



**MINUTES OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN) PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS (PCA) MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2022 AT ARCHIE GUMEDE CONFERENCE HALL DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC WORKS, MAYVILLE, DURBAN.**

**CHAIRPERSON: MS NOMUSA DUBE-NCUBE, PREMIER OF KWAZULU-NATAL (KZN) PROVINCE
CO-CHAIRPERSON: MR P MDLETSHE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE PROVINCIAL CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM**

SECTION 1: PROCEDURAL MATTERS

ITEM	DISCUSSION
1.1 OPENING AND WELCOME	<p>The Chairperson requested Mr S Zungu to open the meeting with a prayer. The Co-Chairperson Mr Mdletshe welcomed the Premier as the Chair of the PCA meeting, He also sent a special welcome to SANAC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr Thembisile Xulu. The Co-Chairperson further acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of all attendees in the PCA meeting, he further recognised the work done by the former Premier Mr S Zikalala in ensuring that the Council is functional. The Premier appreciated the sterling work done by the former Premier Mr S Zikalala, MEC for Health Ms N Simelane, the Co-Chairperson of PCA, Mr P Mdletshe. In welcoming SANAC, she stated that KZN as a Province was prepared to fight vigorously the scourge of HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs and social ills. She further said at some stage we will have to reflect to ascertain if Local AIDS Councils as well Ward AIDS Committees are functional. This will assist in reaching the World Health Organisation (WHO) 95:95:95 targets. The Premier also assured all stakeholders present in the meeting that KZN is committed to fight the scourge of HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs and social ills.</p>

1.1 OPENING AND WELCOME (continued)	The Premier started by finding out which Political Champions and Heads of Departments (HODs) were in attendance.			
	DISTRICT	MEC CHAMPION	MAYOR	HOD CHAMPION
	eThekwini	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Amajuba	Yes	Yes	No
	uThukela	No	No	No
	uMgungundlovu	Yes	Yes	No
	uGu	No	No	No
	Harry Gwala	Yes	Yes	Yes
	iLembe	No	Yes	No
	King Cetshwayo	Yes	No	No
	uMzinyathi	Yes	Yes	Yes
	uMkhanyakude	Yes	Yes	No
	Zululand	Yes	No	Yes
1.2 APOLOGIES	NAME	DESIGNATION	REASON	
	Inkosi RS Shinga	Chairperson: Provincial House of Traditional Leaders and Khoi – San Leaders	Attending meeting in Pretoria	
	Cllr AT Ntuli	District Mayor – King Cetshwayo	Attending IDP	
	Mr MOS Zungu	HOD-Human Settlements and Public Works	SCOPA hearing meeting	
	Ms N Boyce	Speaker of Legislature	Not well	
	Dr NI Ndlovu	Acting – HOD Sports, Arts and Culture	Travelling back from ICASA meeting	
	Mr T Tubane	HOD - COGTA	Attending South Sudanese Delegation engagements in ICC Mrs Barbara Mgutshini -DDG will be in attendance	
	STAKEHOLDERS WITH NO APOLOGIES BUT SENDING REPRESENTATIVES			

	Cllr T Buthelezi	Zululand District Mayor	Represented by Speaker Mrs Memela
	Cllr ZD Nxumalo	Harry Gwala District Mayor	Represented by Deputy Mayor
	Cllr NB Shabalala	uThukela District Mayor	Represented by Cllr Strydom
1.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The Chairperson requested for moving for adoption. MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr S Hlomuka moved for adoption. It was seconded by the Mayor of Amajuba Ms VM Bam.		
1.4 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING	There were no matters arising. Miss Honey Allee moved for adoption of minutes of 18 May 2022 with changes on 2.1 on page 6 to change the word approve to approval. Mayor of eThekweni Councillor M Kaunda seconded the move for adoption of minutes with the amendment.		
1.4.1 PCA RESOLUTIONS AND PROGRESS	The report from the International AIDS Conference to be tabled in the next PCA meeting. The draft plan developed from the Child and Teenage and Pregnancy held on 6-7 October 2022 to be taken to all districts for consultation and finalisation.		
SECTION 2: STANDING ITEMS			
ITEM	DISCUSSION		
2.1 SANAC UPDATES	SANAC was represented by Dr T Xulu SANAC CEO. She introduced Dr N Nkhwashu who is responsible for the development of the National Strategic Plan (NSP) 2023-2028 and Mr Lebowa Malaka, a Technical Lead for AIDS Councils. SANACs presentation was entitled “Key Procedural Guides and Expectations for the AIDS Councils” and discussed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. SANAC Structure /Architecture-All SANAC structures are co-chaired by a government representative (Premier-PCA; Mayor-District AIDS Council and Local AIDS Council; Councillor-Ward AIDS Committee) and an elected member of Civil Society Forum.2. The NSP Cascade-The NSP is a roadmap that pulls together multiple stakeholders to overcome the HIV and AIDS, TB and STI epidemics.3. Programme Review Committee-Co-chaired by elected Civil Society representatives4. Resource Mobilization Committee-Coordinates donor support to the national/provincial/district HIV, TB and STIs response.		

