

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

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2021 AT MAYVILLE IN DURBAN AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS

CHAIRPERSON: MR S ZIKALALA, PREMIER OF KWAZULU NATAL
CO- CHAIRPERSON: MR P MDLETSHE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE KZN CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

SECTION 1: PROCEDURAL MATTERS		
ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION/ACTION
1.1 OPENING AND	The Chairperson Mr S Zikalala, Premier of KwaZulu Natal declared the meeting open at	
WELCOME	13:30. He requested Mayor of uMgungundlovu Cllr T Maphumulo to open the meeting	
	with a prayer. Thereafter the chair requested everyone present in a meeting to observe a	
	moment of silence in memory of those who have departed and the names of Cllr Z	
	Mkhulisi, MEC B Ntuli who were members of the PCA were mentioned. The Chairperson	
	then introduced the newly appointed MEC's that is MEC Nkonyeni who is now the MEC	
	for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison and MEC J Sibiya MEC for Human	
	Settlements and Public Works.	

1.2 APOLOGIES	The Director General Dr Nonhlanhla O Mkhize tendered the following apologies for the	
	meeting.	
	Hon N Boyce – Speaker of KZN Legislature requested to leave the meeting early	
	and apologised for joining the meeting virtually.	
	MEC Dube Ncube requested to join the meeting virtually due to ill health.	
	Cllr Mazibuko – Mayor of uThukela district requested to join the meeting virtually.	
	Cllr Ngubane - Mayor of aMajuba requested to join the meeting virtually.	
	MEC Hlomuka from COGTA apologized for joining the meeting virtually.	
	MEC Khoza – Request to leave the meeting early.	
1.3 ADOPTION OF	The adoption of the PCA meeting Agenda was proposed with no changes, MEC for	
THE AGENDA	EDTEA Mr R Pillay moved for adoption and was seconded by MEC for Arts and Culture,	
	Sports and Recreation Ms H Mavimbela.	
1.4 MINUTES AND	The PCA minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2020 were adopted with no	
MATTERS	changes. MEC for Education Mr K Mshengu moved from the adoption and MEC for	
ARISING	Transport, Community Safety and Liaison MEC P Nkonyeni seconded the move for	
	adoption of the minutes. All matters arising from previous meeting were reported on	
	under the resolutions.	

1.4.1 PCA RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRESS

Progress report on absorption and capacitation of Health Promoters

- Only three districts Harry Gwala, uMkhanyakude and uMzinyathi have absorbed.
 Health Promoters
- Ugu and King Cetshwayo will not absorb Health Promoters due to HR issues.
- Amajuba has absorbed the Health Promoter as an EPWP.
- iLembe, eThekwini and uMgungundlovu there is still work in progress to absorb the Health Promoters, there is no fixed dates of assumption of duties.

There is a need for a comprehensive intervention plan on AIDS Councils functionality. This can be done by re-orientating and reviving all AIDS Council Structures

Global Fund through AIDS Foundation of South Africa (AFSA) has advertised for a service provider who will do PCA/DAC/LAC and CSF capacity building to commence on 1 April 2021. The PCA secretariat has revived three provincial Civil Society sectors namely Research, People Living with HIV (PLHIV), Faith Based Organisation (FBO). Further the Civil Society Structures have been revived in five Districts i.e. Harry Gwala, uGu, Amajuba, Zululand and uMkhanyakude.

A concern that reports are received late with missing data and there is a need for accountability of Special Programmes Managers and District HIV Co-ordinators.

M&E workshops have been conducted by the OTP in all eleven districts and the emphasis has been on the lines of reporting as well as submitting quality data.

There is a need to provide support to children born HIV positive especially as it relates to the disclosure of their status.

An email has been written to the Directors of HAST, DOH, and DSD requesting their plan to deal with the issue of disclosure.

A report on disclosure for children living with HIV and AIDS has been received from DSD, DOH and DOE, they all have plans of dealing with disclosures in children living with HIV.

WAD District plans to be submitted to OTP for Consolidation by 02 November 2020.

WAD plans were submitted by all districts.

