



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2014
VENUE: PIETERMARITZBURG CITY HALL**

Mr E S Mchunu (Chairperson of the Provincial Council on AIDS)

SECTION 1: PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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1. Opening and Welcome	The Chairperson, the Honourable Premier, Mr E S Mchunu declared the meeting open at 13h25. He welcomed the members of the executive council (MEC), Mayors and all members of the Provincial Council on AIDS.											
2. Apologies	<p>The Chairperson then requested the Director General Mr N V E Ngidi to read apologies submitted. The following members had tendered their apologies</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Name</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Department/Organisation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Dr Sipiwe Mndaweni</td> <td>KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health</td> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Name</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Department/Organisation</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr R Pillay</td> <td>MEC: Human Settlement and Public Works</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr TW Mchunu</td> <td>MEC: Transport, Community Safety and Liaison</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Department/Organisation	Dr Sipiwe Mndaweni	KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health	Name	Department/Organisation	Mr R Pillay	MEC: Human Settlement and Public Works	Mr TW Mchunu	MEC: Transport, Community Safety and Liaison	
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	Cllr T Mchunu	uThungulu District Mayor	
	Cllr MA Hlatshwayo	Zululand District Mayor	
	Mr SL Magagula	Head of Department (HOD): Provincial Treasury	
	Ms Y Bacus	HOD: Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	
	Mr A Govender	HOD: Department of Public Works	
	Tabita Ntuli	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)	
	Gaboutloeloe Dabea	International Organisation on Migration (IOM)	
	Mr CMK Dlamini	Ugu	
	Fezile Hadebe	uThukela	
	Prince Mandla Zulu	Zululand	
	Cllr MV Madlala	Emnambithi / Ladysmith Municipality	
	Cllr PD Sibeko	Ukhahlamba	
	Cllr NJ Manana	Ulundi	
	Cllr TB Zulu	Umlalazi	
	Ms Rekha Nathoo	Children's Sector	
	Paddy Meskin	Religious Sector	
	Warren Oxford-Huggett	Umsunduzi Hospice Association	
	Neetha Morar	Medical Research Council (MRC)	
	Zodwa Sithole	HPCA	
	Sheryl Wust	HPCA	
	Siyabonga Nzimande	Hope2Educate	
	Name	Department/Organisation	
	Abed Alim	Al Imdaad Foundation	

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1.3 Adoption of the Agenda	<p>Item number.2.2: uMgungundlovu HIV and AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Tuberculosis Response Plan to be combined with district reports presentation and presented along with the uMgungundlovu district reports presentation</p> <p>Item number 2.3: Orphans and Vulnerable Children Policy issues to be presented at the next meeting.</p>	<p>OVC policy issues to be presented at the next meeting.</p>
1.4 Minutes and Matters Arising	<p>The chairperson requested Dr N I Ndlovu General Manager to the PCA secretariat to present a brief update on matters arising from the PCA meeting held on the 12 March 2014. The Chairperson mentioned then indicated that matters which Dr Ndlovu was presenting on were reflected on minutes. He urged members to read through on their own time and raise any matter in the meeting if they wished to.</p> <p>Corrections on page 7 second last bullet point should read 'All HIV positive pregnant women to be put on treatment on CD4 count 350'</p> <p>The Chairperson then requested that the minutes be confirmed as a true reflection of the proceedings of the meeting held on 12 March 2014. Minutes were confirmed as a true record by Reverend AM Gwala from uMzinyathi District seconded by Ms NP Nkonyeni, MEC for Education.</p>	

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<p>1.4.1 Civil Society Report- Election of the Deputy Chairperson</p>	<p>Civil society met on the 9th of September 2014. Mr Patrick Mdletshe was appointed as the Chairperson of the KZN Civil Society Forum. As per resolution passed during an earlier PCA meeting, Mr Mdletshe then assumed the position of Deputy Chairperson of the PCA. In his acceptance speech, the Deputy Chairperson, mentioned the need for increased Civil Society participation in PCA structures. He stressed that the response to HIV and AIDS is not about the civil society versus government but it is about all stakeholders. He also acknowledged the strides the Province had made especially in the ARV programme. He then introduced the newly elected civil society secretariat. He made a commitment that as the newly elected secretariat they will remain committed to building capacity of the civil society sector and ensure that all these sectors are represented in the PCA. He also indicated that they will ensure the effective functioning of all district and local AIDS councils and civil society forums at all levels</p> <p>The Chairperson then thanked and congratulated the newly appointed Chairperson of the PCA.</p>	<p>The chairperson requested that in the next meeting the secretariat to prepare a short profile on the appointed Chairperson of the Civil Society Forum.</p>