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. SANAC Technical Task Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are established as per NSP/PIP Strategic Goals • They elect their own chairs but mostly chaired by Deputy Ministers at National Level • Meets regularly at least once per quarter 6. Guiding Policy & Governance Tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Development Plan 2030 • NSP on HIV, TB and STI 2017-2022 • SANAC and PCA Procedural Guidelines • SANAC and Civil Society Terms of Reference • Civil Society Sector Charters 7. Institutional arrangements for AIDS Councils /Non-Negotiables-All AIDS Councils must adopt the structure of SANAC 8. Co-ordination for the responses-AIDS Councils Secretariat are a vehicle for coordination functions of the AIDS Council. The Secretariat is located in the Premier's and Mayors Office 9. Current Developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current NSP 2017-2022 is ending as at end of March 2023. • Provinces were consulted on the development of the new PIP. • End Term Review of PIPs will be supported by SANAC. • Provinces expected to develop their own Provincial Implementation Plan (PIP) • Expected launch date for the new NSP 2023-2028 and the PIPs is 24 March 2023. 10. Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested KZN to host PCAs of Free State, North West and Gauteng study tour to KZN. The suggested date is 7 to 11 November 2022. • SANAC requests the province to avail three MECs to share their experiences during the study tour.
2.2 PRESENTATION BY SALGA	<p>Dr T Sepura representing the South African Local Association (SALGA) presented the position paper on Local Governments Response to HIV and AIDS and highlighted on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purpose of SALGA in the KZN PCA meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To familiarise municipalities and key role players with the Position Paper on Local Government's

	<p>response to HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs as it is currently drafted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To also solicit further inputs into the Position Paper. • SALGA recognises local Governments has a role to play in the multi-sectoral response to HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs • Local Government is seen as the weakest link in the country's response to HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs. • The SALGA Position Paper aims to clarify Local Government 's response to HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs. <p>2. Expectations of Local Government from HIV and AIDS STIs and TB (HAST) response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AIDS Councils require a strong political will and leadership. • Mayors to lead and Chair their AIDS Councils. • AIDS Councils to have a competent and capacitated AIDS Secretariat and must not be aligned to the term of office of the Political Principal. • There must be fair allocation of resources for co-ordination including capacity building of AIDS Councils and Civil Society. <p>3. Consultations-SALGA Provincial Portfolio held consultations in all 09 provinces. Consultations for KwaZulu-Natal were held on 23 June 2021.</p> <p>4. Aims and objectives of the SALGA Position Paper-The main aim of the SALGA Position Paper is to clarify the role of Local Government in response to HAST. The sub-objectives are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review and develop institutional arrangement for Local Government in response HAST. • To clarify the roles and responsibilities of municipalities on HAST. • To lobby for HIV and AIDS resources for Local Government. • To strengthen Inter-governmental relations. <p>5. Position Paper Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SALGA must lobby SANAC for funding. • SALGA organise and coordinate institutional arrangement. • The SALGA Agenda be integrated into the programme of Council for Mayors. • SALGA to consider incorporating roles and responsibilities of Councillors and Mayors on HAST in the Induction and Training Programme • SALGA must ensure the regular representation at the National and Provincial AIDS structures and report accordingly
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	<p>6. Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations have been extended till December 2022. • SANAC has presented potential funding sources that municipal can access.
2.3 DISCUSSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Cllr PMS Ngubane of uMzinyathi welcomed both reports and stated uMzinyathi did not have district support partners. He requested that the district be considered for this support. • Mr S Zungu stressed the importance of Mayors attending and chairing DAC meetings. • Mr. S Xaba proposed that Health Promoters be extended to Local Municipalities. • Dr S Nzimande suggested that SANAC should consider having Technical Leads in the Provinces and encouraged the lobbying of funds for this exercise.
2.4 Q4 2021/22 & Q1 2022/23 PROVINCIAL SYNTHESIS, PEPFAR AND GLOBAL FUND REPORT	<p>Mrs GC Shabangu presented the Provincial Synthesis Report for Quarter 4 FY 2021/22 (January-March 2023) and Q1 FY2022/23 (April-June 2023). The report provides an overview of the status/progress on the implementation of interventions and programmes of the multi-sectoral response to HIV, TB and STIs by stakeholders i.e. Government departments, Non-Governmental Organisations, Community Based Organisations and a Partners such as the Global Fund and PEPFAR. The report was prepared by the PCA Secretariat which consists of Department of Health, Department of Social Development, Department of Education, Social Partners and Civil Society. The Head of Secretariat residing in the Office of the Premier. The report highlights are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goal 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV testing decreased by about 4% in Q1 2022/23. All districts achieved Q1 targets. iLembe and uMkhanyakude had highest positivity yields in Q1. Positivity rate remains low across the districts. • Male condom distribution decreased by 50% in Q1. Male condoms distribution per male remains low. • Medical male circumcision increased by 50% in Q1. 9 districts with increased MMC numbers in Q1. 2. Goal 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 districts- eThekweni, Harry Gwala, King Cetshwayo, uGu, uMkhanyakude, uMzinyathi, uThukela and Zululand- with 90% and above of targeted PLHIV remaining on ART. • Generally adult viral load completion at 12 months increased in Q1 2022/23. King Cetshwayo with highest completion rates. • Children viral load completion rates at 12 months increased in Q1 2022/23. • uThukela only district not achieving 90% and above adult viral load suppression at 12 months in