Plans on 16 Days of Activism for non-violence against women and children campaign to be submitted to OSW by 02 November 2020

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SECTION 2: STANDING ITEMS

2.1 A REFLECTION
ON OUR
RESPONSE TO
HIV, TB & STI
LEVERAGING
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR EFFECTIVE
COLLABORATION
AND SYNERGIES

Dr Thembisile Xulu presented on behalf of SANAC. She mentioned that SANAC is at a central role of coordination represented by AIDS councils at all levels using one coordinating authority, one monitoring and evaluation framework and one plan. She presented a SANAC structure and the stakeholders that sit in the SANAC plenary which is the highest decision-making body. Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) apply for Global Fund and select the recipients for this funding. The donors for this funding supporting HIV and AIDS activities are coordinated by SANAC this helps to avoid unnecessary duplication. Currently, SANAC is in the middle of the implementation of the National Strategic Plan (NSP). The current NSP will be used till 2022 and the development of the new one will start in 2023. The eight goals of NSP were briefly explained as follows: Goal 1 & 2: HIV and AIDS prevalence in KZN is at 18% and People Living with HIV (PLHIV) are at 26% which is the highest in the country, with new infections the province is at 21%. On 90:90:90 targets there is progress with the 1st 90 at 95, 2nd 90 at 92 and the 3rd 90 at and overall KZN needs to improve on Paediatrics in all 90s. KZN has a low reporting compliance on STIs therefore conclusions cannot be drawn. eThekwini is still the highest-burden districts in the country. It is expected that Ms Simelane-Zulu, MEC for Health will lead a debate with the KZN Legislature on the state of TB in the province, this will lead towards making a commitment from political leaders towards a TB Caucus. The province is expected to provide guidance and support for the implementation of the KZN government and Civil Society Strategy. The 2nd expectation is for the province to nudge

SANAC to remain a standing agenda item on the PCA meetings.

	the provincial departments to provide regular reports on the implementation of the	
	strategy.	
	Dr Xulu further informed the meeting that KZN is one province that is modelling good work and is aspired by other provinces. She shared the following negotiables: SANAC will develop a toolkit on how AIDS councils should function; The state of KZN DACs is not doing well. SANAC requests further update on eThekwini DAC meetings.	Update to SANAC on eThekwini DAC meetings.
2.2 Q2 & Q3 2020/21	PCA Head of Secretariat- Mrs Gugu Shabangu presented the Provincial Synthesis	Strengthening of AIDS
PROVINCIAL	Report for quarter 2 & 3. In her report the following was highlighted: Districts that have	Councils Structures
SYNTHESIS,	a high burden of HIV and AIDS also have high COVID19 cases. She also noted that	Including Members Of
PEPFAR AND	restrictions due to COVID 19 have caused disruptions on functioning of districts. Under	Executtive Council
GLOBAL FUND	goal 1 on HIV and AIDS Testing for Q2 &Q3 increased by 9%. Eight districts achieved	
REPORT	and surpassed their targets eThekwini, uGu, uMgungundlovu, uThukela,	
	uMkhanyakude, uMzinyathi, uThukela and Zululand. HIV positivity yield is below target	
	for all districts. Overall male condoms' distribution increased by 4% between Q2 and	
	Q3 as 4 districts – aMajuba, iLembe, uGu and uMkhanyakude surpassing condom	
	distribution. Male Medical Circumcision continues to be affected by COVID 19. Overall	
	improvement of 173% between Q2 and Q3 not sufficient to effect reaching targets.	
	Under 5 maternal deaths increase in 7 districts-eThekwini, Harry Gwala, iLembe, King	
	Cetshwayo, uGu, uMgungundlovu and uMkhanyakude as compared to 4 districts in the	
	previous quarter. Notably iLembe recorded zero maternal deaths this quarter.	

