

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS,
HELD ON THE 12 AUGUST 2009 AT 09H00 AT THE IMPERIAL PROTEA
HOTEL, ALBERT ROOM.**

Chairperson: Dr. Z.L. Mkhize

Premier

OPENING AND WELCOME

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(Head of Department: Health)

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Secretariat

Ms Thobile Yengwa
Ms Mbali Mbanjwa
Ms Nokuthula Mbeje

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSIONS	RESPONSIBILITY
Opening and welcome	<p>The meeting commenced with a prayer led by Bishop Rubin Phillips.</p> <p>The Honorable Premier welcomed the MEC's, the District Municipality Mayors MPL's HOD's and Civil Society Sector members. and all AIDS Council members who were representing members of the Council. The Chairperson asked all participants to do -introductions and indicate the sector they represent. All members introduced themselves.</p> <p>He highlighted that this was the first Provincial AIDS Council meeting in 2009. He then applauded the members who have a mandate to participate in the Council to ensure their contribution in terms of discussion. He mentioned that they must make themselves available for all meetings or send representatives if they have a valid reason not to attend.. In addition, the observers are encouraged to contribute as they observe and he added that there must be a standing arrangement for observers to be allowed to attend the proceedings. He urged that the roles of everybody have to be defined, to ensure that those who take the decisions are known. The issue of cooption was proposed as Bishop Rubin Phillips was formerly introduced and co-opted as the active member of the Council representing the Religious sector.</p> <p>The Premier also acknowledged that Rev Phumzile Zondi – Mabizela was elected</p>	The Premier

	to represent the Faith Based Organization but over and above that Bishop Phillip must participate and be a member of the Council, He further urged him to accept this offer and said a formal request to him will be done shortly.	
	PROCEDURAL MATTERS	
1. 1 APOLOGIES	<p>MEC for Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development: Ms L Johnson (Out of the Country)</p> <p>MEC for Economic Development and Tourism: Mr M Mabuyakhulu (Out of the Country)</p> <p>MEC for Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation: Ms W Thusi (not well)</p> <p>MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison: Mr W Mchunu Was to leave the House after one hour of attending to join the meeting with the Commissioner of Police)</p> <p><u>OTHER APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Cllr SB Larkan – Uthungulu District Municipality Cllr O Mlaba – eThekweni Metro Cllr SB Cele – Ugu District Municipality</p>	The Premier
1.2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The Premier mentioned that the purpose of the meeting was to share information and he wanted to see an active PCA. He also mentioned that the approach for the day was going to be the presentation and there after resolutions will be taken. The Council members were informed that the Businessmen from India will join the meeting as observers and leave the meeting after the presentation.	The Premier and KPCA members

