



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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 08 JUNE 2016 AT THE ROYAL SHOWGROUNDS IN PIETERMARITZBURG

PCA CHAIRPERSON : PREMIER OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE, MR TW MCHUNU

PCA DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON : MR PZ MDLETSHE

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ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION/ACTION
1.1 OPENING AND WELCOME	<p>The Chairperson, Honourable Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Mr TW Mchunu, declared the meeting open at 13h30.</p> <p>Member of executive council (MEC) for Health-Dr SM Dhlomo offered the opening prayer.</p> <p>The Chairperson acknowledged and welcomed all present, MECs, heads of departments (HODs), mayors, all civil society sectors, representatives of the International AIDS Society (IAS), South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) representatives and all departmental officials.</p>	

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1.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	Ms Honey Allee moved for adoption of the agenda. District Mayors for UThukela, Amajuba and UMkhanyakude seconded the adoption.	
SECTION 2: MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION		
2.1 PROGRESS REPORT	<p>Presented by Dr M Muturuki</p> <p>The report covered the following: overview of expected guest list; speakers; registration breakdown; pre-conference schedule; affiliated independent events; engagement tours; immigration and visa requirements; community activist liaisons and peaceful marches/demonstrations and a summary of media coverage.</p> <p>The conference was expected to attract 18000 participants and 1000 journalists representing 180 countries and will consist of more than 500 sessions, workshops and programme activities.</p>	
2.2 LOGISTICS AND INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE	<p>2.2 (a) Update on build up activities by Dr NI Ndlovu</p> <p>The build-up activities comprised of activations, media briefings, countdowns, and awareness blitzes among others.</p> <p>Dr Dhlomo indicated that the province is pleased to note that on paper 31 Durban based service providers will render services at the Conference. This translates into benefits to the Durban economy. He further mentioned that he hoped what is on paper will translate in to action during the event.</p>	

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2.2 LOGISTICS AND INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE (cont.)	<p>2.2 (b) Report on Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) meeting presented by Dr NI Ndlovu</p> <p>Key points during discussions at the previous high level IMC meetings were as follows; 9500 delegates had registered so far; a draft security plan was in place, the event was categorised as a major event with high risk status; the health and medical devices plan was in place. The IMC also discussed communication plan. There were 7 key messages. All Government websites to carry the messaging, events to be hosted to communicate and brand the conference. The provincial communication plan should be customised along these lines. All departmental communicators to implement the plan.</p> <p>It was recommended that the next Inter-Ministerial Committee to be held in Durban.</p>	<p>All Government departments' websites to have conference messaging guided by the provincial communication plan (Att: Departmental Communication Units)</p>
	<p>Comments/Concerns</p> <p>The shortage of female condoms in health facilities is a serious concern. A match against the shortage of female condoms was being organised and so far the permit had not been received (<i>Silungile Mntambo</i>).</p> <p>Timelines provided for completing quilt making were a concern (<i>Silungile Mntambo</i>).</p> <p>The meeting noted these concerns.</p>	<p>Provincial communication plan should be customised using national guidelines. (Att: Provincial Government Communication Chief Directorate)</p>
		<p>All departments to implement the plan. (Att: Departmental Communication Units)</p>

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2.3 COMMUNICATION PLAN	<p>Presented by Advocate Chamane-Chief Director-Provincial Government Communication Chief Directorate</p> <p>The chairperson indicated the presentation failed to provide a clear picture on KwaZulu-Natal's communication plan. The meeting noted that the presentation was on national communication guidelines for the conference as opposed to a communication plan.</p> <p>Communications chief directorate was asked to lead in the development of the plan using the national guidelines. This should be presented to the Cabinet Major Events Committee.</p> <p><i>At this juncture, Deputy Chairperson of the KwaZulu-Natal PCA, Mr PZ Mdletshe, was requested by the Chairperson to take over the chairing duties of the meeting.</i></p>	<p>Develop a provincial communication plan and present it at the Cabinet Major Events Committee (Att: Provincial Government Communication Chief Directorate)</p>
2.4 LEGACY PROJECT	<p>Presented by Debbie Heustice-member of the KwaZulu-Natal Civil Society Forum</p> <p><i>The Legacy Project "Towards a Museum of HIV Memory and Learning" – South African Voices.</i> Key updates were as follows; exhibition content for all zones are in the final stages of development; youth ambassadors have been selected to support logistics during the week prior to the conference and the week of the conference; a partnership with positive vibes / DoTV will allow for audio-visual to support people to "add their voices" to the exhibition onsite.</p>	