Deliveries for 10-14 years have increased in 9 districts – aMajuba, eThekwini, Harry Gwala, iLembe, King Cetshwayo, uGu, uMgungundlovu, uMkhanyakude and uMzinyathi. All districts recorded reduction in deliveries of 15 -19 years as compared to the last quarter. Thrithy one cases of learner pregnancy recorded this quarter. An alarming 38200 learner dropouts' cases recorded in Q3. The province is at 92% on PLHIV remaining on ART. On the 90:90:90 targets, 6 districts reached the targets": Harry Gwala, uGu, uMkhanyakude, uMzinyathi, uThukela and Zululand. None of the districts achieved 90% viral load completion. Generally children's viral load completion rate is lower. With regards to vulnerable populations, PrEP uptake is lower for Adolescent Young Girls and Women. There is low linkage to care across all populations. In addressing Social Structures and behavioural changes, beneficiaries receiving social behavioural change programmes increased by 169% between Q2 and Q3. Orphans and vulnerable children and youth (OVYC) receiving psychosocial support services increased by 169% between Q2 and Q3, this increase was similar to Q1 and Q2.In all districts except King Cetshwayo, uMgungundlovu and uMzinyathi showed an increase in children sexual assault cases. Through Global Fund the number of clients reached in Thuthuzela care centres have increased. In Human Rights interventions all global funded districts did not reach their targets. Highlights for goal 6, PCA meeting scheduled for the third guarter postponed to March 2021. Eight districts holding district AIDS council meetings in Q3 –aMajuba, eThekwini, Harry Gwala, iLembe, uMgungundlovu, uMkhanyakude, uThukela and Zululand holding DAC meetings as compared to 5 in Q2. Five districts: eThekwini, Harry Gwala, iLembe,

uMkhanyakude and uThukela have held DAC meetings both in Q2 and Q3. In King Cetshwayo, uGu and uMzinyathi no DAC meetings were held. Five districts AIDS council meetings were chaired by Mayors in eThekwini, Harry Gwala, iLembe, uMkhanyakude and uThukela.

In attaining goal 7 targets the following was noted: 4 districts with no District Coordinators are aMajuba, iLembe, King Cetshwayo and Zululand. However, iLembe has appointed a district coordinator. There are 5 districts without budget allocations for HIV coordinators: King Cetshwayo, uMgungundlovu, uMzinyathi, uThukela and Zululand. In strengthening strategic information to drive progress as goal 8 stipulates, HIV and AIDS Directorate reports on 8 districts AIDS council meetings held in Q3aMajuba, eThekwini, Harry Gwala, Ilembe, uMgungundlovu, uMkhanyakude, uThukela and Zululand. PCA, DAC, LAC, CSF, Partners, and Interdepartmental meeting was held in the guarter as planned. All eleven reports were collated and synthesized into a provincial report. The plan of the Directorate was presented as follows: Welcome back campaigns to bring back clients lost on treatment due to COVID 19. Capacity Building of Ward AIDS Committees in all districts. Integration of PCA GBV and Social Cohesion, Moral Regeneration activities to align and fight HIV and AIDS and Gender-Based Pandemic through nation-building. Finalisation of Provincial Implementation Plan Mid Term Review Report and its presentation to the next PCA meeting and preparation of the World TB Day Commemoration in conjunction with the Department of Health.

2.3 Q2 & Q3 2020/21

The Deputy Chairperson Mr P Mdletshe presented a Civil Society report, he started by

PRIVINCIAL CSO	reporting on district activities then sectors. uThukela district CSF Chair Mr S Xaba has	
REPORT	been appointed as a Health Promoter. King Cetshwayo is a hub of what is happening	
	in KZN and the Mayor should be supported in terms of continuity.	
	Sectors have been doing a lot of work particularly the PLHIV sector. The chairperson	
	highlighted the tensions caused by the MEC's utterances in December, but the matter	
	has been resolved and put to rest.	
	The youth sector has done a lot of work in revitalising the Youth Sector. Each and	
	every sector to be linked with the relevant department, this will assist in not duplicating	
	the efforts.	
	Sex worker – Commemoration of colleagues lost due to HIV, TB and GBV.	
	Men's Sector – Attended National Men's parliament in Cape Town in December 2020.	
	In iLembe, there is a complaint of being left out of Global Fund Grants and the request	
	to review the decision. The PLHIV sector had a strategic plan workshop as one of its	
	upcoming events. The Youth sector HIV Ambassador will be attending Youth Seminar	
	in Kosovo and the youth is appealing for financial assistance.	
2.4 INPUTS BY MEC	uMkhanyakude District	
CHAMPIONS,	The Chairperson of KZNPCA and champion of uMkhanyakude District Mr S. Zikalala	