	The Deputy Chair of the Provincial Council on AIDS urged Civil Society sector and Government sector to work as a team and define their roles and relationship.	
1.3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (11 NOVEMBER 2009)	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 November 2008, were confirmed without any amendments.</p> <p>Mr Xolani Tsalong from the Civil Society Sector moved the adoption of minutes seconded by the Deputy Chairperson Professor N Gqaleni.</p>	The Premier and KPCA members
PRESENTATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr SSS Buthelezi (General Manager: Strategic Health Programmes,) gave a PowerPoint presentation incorporating the HIV and AIDS, STI Strategic Plan 2007-2011. • A continuation of a presentation on the National HIV & AIDS and STI Strategic Plan for 2007- 2011 was given by Dr F Ndlovu (HIV & AIDS Chief Directorate: Office of the Premier) • Mr Van Royen of the Economic Cluster Priority Projects further presented the KZN Comprehensive Food Security Programme. • Dr R.C Lubisi (Head of Department-Education) Chair of the Social Sector Cluster gave a presentation on the Social Cluster Flagship Programme on Fighting diseases particular HIV & AIDS,TB and Poverty and Women and Youth Empowerment, Addressing Social Ills and Behavioural Change; 	<p>Dr SSS Buthelezi</p> <p>Dr NI Ndlovu</p> <p>Mr Van Royen</p> <p>Dr RC Lubisi</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation to the Flagship Programme on Treatment Availability Plan report was given by Dr SSS Buthelezi wherein map illustrations were projected to identify Health facility coverage, their ART accreditation status in all Municipalities as well as EMRS response times. 	Dr SSS Buthelezi
1.4 COMMENTS OF GENERAL NATURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr X Tsalong: Input on the Secretariat. Strengthening of the secretariat at the Provincial level including strengthening of the M&E and social mobilization is important to ensure the implementation and monitoring of the Programme Mr B. Khoza: Input on Volunteers A suggestion was made that the local councilor should be involved to ensure that the volunteers are supported especially because there are wards where - there are no ward committees. Ms C Vawda Children sector representative: Requested a printed copy of information. Acceleration of PMTC and reduction new infection. Who is responsible for this? How social cohesion is understood is not yet clear, how is it going to be addressed? Lack of presentation on creating AIDS competent communities. 	All Participants /KPCA members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabi Gobind: Sustaining of partnership between government and civil society. • Mr R Williams: Challenges of working in the refugee communities in KZN. Information is lacking in refugee communities as they are a mobile population. • Mayor Umkhanyakude: Need to have foot soldiers down at the ward level in order to disseminate information on government activities. Cadres must be well trained in order to get the correct information from people in their households. He also emphasized the need for all departments to include HIV and AIDS activities in their budgets as it across all sectors. He further recommended that the Municipal Finance Management Act be should allow use of funds towards eradication of HIV & AIDS, since it was a universal problem. • Mayor of Ilembe: Raised the issue around task teams that have been established for wards. The ward task team members do not necessarily reside in the area and therefore lack the understanding of some issues pertaining to the ward. KwaDukuza Municipality has been excluded from the list of the most disadvantaged. • Mayor of Sisonke: The District is aligning itself with the Provincial plan in addressing HIV and AIDS. • Mrs M Mnguni from Ugu District: Commented on the need of standardization of certain activities 	
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	<p>e. g training module, reporting system starting at the Ward level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Gqaleni: PCA had no implementation plans and excited that now the plan is available. He mentioned that there is a need to strengthen the Local AIDS Council. He also expressed his concern about the weakness in the secretariats that people left and resigned and will be replaced. He also mentioned that the Civil Society needs to identify its role and work together with Government • Director Maharaj: Request at least 10 MPC's to address the issue of street children and HIV and AIDS. • Ms Bacus: A need to engage communities and to start the adoption of a home campaign suggested. In addition, a need to look at twinning of communities and look at issue of macro financing. • MEC for Human Settlement: She raised the issue of community partnership is important. • MEC for Department of Social Development: Reported that the support for NGO's from the department is still available. In addition to this he further insisted that the submission of Financial Statements is important. • MEC for Local Government and Traditional Affairs: the LGTA have been given a challenge to ensure the plan succeeds and also added that the communication is the 	
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	<p>challenge. She also highlighted the weakness in the Municipalities in interpreting the legislation including the IDP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEC for Health: Applauded the positive comments from the Council members and he also commented on the importance of Birth registration for new born babies before mother and child are discharged. 	
	RESOLUTIONS	TIME FRAMES
PRESENTATIONS	<p>a) The council was updated on the National Strategic Plan and how KwaZulu Natal will contribute towards the goal of reducing new HIV infections by 50% by 2011.</p> <p>b)Progress on the Flagship programmes presentations on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Cluster Priority Projects • Social Sector Cluster Priority Projects • Treatment Availability Plan <p>The Council resolved that the information on the presentations be made available to all participants and must be discussed with their constituencies.</p>	After the meeting
RELIGIOUS AND SPOUSAL MEETING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr SSS Buthelezi and Dr F Ndlovu were to attend and present the programme to the meeting of Religious Leaders and Spousal meeting on 13 August 2009. 	13 August 2009
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS	<p>The council members resolved that the Provincial Council on AIDS should meet on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 November 2009 • 3 March 2010 • 7 July 2010 • 4 November 2010 	Next PCA meetings

LINKAGES PROPOSAL	Cluster Chairs were tasked to prepare a proposal that will show the institutional linkages and the relationship between NGO's, Departments and Office of the Premier.	Soon after the meeting
ROLE CLARIFICATION	The Council resolved that government will lead in implementation of the integrated programme whilst Civil Society leads in advocacy, monitoring and reporting in particular the ward based programmes.	
NGO'S PROVINCIAL DATA BASE	Creation of a central data base for NGO's that will link the NGO and the Department.	Before Partnership conference
WARD BASED ISSUES	<p>A team was appointed to define issues and targets to be achieved at a ward level. A task team to look at ward issues was appointed. The members of the task team are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Gumede • Ms N Majola • Local Municipalities • District Coordinators <p>The meeting resolved that Cluster Chairs to lead the task team.</p>	Before Partnership conference
COUNCILS PRIORITIES	<p>There should be no waiting periods for ARV's and there should be an increase of VCT uptake in this Preovince.</p> <p>The council resolved that the structures available in the wards should be used.</p>	Immediately
NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HIV AND AIDS 2007-2011 MID TERM REVIEW / KNOW YOUR	The HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan 2007-2011 mid term review is underway. Dr Ndlovu and Prof Gqaleni were appointed to facilitate the process. The meeting resolved that reports of the Province to be available from the Departments and civil society.	Soon after the meeting

RESPONSE KNOW YOUR EPIDEMIC	<p>A Task Team were identified, which includes the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All District Coordinators 2. Research Institutions 3. Provincial Departments (DOE, DOH and DSD) 4. Civil Society Reps 5. Lovelife 6. Durban Chamber Rep 	
SPENDING AND ASSESSMENT	<p>Provincial Task Team was established led by Prof Gqaleni. The council recommended the following personnel to participate in the spending and assessment task team. The recommended members are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasury, • Finance Managers of Departments (especially those who are currently participating on the Flagship Programme) • Civil society programme implementers • Volunteers. • Department of Social Development • Department of Education • Department of Health 	Soon after the meeting
INTEGRATED PLAN	<p>The integrated plan which is ward based was adopted by the Council as the implementation plan for HIV and AIDS. The council resolved that government will lead in implementation of the integrated programme whilst Civil Society leads in advocacy, monitoring and reporting in particular the ward based programme</p>	Immediately
CLOSURE	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed with a prayer led by Rev Phumzile Zondi - Mabizela at: 14h30</p>	