SECTION 2: STANDING ITEMS

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<p>2.1:KwaZulu-Natal Accelerated HIV and AIDS, STI and TB Strategy</p>	<p>The presentation was done by Dr T Mayise The Chairperson stated that the presentation arises out of a presentation made by the National Minister of Health to the Provincial Cabinet. The Provincial Cabinet felt the need to adopt the Minister’s proposal. It was thus a product of reviewing the provincial strategy with a view to scaling up and accelerating the provincial response.</p> <p>Questions, Responses & Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Medical male circumcision (MMC)</i>: How many patients have developed complications on the MMC programme and how these (complications) were being dealt with? The response was that urologist trainings had been done for Doctors. The Department of Health (DOH) was also working with partners to address any challenges surrounding MMC. • <i>The HIV Counselling & Testing (HCT)</i>: The data presented seemed too high. What was the measurement methodology used for obtaining numbers on HCT? The response was that DOH uses data from District Health Information System (DHIS). The figures were officially audited and therefore the figures presented were correct. • <i>Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART)</i>: On starting ART at CD4 Count 500 and less, has there been any consideration on the issue of behavioural change and adherence? And what about people who are already on regimen 2? • <i>Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART)</i>: Dr Eva Kiwango of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) applauded the work done by the province and further asked what plans were in place around strengthening of monitoring the viral load suppression. The response was that the DOH is strengthening the use 	

	<p>the ART reporting software of Tier.Net and was engaging consistently with National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Condoms Use:</i> Councillor Chris Ndlela of uMsunduzi Municipality mentioned that in the Local AIDS Council meeting, it transpired that condoms were being used as a remedy for Arthritis. The response was that the DOH to date has not received evidence that condoms are being used as a remedy for Arthritis. There was no scientific basis indicating the problem was large scale, however it was necessary to keep educating communities. The use of condoms as a remedy to arthritis should therefore be discouraged by all leaders. • <i>Condoms Branding:</i> In regard to taking consideration of condom branding, the response was that the National Minister of Health had agreed on branding. Condoms that are pre-packed and perfumed had been launched three months ago (i.e. June 2014). • <i>Condoms Factory:</i> Dr Kiwango also sought clarity on what plans the Province had in regard to having a condoms factory in the Province. The response was that the Province was working towards finding a solution. The Chairperson indicated that MEC Mabuyakhulu should report on progress in the next PCA meeting. • <i>Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP):</i> Has there been any consideration of (PEP) for discordant couples and any person who feels there have been exposed to the virus? The response was that PEP cases were dealt with case by case. For discordant couples, the DOH is looking at a policy where the partner who is HIV negative is to be given a prophylactic. This was however still work in progress. • <i>Research Agenda:</i> Dr Kiwango also commented on the research agenda slide on the presentation and pointed out that UNAIDS and other partners in Government and Non-Government at National level were working together to come up with 	<p>MEC Mabuyakhulu to present on the progress on the issue of having a condoms factory in the Province</p>
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	<p>national research agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Early Booking:</i> The MEC for Health Dr SE Dhlomo highlighted once again the need for early booking as HIV still contributes significantly on maternal death • <i>Mobilisation:</i> Ms Brenda White from HEAIDS requested partners to assist in mobilisation • <i>Integration of Accelerated Response:</i> Mr M Mabuyakhulu MEC for Economic Development and Tourism commented that the accelerated response should be integrated into the already existing Provincial strategic Plan (2012-2016) to allow for a consistency in the interventions being implemented. • <i>Roving Teams at Community Level:</i> The Chairperson mentioned that he had a meeting with the PCA secretariat on exploring what more can be done at the community level following an engagement with a private sector company. The idea is to have roving vehicles amongst the community contributing to the community response to HIV & AIDS, STIs and TB. The whole concept to be presented in future meetings. 	<p>The Accelerated plan to be integrated into the Provincial Strategic plan for HIV, TB and STI 2012-2016</p> <p>The HAST strategy to be introduced in districts. Campaign programmes should be held in each district covering the proposed strategy.</p> <p>Present the concept on roving vehicles for the community response in the next meeting.</p>
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<p>3.1: District Reports (District Mayors and Metro Mayor)</p>	<p><i>Report by the Mayor of Indaka:</i> Prior to District Presentations the meeting was briefed by the Mayor of uThukela Councillor Mazibuko, on the resolution about the presentation of a report by the Mayor of Indaka. She indicated that they are now satisfied with the level of participation from Mayor of Indaka as he was now attending the DAC meetings. The Chairperson expressed concern that on the level of participation by Mayor of Indaka in relation to his absence in the meeting despite being requested to be present and report. Thereafter, the Chairperson stated that only District Mayors present would present reports. The following District Mayors were not present</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. eThekwini 2. uMkhanyakude 3. Ugu 4. Amajuba 5. Zululand 6. uThungulu <p>The Chairperson indicated that in cases where the Mayor was absent, the MEC Champions would stand in for the Mayors rather than the Deputy Mayors.</p> <p>Comments on the District Mayor's Presentations</p> <p>uMgungundlovu District Report (Presented by Cllr Y Bhamjee- District Mayor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>2012 Statistics:</i> An explanation was sought on why the presentation had two slides with 2012 statistics as opposed to the latest statistics. The response was that the presentation was based on comparing corresponding quarters from a baseline and actual point of view. • <i>Condoms Distribution:</i> Condoms distributed not clearly saying how many males per condoms. The response was that OSS programmes and war rooms as 	<p>Invite the mayor of Indaka in the next PCA meeting.</p> <p>Where a District Mayor is absent the respective MEC champion will present the District report</p>