DISTRICT AND METRO MAYORS

reported that as a district they are trying but they have not yet reached the level as envisaged. He also concurred with the report presented. He also mentioned that as a district they are doing well on 90:90:90 and also applauding the success of WAD commemoration activities carried out in uMkhanyakude District on 1 December 2021.

uMgungundlovu District

The Mayor of uMgundundlovu District Councillor T Maphumulo committed that as district the matter of absorption/appointment of a Health promoter will be dealt with seriously. She further stated that they would like to develop a funding proposal for HIV and AIDS. She notified the meeting that a Gender-Based Violence (GBV) committee has been established in uMgungundlovu. She said she agrees with what was presented in the report about uMgungundlovu and noted that the red columns will be rectified accordingly.

King Cetshwayo District

The Mayor of King Cetshwayo District Councillor BL Phungula reported that the Civil Society is very active in the district and further mentioned that the number of people coming for testing is decreasing due to lockdown regulations. He committed that the district will focus on Condom distribution to be able to reach the quarterly targets.

uGu District

The Mayor of uGu District Councillor S Ngcobo concurred with the report presented. He informed the meeting that most of the inmates in Westville Prison are from Lower South Coast. He noted that in uGu, there are more greens than reds in the report however he still believed that there is still a lot that needs to be done and committing that whatever is not done appropriately will be corrected. He concluded by saying that the non-availability of data had a huge impact on the sitting of the DAC meetings in uGu district.

Amajuba District

The Mayor of aMajuba District Councillor M Ngubane agreed with the report and promised that he will deal with all the issues raised in the report. He lamented that the district has a high rate of teenage pregnancy this due to the fact that most of the students enrolled at aMajuba TVET Colleges are coming outside of aMajuba district, as a result, they get accommodated in private residential areas which then makes them vulnerable to social ills. AMajuba is engaged in a lot of behavioural change programmes such as dialogues through YOLO. He cited the following as the plans for Q4. The establishment of the men's sector and, training of NGO's on M&E.

He concluded by mentioning that the district was visited by the Deputy Minister who launched the Men's Sector and finally acknowledged that the district has no HIV Coordinator and Health Promoter, and these are issues they will have to prioritize as a district.

uMzinyathi District

The Mayor of uMzinyathi District Councillor NP Ngubane congratulated the newly appointed MEC of Public Works and Human Settlements Mr J Sibiya. The Mayor expressed his embarrassment on the issues pertaining to uMzinyathi in the report. He also indicated that he was not happy that the DAC meetings did not take place in uMzinyathi. The mayor committed that all the issues raised will be dealt with, however, he also expressed that as a district they need assistance with pupils who are falling pregnant. The Mayor requested SANAC to consider funding the district for this issue.

Harry Gwala District

The Mayor of Harry Gwala District Councillor Mr Z Nxumalo said he is in agreement with the report and happy with the implementation of GBV in Harry Gwala District. He reported that as a District the Council meetings are held, and the Civil Society has elected a chairperson. The district is going to focus on fighting the issue of learner pregnancy and improving condom distribution.

eThekwini Metro

The Mayor of eThekwini Metro Councillor M Kaunda said that what was presented in the report is the true reflection of what is happening in eThekwini and attributed to the fact due to the Metros economic status of being an economic hub, it is therefore likely to be the centre of pandemics. He applauded being active in eThekwini with programmes such as Fast Track Cities, Dreams and he committed that as eThekwini

they will support the Youth Sector by providing them with a Quantum vehicle. The Mayor concluded by saying that WACs are established, and the HIV coordinator has been appointed.

Zululand District

The Mayor of Zululand District Councillor Mr M Buthelezi congratulated the newly appointed MEC for Public Works and Human Settlements J Sibiya. He made the following comments:

- In 2018 at Greys Hospital it was resolved that the Provincial House of Traditional Leaders be part of the PCA meeting.
- A lot of funds are channelled towards the NGO's whilst the Primary Health Care infrastructure is not empowered. Covid-19 took focus away from PHC infrastructure.
- Amakhosi are leading the Medical Male Circumcision (MMC) together with a programme of DOH CALLED Isibaya Samadoda.