Q12022/23. Viral load suppression rates in children continued to be lower in Q1 2022/23.

- Zululand with lowest child viral load suppression rates at 12 months

3. Goal 3

- 8 districts eThekweni, uMzinyathi, iLembe, uThukela, uMgungundlovu, Amajuba, uMkhanyakude, uGu and Harry Gwala conducted Behavioral Change Campaigns (BCC). An estimated 2000 community members participated across the 08 districts.
- Zululand is taking place on 21 October 2022 and King Cetshwayo Districts have yet to provide a date.

4. Goal 4

- 75% of the target achieved on beneficiaries receiving SBC programmes in Q4 2021/22 while in Q12022/23 it was 39% target). eThekweni and Zululand with highest numbers of beneficiaries in Q1 2022/23.
- 69% of the target achieved for orphans and vulnerable children (OVCY) in Q4 2021/22 and 93% target achieved in Q12022/23. eThekweni, King Cetshwayo, uMkhanyakude and Zululand with highest numbers of OVC receiving support in Q1 2022/23

5. Goal 5

Most frequent human rights violations reported in Q4 2021/22 and Q12022/23 were as follows:

- Sexual and Gender-based violence
- Right to Health
- Assault and violence

Key population with most frequent violations

- People living with HIV (PLHIV)
- People who use Drugs (PWUD)- violations increased in Q1 2022/23
- Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW)

6. Key PCA Projects

- Mapping of NGOs, NPOs, CBOs and Fieldworkers at ward level- to be supported by TBHIV Care.
- Establishment of the Ward AIDS Committees (WACS)- rapid assessment indicating factors contributing to non-functionality of WACS will be used to reestablish the WACS.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KZN Multisectoral Response Implementation Plan for HIV, TB and STIs 2017 2022 End-Term Evaluation- Service Provider appointed; Inception report developed; District Consultations workshops commencing in October 2022. • Development of new PIP for HIV, TB and STIs 2023-2028-Awaiting SANAC guidance and processes. • Child and Teenage Pregnancy Engagements- Child and Teenage Pregnancy workshop held on 6-7 October 2022. -Integrated Plan to address Child and Teenage Pregnancy developed. Rolling out National Youth Prevention Strategy in all the 11 Districts. • Revitalization of PLHIV Support Groups- Service Provider appointed; Inception report developed; District Consultations currently ongoing. • HIV and AIDS Oversight Visits to service delivery sites-Household, Schools, Clinics, CBO's, Adherence Clubs, CCMDD- Concept and tools developed; Heads of Departments notified of the visits; visits to commence in October 2022. <p>The report recommended to the PCA 1) note and endorse HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs Quarter 4 2021/22 and Q12022/23 Report 2) note and endorse PCA key projects.</p>
2.4 PROVINCIAL TB REPORT	<p>Dr SC Shabalala presented the Provincial TB Report. The report provides an overview of TB in KZN Province. The highlights were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finding missing TB Patients. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As at the end of June 2022 the province was at 49% finding TB missing patients this financial year. It is projected that this target will be achieved. There has been a marked decline of patients notified from 2019 to 2020, recovery started in 2021. 2. Community Based TB Interventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TB screening campaigns are implemented in all districts, ensuring that at least 90% of population is screened for TB symptoms, 90% of the symptomatic people are diagnosed and put on TB treatment and 90% are successfully treated. 3. Drug Susceptible & Resistant TB Burden Districts were: 1) eThekwini; 2) iLembe; 3) King Cetshwayo; 4) uGu; 5) uMgungundlovu; 6) uMkhanyakude and 7) Zululand. 4. Drug Susceptible 9(DS) TB Treatment Outcomes Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provincial TB success rate was stagnant at 82,6% for the past two years (2019 and 2020) and