	<p>vehicles for the response was still a challenge. They needed to be brought on board.</p> <p>iLembe District Report (Presented by Cllr SW Mdabe-District Mayor):There were no notable comments or questions with regards to this presentation</p> <p>Harry Gwala District Report (Presented by Cllr ME Ndobe- District Mayor)</p> <p><i>ARV Stock Ins:</i> The issue of ARV stock ins not reaching clinics was raised. The Mayor was requested to investigate the matter and report back in the next PCA meeting to be held in November 2014.</p> <p>uThukela District Report (Presented by Cllr DCP Mazibuko – District Mayor)</p> <p>There were no notable comments or questions with regards to the presentation</p> <p>uMzinyathi District Report (Presented by Cllr Rev JM Mthethwa)</p> <p><i>Condoms Suppliers:</i> MEC Mabusakhulu requested clarity on the contracting of condom suppliers including the financial implications. The HOD for Health Dr Zungu explained that the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are contracted to distribute condoms that were being referred to in the presentation were the same distributors that had been contracted by the DOH for the district.</p> <p>The Chairperson noted the different formats of the district presentations. He called upon Dr Ndlovu clarify on the key issues. Districts should report on in the next meeting. Dr Ndlovu clarified that key was for districts to present on where they were on the last quarter and where they are on the current reporting quarter and whether they were meeting targets; focussing on trends on the key indicators. Districts were then requested</p>	<p>Cllr Ndobe to investigate the ARV stock ins and report on the next meeting.</p> <p>Districts to report using a uniform format as discussed commencing.</p>
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	<p>to have their reports based on the said format.</p> <p>In closing the presentation session the Chairperson requested the HOD for Health Dr Zungu and the MEC for Health Dr Dhlomo to comment on district reports. Dr Zungu mentioned that despite progress having been made, reaching targets for MMC was still an issue. Dr Dhlomo stressed the need for all districts to pull their weight in contributing to meeting provincial targets and singled out eThekweni as not pulling its weight in meeting the MMC targets. The Deputy Chairperson noted the absence of multi-drug resistance (MDR) and extreme drug resistance (XDR) TB data and information on presentations.</p> <p>He also noted the high prevalence of sexual assaults. This was worrying yet there was no clear intervention being mentioned. In this regard, the Chairperson resolved that the PCA secretariat facilitate the analysis of sexual crimes data per district. This would then be send to districts for Districts to come up with strategies to address sexual crimes and present in the next meeting.</p>	<p>The PCA secretariat to collate data on sexual crimes and rank districts according to the highest sexual crimes. This should then be circulated to districts. Districts will be required to study the data and come up with strategies and plans to curb the crime. Districts are expected to report on this in the next meeting. In the next meeting districts to come up with a proposal as to how they are planning to curb this, each district will note their circumstances around the rate of convictions or prosecutions</p>
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<p>4.1 Mentions and Closure</p>	<p>Handover of HIV & AIDS Directory of Services: Ms Debbie Heustice of the Civil Society Secretariat made a short presentation on the products, the organisation Info4Africa was doing in the area of providing information on HIV & AIDS, STIs & TB services in the Province. She then handed over directories to Chairperson. This was followed by photo opportunity.</p> <p>Next Provincial Council on AIDS Meeting: The next PCA meeting will be held on 19 November 2014. Quarter two reports will be the focus. The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 16h30</p>	
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BY THE DEPUTY-CHAIRPERSON: (Signature).....