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GRADUATE HEALTHY WITHIN A RECORD TIME



KZN MEC for Health, Honourable Dr S.M. Dhlomo (clad in red t- shirt and black track pants)

Students found themselves at the mercy of “Sugar daddies” and “Blessers “ in order to survive during their student lives because of real circumstances and put themselves at risk of being infected with HIV / AIDS and unplanned pregnancies. This revelation came into the forefront during a dialogue with 500 Amajuba TVET college students. Engagements during the discussions was made by a panel which listed MEC for Health, Dr S.M. Dhlomo, Amajuba District Mayor Cllr Dr Musa Ngubane, CEO Dr Ramneeka Kika

Ahluwalia HEAIDS CEO and LGBT community referred to as lesbian , gay , bisexual and transgender representatives shared their plight of not being accepted at the clinics. This platform provided students to share their challenges with regard to HIV / AIDS. The First Things First Campaign contributes to an objective of the 2017—2022 National Strategic Plan for HIV, STI & TB to maximize opportunities to testing for HIV. The MEC, Dr S.M. Dhlomo said that the programme aims to ensure that all students graduate within in-

formed record time.

Dr S.M. Dhlomo told the students about the programmes that are meant to delay and prevent pregnancy. He mentioned priority number one to those who have started to engage in sexual activities that they must use dual protection condoms and contraceptives such as injectables and pills. A long acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) such as Implanon / Intra uterine contraceptive device (IUCD) loop. Dr S.M. Dhlomo urged students to make informed decisions about their lives.

Combating TB at Uitkoms mines



Miners from Uitkoms Colliers Mine will receive regular visits from outreach health team to screen for TB

Employees are the valuable assets and resource behind every successful organization because of the pivot role they play to its economy.

Miners are at high risk to be infected with TB because of the environment.

Five years ago, National Minister of Health, Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi stated that the mining industry is mostly affected by Tuberculosis as workers and are not protected enough. The industry is also neglected hence the department decided to reach

out to the workers and their immediate families and fight against the scourge. “ We encourage our people to test for TB, HIV & STI’s because we do not want them to die as this affects the economy of the country.” said Dr Vusi-Madonsela during his speech. It has been noted that a number of health employees with TB is escalating owing to the TB modes of transmission and patients with TB not receiving treatment timeously. Health employees are encouraged to undergo baseline medical examination within 14 days

of employment, annually and also on exit. Health workers are also at high risk since they come to contact with patients as they present to health facilities when they are very sick.

World TB Day 2018 theme : “Wanted : Leader for a TB - free world”

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NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE HEALTH OFFICERS TO FOSTER EQUITY IN ACCESSING HEALTH CARE SERVICES



2018 Amajuba District Department of Health Community Health Service

The 2018 Amajuba Health District Community service employees were recently welcomed by District Director, Dr A.M.E.T. Tshabalala at the District Lecture Hall. The programme is aimed at improving provision of health services to all citizens with emphasis on rural and under-serviced health services. The newly appointed community service officers will be placed for a year at health facilities around the district. They will be required to provide services in Primary Health Care settings at clinics, CHC, and schools. The 2018 placement will add value to the District as a NHI piloting District. The programme provides young professionals with an opportunity to develop skills, acquire knowledge, behaviour patterns and critical thinking that will help in their professional development.

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