	<p>declined slightly in March 2021. The set target is not met as a result of high loss to follow up and death rate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uMkhanyakude and Zululand have consistently had a treatment success rate above 85% as a result of low loss to follow up. The two districts have invested in patient education, treatment support, tracking and tracing. • The high rate of uMgungundlovu's loss to follow up decreased their treatment success rate to less than 85% • Improvement in loss to follow up in eThekweni decreased their treatment success rate and boosted provincial performance because of high patient load. <p>5. Remedial Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensify patient education and support treatment adherence. • Integrate mental health to deal with increasing rate of substance abuse. • Institutionalize patient tracking and tracing to improve loss to follow. • Apply multi-sectoral approach to address patients' psycho-social challenges resulting in loss to follow up. • Conduct community awareness and education improve early diagnosis and treatment improving deaths. <p>6. Formation of TB Stakeholders Forum</p> <p>7. The formation of a TB Stakeholders Forum is necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring together all the role-players, • Need both internal stakeholders and external stakeholders from both Non-Government Organisations and other Government Departments <p>8. Update on the HIV Treatment Cascade arising from previous PCA minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KZN is currently at 94-83-91 for the total population serviced through the public and private sector. Adult females at 96-88-91; Adult males at 96-74-91 and Children at 86-64-66. • To achieve 90-90-90 targets, KZN must increase the number of Adult men on ART by 72,158 and Children 16,302. • 4/11 district (uGu, uMzinyathi, uMkhanyakude and Harry Gwala) met 90-90-90. 6 of KZN are in top 10 best districts in South Africa.
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<p>2.6 Q1 & Q2 2022/23 PROVINCIAL CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT</p>	<p>Mr P Mdletshe the Co-Chairperson of the Provincial Civil Society Forum (CSF) presented the Civil Society report for Q and Q2 2022/23. The presentation highlights were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provincial Civil Society Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Society is distraught by the continued discrimination and violence towards sex workers and calls for decriminalization of sex workers. • Civil Society is disturbed by the unacceptable high rates of child and teenage pregnancies and calls for the immediate response of the government. • Civil Society is advocating for the launch of the TB Caucus in the province. • Office of the Premier to speed up the process of handing over OSS vehicles to the districts. 2. Provincial and District Civil Society Forum Activities. Civil Society participated in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U=U Literacy Workshops: CSF arranged workshops for all CSF leaders to be updated on the new ARV Drugs • TB Conference: The Chairperson and the Secretary of civil Society participated actively in the TB Conference programme held on the 13 -16 September 2022 • CSF is driving the revitalization of support groups, Lubanzi Resource Centre is appointed service provider from PLHIV Sector to lead this process. • Zululand and uMgungundlovu have selected the new CSF structures. <p>The following sector activities took place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Structure was inducted in June 2022. • Youth Structure participated in “Zikhala Kanjani” a National Youth Prevention Strategy launched in Limpopo. • Ms Z Ndlovu from the PLHIV Sector was elected as the champion for U=U in the province. • LGTBQI held a pride march to sensitize the community and raise awareness against hate crime committed to the members of the sector • Sex workers participated in the Sex Work Symposium led by the Legislature. • The Men sector held the Isibaya Samadoda in uThukela, uMgungundlovu, eThekweni, iLembe, aMajuba
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and uGu districts. This was done in collaboration with uMtwana uNhlanganiso.

- The Research Sector is actively involved in looking at the new TB vaccines. TB HIV investigative Network (THINK) updates the sector on this.

3. District Activities

- Harry Gwala-Support Group revitalisation took place in September 2022.
- uMkhanyakude-Child and Teenage pregnancy round table took place over 2 days in Jozini.
- uGu-District CSF induction held in July 2022.
- uMgungundlovu -The district held the launch of the button project in trying to curb the GBVF.
- eThekweni-Civil Society working with DAC and support partners are training and revitalizing WACs.
- uThukela- Child and Teenage Pregnancy round table discussions took place led by DSD.
- Amajuba -Launched PLHIV support group.
- iLembe-Four support groups were launched.