He concluded by appealing to outreach to TVET Colleges as there are six of them in Zululand and the Mayor feels there is a need to get the involvement of Higher education to assist with the issues of NSFAS because in these institutions the students are continually engaging in unprotected sex.

iLembe District The Mayor of iLembe District Councillor S Gumede confirmed the authenticity of the report and committed to supporting the remedial action proposed. However, he stated that they are failing to get support from DSD.	
COMMENTS	
MEC for Education Mr K. Mshengu commented on the Economic Empowerment of Women in fighting GBV. He suggested one area which is prevalent to GBV and demonstrate what empowerment can do to fight the challenges of GBV and femicide.	Economic empowerement of GBV victims
MEC for EDTEA Mr R. Pillay suggested that the district reports should be standardised. He asked if the indicator on malnutrition should be brought back especially post COVID-19 to ascertain what impact has been there.	Bringing back the indicator on malnutrition
MEC for Health Ms N. Simelane Zulu welcomed all the reports presented and gave a special appreciation to the SANAC report. On the issue of young girls aged 10 – 14 years falling pregnant, she said the issue is evident and calls for concerns because The majority of the new babies born on December 25 and January 1 st were birth by mothers 16 years old or less. MEC Simelane Zulu suggested a targeted focus in this area. OTP to lead assisted by DSD, DOH, Community Safety, SAPS and NPA. A proper plan should be developed on what needs to be done. The second point is on challenges of COVID-19 whereby two more districts have added in achieving 90:90:90. Zululand and Harry Gwala to be	Formation of a task team to be led by OTP and the plan that could be followed.

CSO plays a major role in managing the White door centres with regards to	
HOD, DSD – The work done in Pillar 1 is done in partnership with Civil Society. The	
RESPONSES	
mean that none of the ailments is left out.	
younger boys. She further proposed that in dealing integrating COVID with HST, will	
24. The second point is on Men's programmes, as they mainly focus on older Men and	
programmes offered by the Province, the funded programmes are between ages 15 -	
Makhosi Zondi commented on young girls falling pregnant – checking if there are	
integrated in the province will be shared.	
concluded by mentioning that he expected that the plan on how HIV and GBV will be	
unfunded mandates, he proposed other avenues such as IDP should be used. He	
with uNdlunkulu Zulu are part of the PCA. He wanted clarity on saying HIV and AIDS is	
AFSA. He responded to the issue of Traditional Leadership that Inkosi Caluza together	part of PCA meetings
transforming and took the opportunity to introduce young black women as the CEO of	Inkosi PDH Chiliza to be
SANAC. The proposal is to retain the current PR's, the PR's are seen to be	
psychosocial support. A strategic discussion has been taken at the National Level with	
their activities. The second question to DSD was on where one should go for	
Co-chair Mr Mdletshe wanted to know how will the Civil Society and DSD integrate	
report if there are such issues.	
challenges raised was unfounded. She concluded by encouraging the Civil Society to	
called to report on the non-availability of ARV in the facilities within KZN, the	
applauded for the attainment of targets. She further reported that Ms Steve Letsike	

	psychosocial support in the work that is provided by social workers for this service.	
	Issues of younger age group SANAC has been funded by DSD for YOLO programme	
	focusing on 15 – 24 years. In SANAC they have a programme called Men	
	Championing Change and within that programme there is a boy's programme called	
	Boys Championing Change. Another programme is called Chomi and targets for 10 –	
	14 years. The CCM has taken the decision to retain the current PR's.	
	SECTION 3 STRATEGIC MATTERS	
3.1 GBV PROGRESS	HOD NI Vilakazi from DSD presented a Q3 progress report on addressing Gender-	
REPORT	Based Violence and Femicide. The purpose of the report is to present the progress and	
	highlights of interventions to address Gender-Based Violence and Femicide. She	
	notified the meeting that for this quarter she will be presenting on the following three	
	pillars: Prevention and awareness, Justice, Safety and Protection Response care	
	support and healing. The 4 th pillar which is economic empowerment is not reported on	
	this quarter. The report highlights the following: Community-Based, Gender-Based	
	Violence, prevention communication and advocacy campaigns. In all the districts there	
	were activities that were conducted for GBV, this included GBV dialogues with	
	Religious Leaders, walk against GBV and dialogues with Traditional Leaders and	
	Traditional Healers. With Justice, Safety and Protection there were 4231 arrests made	
	for GBV cases, 999 GBV cases opened. In October 2020,10xlife sentences =277	
	years, in November 2020 4x life sentences= 204 years imprisonment December 2020	
	2x life- sentences =106 years of imprisonment. With the pillar of Response, Care,	
	Support and Healing, a total number of 10173 victims have been reached with the	

	monitored and reported as well. He asked for a mover and seconded for the adoption	
	mentioned that the recommendations are clear, and should be followed and actively	
3.3 DISCUSSIONS	The co-chairperson Mr Mdletshe thanked Mrs GC Shabangu for the presentation and	
	targets. The recommendations are from Goal 1 to Goal 8.	
	there is a slight reduction in sexual assaults cases. Goal 5: the province did not reach	
	were made and shared with the meeting. On Goal 4 the province is not doing well,	
	rate is below 90%. On Goal 3 the province did not reach targets. The recommendations	
	reached on PLHIV who know their status and are on ART, as well as the TB success	
REVIEW	province is not doing well on reducing new infections. On Goal 2 targets have not been	
PLAN MID – TERM	findings and recommendations. Dashboard key findings are as follows, Good one the	
IMPLEMENTATION	Review and indicated that the purpose of the presentation is to share summary key	
3.2 PROVINCIAL	Mrs GC Shabangu presented the report on the Implementation of the PIP - Mid Term	
	psychological analysis of sexual abuse offenders in three prisons in the province.	
	addressing GBV, Domestic Violence and Violence against women and children a	
	management on assessment of the gap between the policy and the practice in	
	In commencing February 2021 DSD has commenced a research and information	
	skills. Lifeline provides economic opportunities for 68 women across the province.	
	International Men's day was commemorated, 457 boys were reached with fatherhood	
	partnership with the Department of Public Works.	
	DSD is in the process to establish two shelters in uGu and King Cetshwayo Districts in	
	victims have been admitted to White Doors centres of hope.	
	provision of psychosocial support to victims of Gender-Based Violence. A total of 173	

of the PIP-Mid Term Review. MEC for Economic Development and Tourism (EDTEA) Mr R Pillay moved for the adoption of the PIP Mid-Term Review Report and MEC for Arts and Culture Ms H Mavimbela seconded for the adoption of the PIP Mid - Term Review.

4. CLOSURE

The PCA Secretariat had the following mentions:

- 4.1 World TB day commemoration is on the 24th of March 2021. The theme is the clock is ticking let's find, treat TB patients
- 4.2 PIP mid-term evaluation -. This will start in the next financial year and it will be done by an independent evaluator.
- 4.3 Development of PIP –The current PIP 2017-2022 is coming to an end in 2022, the process to develop the PIP for 2023-2028 will start in 2021.
- 4.4Behaviour change campaigns It is proposed that behaviour change campaigns are held in all districts and should be led by the MEC Champions. The proposal was shared with all the districts.
- 4.5 Report on WAD commemoration was produced and shared.

Closing Remarks by the Chairperson: Premier S Zikalala

The Chairperson mentioned that coordination and synergising programme implementation especially with boys and men's programmes is critical to be done properly. He appealed that Isibaya Samadoda is a programme that needs to be

sustained as it yields results in dealing with men's and boy's issues. He responded to the issue of attendance of Traditional Leadership in the PCA meeting by mentioning that according to composition Inkosi Chiliza is supposed to be part of the PCA meeting. The chairperson stressed the importance of cascading the information to the districts from the PCA meeting.

The Chairperson thanked the Deputy Chairperson Mr P Mdletshe, MECs, DG, HODs, Mayors, PCA members and all other stakeholders for attending the PCA meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 17:30.

These minutes are a true reflection of what was discussed during the PCA meeting held on 10 March 2021
PCA Chairperson, Premier Mr S. Zikalala
Date: