was rated as good.</p> <p>The major challenge noted across several districts was that of non-participation by Local Mayors and Councillors in LAC and DAC meetings. The other challenge across most districts was that of poor reporting by sectors/departments, of note was lack of reporting on learner pregnancies to the DAC by the department of education.</p> <p>Special interventions were required for the following districts that had serious challenges.</p> <p>(1) uThungulu (2) iLembe (3) uMkhanyakude (4) eThekwini and (5) Ugu.</p>	<p>An intervention report should be prepared and presented in the next meeting. The report should address measures taken to curb the challenges districts are facing and should reflect participation by all stakeholders. The five districts identified to be having serious challenges should be priority.</p> <p><i>(Att: PCA Secretariat and DAC Secretariats of affected districts).</i></p>
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2.1 DISTRICT REPORTS (contd.)	The Chairperson noted that mayor of Zululand has not been attending the PCA meetings.	Convey message to Zululand Mayor as a matter of urgency to attend the next PCA meeting. (Att: PCA Secretariat)
	<u>Learner Pregnancy:</u> Data on learner pregnancy was not easy to get from the department of education. There is need for a report to enable the Province determine where it is and know whether strategies are working or not.	Present report on strategies to curbing learner pregnancy in the next meeting (Att: Department of Education)
	<u>Infants Deaths:</u> The high infant deaths in public hospitals were still a concern.	
	<u>Sexual assaults:</u> Generally high and therefore increasing risk of HIV infection.	
	<i>Comments from the Chairperson:</i> There was need to have more stakeholders fully involved and visible in the fight HIV and AIDS.	Prepare a report on the high infant deaths and report in the next meeting. (Att: DOH)
		Meet the religious leaders of this province with a view to requesting them to take responsibility and come on board in a much more active way in the fight against HIV & AIDS (Att: Chairperson of PCA)

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2.2 CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT	<p><i>(Presented by Mr P Mdletshe Deputy Chair of the PCA and Chair of Civil Society Forum).</i>Key issues were as follows:</p> <p><u>Condoms:</u> HEAIDS distribution of newly branded/flavoured has been successful. The upcoming factory should take into consideration experiences of this success and come up with newly branded condoms, packaged with new messages and lubricants. Civil society in turn is committed to more dialogue and education of communities on this issue.</p> <p><u>DREAMS Project:</u> Holding of extensive consultations in the 3 KZN implementing districts had helped to reduce concerns raised in the last PCA meeting i.e. November 2015. Efforts to be made to work with and expand capacity of local organisations in these districts. The request for application (RFA) PEPFAR DREAMS innovation challenge fund will be circulated. Consortiums welcome to apply. This also in the website: www.dreamschallenge.org</p> <p><u>World AIDS Day 2015:</u> There is a challenge in the Civil Society in Ugu, part of the secretariat of civil society we will be visiting Ugu for further engagement.</p>	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 450px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Engage further with Ugu district to strengthen Civil Society (Att: Civil Society Secretariat)</p>

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2.2 CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT (contd.)	<p><u>Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis: PrPEP</u> is now available. It is highly effective. As it is rolled out, there is need to be cautious and e.g. maintain our traditional messages of ABC. There is also need to be aware of the huge public health system capacity challenges.</p>	
	<p><u>Test and Treat (T&T)</u>: All people that test positive should be put on treatment. This will ensure people live longer and stay healthy – less burden on health system and ensure there is less transmission. Civil society says the country is ready for test and treat.</p> <p>Sustainability of T&T could be a challenge of due to cost, so e.g. the country requires a new strategy which will enable local, more cost effective drug production and supply.</p> <p>Stigma especially self-stigma remains a challenge as are the drug toxicities of those on treatment.</p> <p>Dr S M Dhlomo suggested to have a bilateral with deputy chair on the issue of test and treat.</p>	<p>Prepare detailed presentation on Test and Treat and present in the next council meeting. Relevant departments to coordinate with relevant bodies in preparing this presentation.</p> <p><i>(Att: Department of Health (Lead))</i></p>
	<p><u>90-90-90</u>: Statisticians show that 90-90-90 has to be implemented if we are to get a handle on HIV, however, the province and country cannot treat its way out of HIV. A combination approach of prevention, education & treatment is required as is adherence for those already on treatment.</p>	

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2.2 CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT (contd.)	<p><u>AIDS 2016</u>: Noted the progress the country has made since conference held in 2000. Civil society must be united in the 2016 conference on topical issues including (1) test and treat (2) access, including PrePEP (3) funding crisis: international financing of HIV vs domestic financing and (4) the OSS model.</p> <p>The KZN Research Colloquium to be launched during the conference will enable engagement on high level research by civil society and help create a bridge between PCA, policy deliberations and research in KZN.</p> <p>The report also contained sector reports by the following sectors: PLHIV, Faith Based Organisations, Sports, HEAIDS, Sex Workers, LGBTI and; Women's sector and District Reports. The issue murders of perpetrators of MSM rapes in schools in Ugu required PCA intervention.</p>	<p>Mayors to set aside a budget to be used in sponsoring Civil Society to attend AIDS 2016 conference.</p> <p><i>(Att: District Mayors)</i></p>
		<p>Update on issues raised in the sector reports and district reports to be provided in next meeting</p> <p><i>(Att: Civil Society Secretariat)</i></p>

SECTION 3: STRATEGIC ISSUES

3.1 PRESENTATION ON THE MID TERM REVIEW OF THE PROVINCIAL MULTI-SECTORAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HIV AND AIDS, TB, STI 2012- 2016	<p><i>(Presented by Dr Ndlovu)</i></p> <p>The presentation was to apprise the PCA on the preliminary findings of the PSP mid-term review. The purpose was to assess progress the province had made at mid-term in implementation of the strategic plan 2012-2017. Assistance from various stakeholders would be required to finalise the review.</p>	
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3.2 PRESENTATION NIMART DOCUMENTATION	<p><i>(Presented by Dr S. Mndaweni)</i></p> <p>The purpose of the presentation was to apprise the PCA on the documentation of the NIMART in the province and showcase the successes the province had gained towards ART as a result of this strategy. The documentation was being sponsored by the joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The booklet would be launched during the AIDS 2016 conference.</p> <p>Several other activities such as commemoration of the 1 million mark of a patients on ART had taken place at the clinic in Richmond where the first ART patient was initiated.</p>	
3.3 PRESENTATION HIV PREVENTION VACCINE	<p><i>(Presentation by Dr K Mngadi –CAPRISA)</i></p> <p>The purpose was to apprise the members of the PCA of an upcoming HIV prevention vaccine trial.</p>	
3.4 TABLING BY SOCIAL-ILLS PROVINCIAL STRATEGIC PLAN	<p><i>(by Ms N Khanyile)</i></p> <p>The social ills provincial strategic plan was tabled to the PCA.</p> <p>The purpose of this presentation was to appraise the PCA on the newly approved social ills campaign strategy for the Province of KwaZulu-Natal.</p>	

SECTION 4: MENTIONS AND CLOSURE

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4.1 HUMAN RIGHTS DAY	To be commemorated on the 21 March 2016 in Durban.	
4.2 CABINET OSS DAY	Cabinet OSS day for March 2016 on the 30 March 2016 at uMkhambatini.	
4.3 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	Special PCA meeting to be held on 11 June 2016 to primarily discuss AIDS 2016 conference.	
CLOSURE: There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairperson thanked all members present and adjourned the meeting.		

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

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