4. Opportunities in Programming

- Launching outstanding sectors giving priority to Children and Persons with Disabilities sectors
- Continued PCA strengthening with focusing on Resource Mobilization, Coordination, Leadership and Accountability.

5. Challenges in Programming

- Civil Society is concerned about the non-functionality of LACs and WACs and advocate for the Leadership to treat HIV issues seriously.
- Appointment of a Health promoter in uMgungundlovu District is still outstanding and requests the matter be given an attention it deserves.

6. Programme Focus Areas

- Audit of functionality of DAC/LAC/WAC
- Participation of Leadership at all levels
- TB Caucus to be launched by 15 November 2022
- OSS/HIV vehicles to be donated to District Municipalities by 31 October 2022

	Civil Society is continuing to support AIDS Councils across the province and remains committed to advocate and promote service delivery and will continue to monitor and evaluate Health facilities to address issues of stock out and attitude of Health care workers within health care facilities.	
2.7 INPUTS BY MEC CHAMPIONS, DISTRICT AND METRO MAYORS	The District Mayors and District MEC Champions provided inputs as follows	
	AMAJUBA Mayor Councillor (Cllr) VV Bam	The Mayor informed the meeting that Sexually Transmitted Diseases have increased due to industrial sites. She requested assistance with the Mobile Clinic. She informed the meeting 26 Disability Learners will be graduating.
	ETHEKWINI Mayor of eThekweni Cllr M Kaunda	The Mayor highlighted that eThekweni has vibrant Civil Society and appreciate the support from Development Partners.
	HARRY GWALA Deputy Mayor	The Deputy Mayor concurred with the presentation and indicated that they have a challenge of loss to follow up cases through border crosses.
	ILEMBE Mayor Cllr TP Shandu	The Mayor said the district is fully functional and there is good participation of all stakeholders. One Municipality (Maphumulo) has not sat for the LAC meeting.
	KING CETSHWAYO	The MEC Champion reported that currently the district is dysfunctional
	UGU	No report
	UMGUNGUNDLOVU Mayor Cllr - M Zuma	uMgungundlovu DAC is fully functional with active Civil Society. Only 2 of the 07 LACs in uMgungundlovu are dysfunctional these are Msunduzi and Impendle. WAC needs to be revived. There is a cause of concern for a rising number of Child and Teenage pregnancy within the district.
	UMKHANYAKUDE Mayor Cllr -S Mdaka	The Mayor acknowledged that there is room for improvement in uMkhanyakude District. He further announced that uMkhanyakude DAC will seat on 26 October 2022. He requested for partners support within the district.
	UTHUKELA	No report
	UMZINYATHI C PMS Ngubane	The Mayor of uMzinyathi indicated that a sexual assault is a huge issue and migrant workers bring challenges.

	ZULULAND Speaker Cllr – Simelane	The Speaker Mrs Simelane reported that Teenage Pregnancy and GBFV is rife in the district and raised concerns on the low uptake of female condoms	
2.8 GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE (GBVF) PROGRESS REPORT	The report was presented by Ms P Mngomezulu, Director of Office of Status and Women in the Office of the Premier. Due to time constraint the presentation was deferred to the next meeting.		
2.9 DISCUSSIONS	<p>The MEC for Health Ms N Simelane summarised the following as the way forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OTP to attend to the issue of releasing the vehicles to be used by Health Promoters in the districts • Policy on Ukuthwala should be developed by KZN • Mayors and MEC Champions to ensure the functionality of LACs and DACs • Attendance to the PCA meeting is a cause of concern, many of the Mayors are not in attendance in this meeting. 		

SECTION 3: MENTIONS

The following mentions were presented by Dr AMET Tshabalala, Acting Chief Director Strategic Health Programmes KZN Department of Health.

- World AIDS Day (WAD)
- 7TH SA TB Conference
- Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U)

SECTION 4: CLOSURE

In closing the Chairperson requested the Districts to come up with plans on what are they going to do to deal with Child and Teenage Pregnancy as well as learner dropouts. She further encouraged the Mayors to table the reports during the AIDS council meetings The Chairperson thanked everyone present and the active participation, requested Mr Zungu to close with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 19:10.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes are a true reflection of what was discussed during the PCA meeting held on 19 October 2022.

Signed:

PCA Chairperson, Premier Mrs N Dube-Ncube S.

Date:

PCA Co-Chairperson, Mr P Mdletshe

Date: