



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

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019 AT GREYS HOSPITAL (RECREATIONAL HALL) IN PIETERMARITZBURG

CHAIRPERSON: MR S ZIKALALA, PREMIER OF KWAZULU NATAL

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON: MR P MDLETSHE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE KZN CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

SECTION 1: PROCEDURAL MATTERS

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION/ACTION
1.1 OPENING AND WELCOME	The Deputy Chairperson Mr Mdletshe declared the meeting open at 14:00. He requested Mr Bophela to open the meeting with a short prayer. He informed the meeting that the Premier is running late but will be joining the meeting later. In his remarks, he cited that this is the first meeting in 2019 due to many competing priorities including the elections. He indicated that in the financial year 2020/21 three PCA meetings will be held. He emphasised that PCA meetings are not a formality but critical in leading and tracking progress towards ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. The Deputy	

	Chairperson welcomed everyone present, with a special welcome extended to the incoming MEC for Health, Ms Nomagugu Simelane Zulu, the new HOD for Health Dr S Tshabalala and all the newly appointed MECs and HODs.	
1.2 APOLOGIES	<p>The Deputy Chairperson received the following apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon VR Mlotshwa - Finance Portfolio Committee • Hon NR Mthembu – Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Portfolio Committee • Cllr TD Buthelezi - Mayor for Zululand District Municipality • Cllr TM Kaunda - Mayor for eThekweni District Municipality • Inkosi Chiliza - Chairperson - Provincial House of Traditional Leaders • Cllr TB Zulu – uMlalazi Local Municipality Mayor • Mr SL Magagula – Head of Department Provincial Treasury • Cllr As Mazibuko – Mayor of uThukela District • The MEC for Health apologized on behalf of all the executive members who were still concluding the Executive Council meeting, including the Premier. The Executive Council meeting was delayed due to an early morning unplanned visit to uMshwathi Municipality occasioned by the tornado that killed two people and washed away houses and properties. <p>The following members requested to leave early:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor PMS Ngubane from uMzinyathi • Mayor SR Ngcobo from uGu District 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr N Mkhulisi – Mayor of King Cetshwayo District 	
1.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The adoption of the PCA meeting Agenda was proposed by the Mayor from Amajuba District, Dr M Ngubane and seconded by Ms Neliswa Mdaka, the Chairperson of uMgungundlovu Civil Society Forum.	
1.4 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING	<p>The PCA minutes were adopted with the following corrections cited by Ms Honey Allee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.5, 2.1 paragraph 3 should read as: ...trained on stigma reduction and not stigma and reduction • P.9, 2.3 paragraph 2 should be ...challenged HIV positive patients need and not needs 	
PCA Resolutions and progress	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Five Year Review Publication: Dr Ndlovu reported that it is done and has been circulated electronically to all PCA members. 2. Civil Society Indaba and the Election process to nominate the new Civil Society Chairperson who will become the new PCA Deputy Chairperson: Dr Ndlovu reported this as achieved and the Chairperson of the Civil Society will report on the matter. 3. Provincial Condom Strategy: The Department of Health developed and is implementing a Condom strategy to address the challenges cited at the last meeting. 	

SECTION 2: STANDING ITEMS

<p>2.1 Global Fund</p>	<p>Miss SP Dlamini presented the progress on the new three year Global Fund grant and the Cash plus Care activities for the six months extension granted to KZN Treasury, ending 31 October 2019. The programmes supported under the new grant are: 1) Human Rights including Stigma reduction and Legal support, 2) Adolescent Girls and Young Women, 3) Sex work ,4) People Who Inject Drugs (PWID), 5) Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) and 6) Tuberculosis (TB). The districts covered are eThekwini, uMgungundlovu uGu, King Cetshwayo and Zululand.</p> <p>Targets for Sex Workers using PrEP were not met, the remedial action is the recruitment of additional Linkage Officers and additional peers. The PWID program in Ethekwini exceeded its targets.</p> <p>The Human Rights National Strategy was launched on June 11 2019. NACOSA reached 128% of the overall targets for clients reached with harm reduction services and 133% of the overall HIV testing target among PWID. In eThekwini, the AFSA CRS Programme has managed to identify and capacitate 18 CSOs that are led by key populations.</p> <p>Miss Dlamini noted that unfortunately NDOH has not started implementation as they were mainly engaged in project start-up activities which include recruitment of staff and Sub-Recipients (SRs).</p> <p>The key challenges identified in the project are: 1) Delay in project inception resulting in</p>	
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	<p>delayed staff recruitment and implementation of programmatic activities and 2) Lack of signed MOUs with departments which has hampered roll-out of services in some districts.</p> <p>The presenter noted that to facilitate implementation progress, catch up plans for all underperforming programmes will be implemented in the succeeding quarters and the Office of the Premier will work with departments to fast track the signing of MOUs</p> <p>Ms H Allee was concerned as to why NDOH has zero on their spending when there is money available. Mr Mzamo Zondi asked why is NDOH only going to start at the end of Q2 when there are so many TB challenges in eThekweni. The response was that NDOH has been busy with recruitment of SRs in the province. The SRs are responsible for implementation.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Global Fund programme report to be a standing item at the Districts AIDS Councils where the programme is implemented.</p>	<p>Global Fund programme report to be a standing item in the implementing Districts AIDS Council meetings.</p>
2.2 PROVINCIAL SYNTHESIS REPORT	<p>Dr NI Ndlovu presented the Provincial Synthesis report. In her report, the following was highlighted:</p> <p>There is a higher risk of HIV among the key populations compared to the general population. In Q1, Amajuba, Umzinyathi and uThukela did not achieve their HIV testing targets. In Q2, of the eight districts that reported, Ilembe and uThukela did not achieve</p>	

	<p>their HIV testing targets. Most districts are not achieving targets for male condoms distribution. The provincial target for MMC was exceeded in Q1 but declined in Q2.</p> <p>All districts achieved targets towards mother to child HIV transmission, however, the performance for Harry Gwala, Umgungundlovu and uThukela declined in Q2.</p> <p>Teenage pregnancies remain high across all districts, eThekwini, Harry Gwala and Ugu declined in Q2. Infant deaths remain high across all districts.</p> <p>Performance on the 2nd 90 reveals that uMkhanyakude reached over 100% at the end of Q2 while eThekwini, Ugu and uMgungundlovu achieved over 90%, exceeding the global target for 2020.</p> <p>Viral load suppression rates are not sustained. In Q1 all districts achieved 90% while in Q2 the performance was not sustained. District's TB treatment success rate ranged from 49% to 87% for both quarters. Sexual assault cases are on the increase. Functionality of District AIDS Councils was mixed with some improving while others still performing poorly. It was noted that a number of Mayors are convening the Council meetings. In addition, a large number of LACs and WACs remain dysfunctional.</p> <p>Amajuba, King Cetshwayo and uMzinyathi Districts did not submit the report for Q2.</p>	<p>The PCA secretariat to look at capacitating the disfunctional District AIDS Council and Local AIDS Councils.</p>
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<p>2.3 CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT</p>	<p>The Deputy Chairperson, Mr Mdletshe presented the Civil Society report. He reported that the KZN Civil Society Indaba took place on the 16-17 of July 2019.</p> <p>He reported on the following key resolutions taken at the meeting: 1) Hospital boards should include three Civil Society members with relevant skills and knowledge to include community needs and improve service delivery, 2) DoH should fastrack the training of clinic committee members to improve their functionality, 3) PCA to revitalise Local AIDS Councils, 4) PCA Secretariat to share the reports the geospatial mapping with districts as they are key in responding to HIV, TB, STI and monitoring the implementation of the Provincial Implementation Plan (PIP) and 5) Adolescent and Youth Friendly services in health facilities need to be provided by youthful personnel.</p> <p>Mr Mdletshe further reported on the work done by members of civil society in the past six months. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District NHI consultations on its benefits and challenges for local community members • Health system strengthening whereby members of civil society work closely with facilities to improve service delivery • All eleven district chairpersons attended the National SANAC CSF Lekgotla • Men's parliament facilitated by Men's sector held in various districts • AFSA undertaking strengthening of the Civil Society Forum 	<p>Geospatial results to be shared with all the districts.</p> <p>PCA Secretariat to organise a meeting with SABCOHA on private sector role and contribution in the AIDS response.</p>
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	<p>The Deputy chairperson mentioned that Ntuzuma is leading in Gender-Based Violence cases and Umlazi is the fourth in terms of reported cases. He further suggested that Ugu, uThukela, Harry Gwala and Zululand needs to be prioritized.</p> <p>He reported that SABCOHA has requested for a meeting with the Office of the Premier to discuss the role and contribution of the private sector in the provincial AIDS response.</p>	
2.4 DISTRICT MAYORS INPUTS AND COMMENTS	<p>Councillor Mkhombo commented by saying as uMkhanyakude district they are not doing well on the aspect of functionality. He further reported that as a district they do not meet because they failed to reach the quorum.</p> <p>Mr M Zondi requested a team to audit WACs functionality. The Deputy Chair mentioned that there was a team which was led by him that visited the districts with dysfunctional WACs and they were looking on interventions that they can use to revitalise the structures. The districts visited were Ilembe, King Cetshwayo, eThekwini and Umgungudlovu.</p> <p>Cllr TS Mkhombo stated that there are challenges related to politics which makes it hard for officials to do their work and causing some war rooms are not functioning. Mr M Zondi mentioned that we need to have a meeting with Councillors and the Premier to depoliticise service delivery. Mr S Nzimande wanted a follow up on the task team report and he proposed the use of SANAC tool to test the functionality of DACs.</p>	

	<p>Cllr SR Ngcobo from uGu added that functionality must not end at the provincial level, it must be extended to other structures. Dr NI Ndlovu stated that the standard tool was used by the team that visited the districts and there was a report that was written with regards to issues of WACs not functioning.</p> <p>The Deputy Chair stated that attendance for officials at DACs and WACs meetings should be compulsory and not optional. DACs and LACs functionality should be part of performance indicators for Councillors.</p> <p>Mr Zondi from TAC, proposed a meeting between the Premier, Mayors, Councillors and Civil Society to identify the root cause of the AIDS Councils functionality and define ways to strengthen them. The MEC for Health agreed with Mr Zondi. However, she proposed that the Speaker from Legislature be invited as a permanent member of the PCA. The rationale being that the Speaker engages with multi-political parties at the Legislature.</p> <p>Mr S Nzimande stated that although teenage pregnancy rate is very high, the department of education not providing the data. Mr M Zondi reported that the Treatment Action Campaign met with officials from the Department of Education and had a good report to share. Unfortunately, this report has not been presented. He enquired on how many of the two million people are living with HIV are on treatment. He appreciated that the new infections are declining and he went further to say uThukela,uMzinyathi and Amajuba did not reach targets and there are no reports submitted.</p>	<p>Invite Speaker of Legislature to be a permanent member of the PCA</p>
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	<p>In response, Dr Ndlovu indicated that the provincial synthesis presented indicated the number of people living with HIV on ART as end of September 2019 was 1,482,435.</p> <p>The Chairperson welcomed the synthesis report and noted with concern that Mayors are not convening the DACs. He added that in districts where Mayor have failed to convene the meetings, it is the responsibility of the MEC Champions to engage with the Mayor and or convene them.</p>	
2.4 DISTRICT MAYORS INPUTS	<p>uMkhanyakude District</p> <p>Councillor TS Mkhombo confirmed that they are not doing well on the aspect of functionality they need global fund to assist with funding.</p> <p>Amajuba District</p> <p>MEC for Health Ms Nomagugu Simelane Zulu committed that she will attend the DAC meeting. The HOD will ensure the functionality of DAC. The outstanding report will be sent to Dr Ndlovu.</p> <p>Zululand District</p> <p>MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liason Mr B Ntuli said on the 21st of November 2019 he will be visiting the district and the outcome of that visit will assist him in understanding what are the issues in the district and then be able to deal with them.</p>	<p>MEC champions to visit their districts to follow up on issues and challenges facing their Districts</p>

	<p>iLembe District</p> <p>MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works Ms Peggy Nkonyeni expressed her pleasure that iLembe has been applauded because of its good work. She informed the Council meeting that iLembe will be convening the Men's Parliament.</p> <p>uMgungundlovu District</p> <p>MEC for Finance Mr R Pillay committed that the DAC meeting will be held before the end of November 2019 and he requested that the geospatial mapping report be shared with members.</p> <p>King Cetshwayo District</p> <p>MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Ms B Sithole-Moloi mentioned that King Cetshwayo District always sent reports, however, two municipalities, Mthonjaneni and Inkandla, are not submitting reports.</p> <p>eThekwini Metro</p> <p>MEC for Education Mr Kwazi Mshengu committed that eThekwini will report in the next meeting.</p> <p>Ugu District</p> <p>MEC for COGTA Mr S Hlomuka stated that he has never had a chance to meet with the DAC. A meeting will be convened soon and he will be able to address the challenges</p>	
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	<p>identified.</p> <p>uMzinyathi District</p> <p>MEC for Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation Ms H Mavimbela apologised that she has not yet formally engaged with the DAC. She committed to improve on the gaps identified by the PCA meeting and will convene the DAC meeting soon.</p> <p>uMkhanyakude District</p> <p>The Chairperson informed the meeting that uMkhanyakude District will work on strengthening the forum. He will take advantage of his visit to the district scheduled for the 14th of November 2019 to address the issues. This will include addressing the Mayors who are not participating in their LAC's.</p> <p>Mr M Zondi commented that there is a tendency of inefficiencies among the officials and when there is an intervention of a political leader the issue is resolved immediately. He cited the example of Empola Clinic in eThekweni where such happened. He then commended the visit to Gomane Clinic in Mpendle.</p> <p>The Deputy Chairperson mentioned that there is a need to pay attention to Mthonjaneni and Nkandla, as the Municipalities are dysfunctional.</p> <p>Mr NVE Ngidi Advisor to the Premier indicated that the matter of fighting the scourge of</p>	
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	HIV and AIDS and TB should be treated as a critical element of service delivery.	
	SECTION 3: STRATEGIC MATTERS	
3.1.1 REVIEW OF PCA CONSITUTION	<p>Dr Ndlovu informed the meeting that the PCA constitution was amended in 2017 to align with the new Provincial Implementation Plan 2017 – 2022. She reported that the Secretariat will include the Speaker of Legislature as a permanent member, following the resolution reached earlier on.</p> <p>The constitution was adopted with the above amendment</p>	
3.1.2 NEW CSO LEADERSHIP	The Deputy Chairperson reported that the civil society elections were held at Selborne hotel on 16-17 July 2019. The newly elected Provincial Civil Society executive comprises of Chairperson Mr P Mdletshe, Deputy Chair Mr S Ntuli, Secretary Dr A Gumede, Deputy Secretary Mr D Zungu, two additional members Ms M Zondi and Mr S Nzimande.	
3.2 ACTION PLAN ON GENDER BASED VIOLENCE PRESENTATION BY HOD KHANYILE	<p>The HOD for Social Development Ms N Khanyile presented the plan for all districts to launch 16 Days of Activism. She mentioned that the standard launch programme includes a march, an interfaith prayer and a visit to a police station.</p> <p>She presented the programme for each district targeting the key population for that particular district mostly in the form of dialogues. There are also dialogues targeting men and boys as well as behaviour change programmes targeting young people. All districts will implement prevention programmes for strengthening families and parenting. There</p>	

	<p>will be also a women's empowerment programme led by the Department of Economic Development And Tourism (EDTEA).</p> <p>The chairperson concluded by saying fighting HIV and AIDS should be integrated with other programmes.</p>	
4. CLOSURE		
4.1 MENTIONS AND CLOSURE	<p>The PCA secretariat had the following mentions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The World AIDS Day commemoration for 2019 is decentralised, each district will host a commemoration on Sunday 1st December 2019 under the theme "Communities make a difference " 2. 16 Days of Activism will take place from 25 November - 16 December 2019 as presented by HOD Khanyile. 3. Districts are requested to submit dates and venues for their World IDS Day 2019 to the HIV and AIDS Directorate in the Office of the Premier. 4. The next PCA meeting will be held in March 2020. The actual date will be communicated by the Secretariat. 	
	<p>Closing remarks:</p> <p>The Chairperson, Mr S Zikalala indicated that fighting Gender-Based Violence is not about looking at the statistical report but it should be a holistic intervention programme. He noted the districts that are not doing well namely Zululand, eThekwini, uMgungundlovu and Mzinyathi. He encouraged all members to focus more attention on</p>	

	<p>HIV and AIDS by linking all the campaigns together and the District Development Model be brought on board as “one message many voices has an impact”.</p> <p>Mr D Bophela closed with a prayer.</p> <p>The PCA meeting adjourned at 17h00</p>	
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PCA Chairperson, PREMIER MR S ZIKALALA

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