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2.4 LEGACY PROJECT (cont.)	<p>Comments/Concerns</p> <p>The Deputy Chairperson indicated that the Legacy project was an initiative of the KZN civil society as part of participation in the conference and showcasing what the conference means to the people of the province.</p> <p>The chairperson encouraged the team to find a memorable name that will make it distinctive from the African Museum.</p> <p>All concerns raised would be attended to.</p>	
2.5 ACCESS TO COMPMREHESIVE TREATMENT AND RELATED MATTERS	<p>Presented by Dr Victoria Mubaiwa- KZN Department of Health</p> <p>Presentation was in response to a PCA meeting resolution held on 16 march 2016 for the need to determine the status of access to anti-retroviral therapy in the province. This was in line with the AIDS 2016 conference theme-<i>Access, Equity, Rights Now</i></p> <p>Key points were-the province still had high ante-natal prevalence rates; 1.6 million people were living with HIV; success was being noted in the area of PMTCT; 659 facilities were offering ART; By march 2016 just above 1 million people living with HIV were on ART and 72% were being managed in primary health care facilities. Several challenges were noted. Challenges were currently being dealt with through various initiatives and strategies. The target was to have 1.6 million on treatment in the province by 2020 and contribute to the global target of 20 million people on treatment by 2020.</p> <p>However there is adequate access to ART in the province.</p>	

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2.5 ACCESS TO COMPMREHESIVE TREATMENT AND RELATED MATTERS (cont.)	<p>Comments/Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV incidence in the province is high and it is a worry. Reasons need to be determined as to why the numbers are not going down (<i>Dr Dhlomo-MEC Health</i>) Future presentations should refer to previous progress for comparison purposes over period of time. (<i>Cllr Bhamjee-Umgungundlovu</i>) Young people defaulting on treatment because of inadequate counselling. Young people were being started too early on ARV treatment. He expressed a worry about whether the country is indeed ready to test and treat. (<i>Siyabonga Nzimande-co-chair for eThekweni DAC</i>) Lay counsellors should not be phased out as they play an important role in testing, counselling and adherence. (<i>Slungile Mntambo</i>) Despite the milestones the province had reached, hard work still lay ahead. There was need to carefully consider the issue of community lay counsellors. (<i>Deputy Chairperson-PCA</i>) The business sector prepared to assist NGOs with challenges of accessing HIV test kits and offered to meet with the Deputy Chairperson and discuss ways of assistance (<i>Honey Allee-SABCOHA</i>) 	<p>Arrange for a meeting with Civil Society to discuss ways of assistance with accessing HIV test kits for NGOs (Att: SABCOHA and Civil Society Forum)</p>

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2.5 ACCESS TO COMPMREHESIVE TREATMENT AND RELATED MATTERS(cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was never a plan to phase out lay counsellors but to career path them into other categories like staff nurse, enrolled nurse and professional nurses. They would still continue applying their professional counselling skills while in those professions. <i>(Dr Dhlomo-MEC Health)</i> Friendly youth services are still a barrier in most (health) facilities. For example youth cannot talk freely to much older health care workers due respect and the age gap <i>(Mr Mpungose- eThekwini youth sector)</i> The “happy hour” concept as a strategy for offering youth friendly services in facilities is being implemented in uMzinyathi. <i>(Deputy Chairperson-PCA)</i> In subsequent PCAs, there should be discussions on progress made in regard to integration of services. Dr Mubaiwa confirmed that a presentation will be prepared for the next PCA on the progress of integration. 	Present progress report on integration of services in the next PCA meeting <i>(Att: Department of Health)</i>
SECTION 3: MENTIONS & CLOSURE		
3.1 YOUTH DAY	16 June 2016	
3.2 YOUTH PARLIAMENT	23-24 June 2016	
3.3 CABINET OSS DAY	Cabinet OSS day to be held in uThungulu – 29 June 2016	

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3.4 YW&G PROGRAMME LAUNCH	Launch of the young women and girls (YW&G) programme- 24 th of June 2016	
3.5 NEXT PCA MEETING	Date of the next PCA Meeting – 9 November 2016	
3.6 CLOSURE	<p>In his closing remarks, the Chairperson tasked the PCA Secretariat to schedule the PCA meeting closer than the planned date of 9 November 2016 due to outstanding matters of importance that could not be discussed in this meeting. He noted that the coming days would be particularly busy, with events such as the local government elections due to take place in August 2016, but stated that this should not compromise government work.</p> <p>He reiterated the need for HODs and Mayors to attend without fail all PCA meetings. Further, Mayors should improve on monitoring, accountability and supervision of execution of HIV & AIDS tasks in their municipalities.</p> <p>He apologised for the not conducive meeting venue and asked the secretariat to ensure that the venue for the next PCA is conducive.</p> <p>There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairperson once again thanked all members present and adjourned the meeting at 15h54.</p>	<p>Schedule the PCA meeting closer than the planned date of 9 November 2016 (Att: PCA Secretariat)</p>

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

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