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 MDLETSHE-CHIRPERSON OF THE KZN CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

SECTION 1: PROCEDURAL MATTERS			
ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION/ACTION	
1.1 OPENING AND	Meeting declared open at 13h27 by the Chairperson, Honourable Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Mr		
WELCOME	ES Mchunu.		
	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.		

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1.2 APOLOGIES				
	NAME	DEPARTMENT/ORGANISATION		
	Mrs WG Thusi	MEC Social Development		
	TW Mchcunu	MEC Transport, Community Safety and Liaison		
	Cllr James Nxumalo	eThekwini Metro Mayor		
	Ms DN Qhoboshiyane	HOD Cooperation Governance and Traditional Affairs		
	Mr S Gumbi	HOD Transport, Community Safety and Liaison		
	Ms Thembi Nene Shezi	Regional Manager, Department of Labour		
	Walid Badawi	UNDP Country Director		
	Nonstikelelo Victoria	uMgungundlovu District Municipality		
	Ms Nirvada Albert	Business Sector, Durban Chamber Foundation		
		Programmes		
	BL Nkomo	Business Sector, Traditional Health Practitioner's Sector		
	Prof T Puckree	Tertiary Sector Durban University of Technology		
	Ms Zonke Cele	Labour Sector (FEDUSA)		
	Cllr PN Khaba	Abaqulusi Local Municipality		
	Warren Oxford Huggett	uMsunduzi Hospice Association		
	Caroline Nessa Adams	Durban University of Technology (DUT)		
	Dr Janet Frohlich	CAPRISA		
	Mduduzi Ngubane	Medical Research Council (MRC)		
	Mr Zakhele Mnqayi	Deputy Director General (Office of the Premier)		
	The MEC for Health Dr	Dhlomo, Cllr T Mchunu (Mayor, uThungulu) and Cllr TE Maphumulo (Mayor	or	
	uMkhambathini) would be jo	oining the meeting at a later stage.		
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1.3 ADOPTION OF	The agenda was adopted without any amendments. MEC P Nkonyeni moved the motion		
THE AGENDA	for adoption. This was seconded by MEC Mr M Mabuyakhulu.		
1.4. MINUTES &	1.4.1. Update on Progress Condom factory by Department of Economic Development:	Update respective DACs and LACs on	
MATTERS ARISING	(Update by MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Mr M	the condom factory and further cascade	
	Mabuyakhulu). The department had continued to facilitate commencement of the project.	to communities.	
	This was now in the final stages before commencement.	(Att: DAC and LAC Chairpersons)	
	Comment from the Chairperson: He urged all DACs and LACs to update their respective	December of the beautiful and a second	
	DACs and LACs on the condom factory. Progress update to be provided again in	Progress update to be provided again in	
	September 2016.	September 2016.	
	ospionisti di contra di co	(Att: PCA Secretariat)	
	1.4.2 Update on Global Fund Application: (Update provided by Mr S Magagula HOD KZN	Report back to the PCA on grant signing	
	Treasury): The Global Fund will be providing KZN with USD 31 676 308 for implementation	and how the funds will be utilised.	
	of programmes. Grant implementation was to commence by April 2016 once signing of the	(Att: Mr S Magagula HOD KZN Treasury)	
	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.		

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1.4. MINUTES &	1.4.2 Update on Global Fund Application (contd): Other organisations that will work in	
MATTERS ARISING	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).	
	Comment from the Chairperson: 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.	
	1.4.3 Update AIDS 2016 conference: (update by Professor O Shisana). The theme of the	Upload the presentation on their
	conference was "Access, Equity, Rights-Now." The theme remind us that all our gains will	websites.
	be lost if we do not continue to build a strong global movement to change the course of the	(Att: All government departments and
	epidemic.	district municipalities)
	Key conference dates were as follows: 1 April 2016-Volunteer applications opens. 11 April	PCA Secretariat should facilitate this.
	2016-Satellite Symposium submissions close. 21 April 2016-Late breaker abstract	Access & Equity: An elaborate report on
	submissions opens. 28 April 2016- Late registration fee starts. 3 May 2016-Exhibitions	access and equity on comprehensive
	applications close and 12 May 2016: Late breaker abstract submissions closes.	treatment and related matters for all our
		people in the province in terms of ART
		be presented in the next meeting.
		(Att: DOH).

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1.4. MINUTES &	1.4.3 Update AIDS 2016 conference (contd): The next major event was 100 days	Rights: An elaborate report on rights to
MATTERS ARISING	countdown commencing April 8 2016. The countdown ceremony will be held at the Gugu	access to treatment, discrimination
	Dlamini park in Durban.	among others be presented in the next
	An update of the HIV & AIDS museum was also provided by Debbie Heustice of the Civil	meeting. It also should include issues of
	Society Forum as part of the legacy project. The idea is to educate the public and preserve	stigma and GBV. Acting DG should
	knowledge for the future generations.	ensure this is done. (Att: Human Rights
	Comments from the Chairperson: He urged all to work together to ensure conference was a	Directorate in the Office of the Premier).
	success and at the same time reiterated that AIDS was devastating and real and focus	Provide the council with an independent
	should firmly be kept on fighting and defeating the epidemic despite the presence of	report on access to treatment, equity and
	misleading literature on HIV that could be a source of losing focus. The presentation should	rights. (Att: Civil Society)
	be disseminated as widely as possible using all media at our disposal.	Legacy: 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 &	1.4.4 Report World AIDS 2015: (by Dr Ndlovu). The report was presented for the PCA		
MATTERS ARISING	meeting to note. The National World AIDS day 2015 was held at Ugu District. The theme		
	was towards an HIV free generation Rise, Act, Protect. 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.		
	SECTION 2: STANDING ITEMS		
2.1 DISTRICT	(District syntheses report presented by Dr Ndlovu) The presentation was based on data	An intervention report should be	
REPORTS	submitted by the Districts. She also noted that quality of data was still a challenge.	prepared and presented in the next	
	uMgungundlovu, eThekwini and Zululand had shown improvement. The Chairperson	meeting. The report should address	
	commended Civil Society for their intervention especially in eThekwini and Zululand.	measures taken to curb the challenges	
	uMzinyathi though performing satisfactorily had governance challenges. Harry Gwala and	districts are facing and should reflect	
	Amajuba's performance was rated as good.	participation by all stakeholders. The five	
	The major challenge noted across several districts was that of non-participation by Local	districts identified to be having serious	
	Mayors and Councillors in LAC and DAC meetings. The other challenge across most	challenges should be priority.	
	districts was that of poor reporting by sectors/departments, of note was lack of reporting on	(Att: PCA Secretariat and DAC	
	learner pregnancies to the DAC by the department of education.	Secretariats of affected districts).	
	Special interventions were required for the following districts that had serious challenges.		
	(1) uThungulu (2) iLembe (3) uMkhanyakude (4) eThekwini and (5) Ugu.		

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2.1 DISTRICT	The Chairperson noted that mayor of Zululand has not been attending the PCA meetings.	Convey message to Zululand Mayor as a	
REPORTS (contd.)		matter of urgency to attend the next PCA	
	Learner Pregnancy: Data on learner pregnancy was not easy to get from the department of	meeting.	
	education. There is need for a report to enable the Province determine where it is and know	(Att: PCA Secretariat)	
	whether strategies are working or not.	Present report on strategies to curbing	
	Infants Deaths: The high infant deaths in public hospitals were still a concern.	learner pregnancy in the next meeting	
	Sexual assaults: Generally high and therefore increasing risk of HIV infection.	(Att: Department of Education)	
	Comments from the Chairperson: 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	(Presented by Mr P Mdletshe Deputy Chair of the PCA and Chair of Civil Society Forum). Key	
REPORT	issues were as follows:	
	<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.	
	<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	
	World AIDS Day 2015: There is a challenge in the Civil Society in Ugu, part of the secretariat	Engage further with Ugu district to
	of civil society we will be visiting Ugu for further engagement.	strengthen Civil Society (Att: Civil
		Society Secretariat)
		Jessey Journally

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2.2 CIVIL SOCIETY	<u>Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis:</u> PrPEP is now available. It is highly effective. As it is rolled out,		
REPORT (contd.)	there is need to be cautious and e.g. maintain our traditional messages of ABC. There is		
TAZI OTT (GOINGI)	also need to be aware of the huge public health system capacity challenges. Test and Treat (T&T): 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. 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. Stigma especially self-stigma remains a challenge as are the drug toxicities of those on treatment.	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. (Att: Department of Health (Lead))	
	Dr Dhlomo suggested to have a bilateral with deputy chair on the issue of test and treat. 90-90-90: 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.		

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2.2 CIVIL SOCIETY	AIDS 2016: Noted the progress the country has made since conference held in 2000.	Mayors to set aside a budget to be	
REPORT (contd.)	Civil society must be united in the 2016 conference on topical issues including (1) test	used in sponsoring Civil Society to	
	and treat (2) access, including PrePEP (3) funding crisis: international financing of HIV	attend AIDS 2016 conference.	
	vs domestic financing and (4) the OSS model.	(Att: District Mayors)	
	The KZN Research Colloquium to be launched during the conference will enable	Update on issues raised in the sector	
	engagement on high level research by civil society and help create a bridge between	reports and district reports to be	
	PCA, policy deliberations and research in KZN.	provided in next meeting	
	The report also contained sector reports by the following sectors: PLHIV, Faith Based	(Att: Civil Society Secretariat)	
	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.		
	SECTION 3: STRATEGIC ISSUES		
3.1 PRESENTATION ON THE	(Presented by Dr Ndlovu)		
MID TERM REVIEW OF THE	The presentation was to apprise the PCA on the preliminary findings of the PSP mid-		
PROVINCIAL MULTI-	term review. The purpose was to assess progress the province had made at mid-term		
SECTORAL STRATEGIC PLAN	in implementation of the strategic plan 2012-2017. Assistance from various		
FOR HIV AND AIDS, TB, STI	stakeholders would be required to finalise the review.		
2012- 2016			

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3.2 PRESENTATION NIMART	(Presented by Dr S. Mndaweni)		
DOCUMENTATION	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.		
	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.		
3.3 PRESENTATION HIV	(Presentation by Dr K Mngadi –CAPRISA)		
PREVENTION VACCINE	The purpose was to apprise the members of the PCA of an upcoming HIV prevention		
	vaccine trial.		
3.4 TABLING BY	(by Ms N Khanyile)		
SOCIAL-ILLS PROVINCIAL	The social ills provincial strategic plan was tabled to the PCA.		
STRATEGIC PLAN	The purpose of this presentation was to appraise the PCA on the newly approved social		
	ills campaign strategy for the Province of KwaZulu-Natal.		

SECTION 4: MENTIONS AND CLOSURE			
ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION/ACTION	
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	Special PCA meeting to be held on 11 May 2016 to primarily discuss AIDS 2016		
MEETING	conference.		
CLOSURE: There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairperson thanked all members present and adjourned the meeting.			

Signed by :	Signature:	
Date:		