

STRAIGHT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MOUTH: 2019 PROGRAMME OF ACTION, PUBLIC SERVANTS URGED TO HEED THE THUMA MINA CALL



“The task of building a better South Africa is our collective responsibility as a nation, as the people of South Africa. It is at the centre of the work of every department of government, of every agency, of every public entity. It informs every policy, every programme and every initiative. While there is a broad range of critical work being done across government, I want to address the five most urgent tasks at this moment in our history.

These are tasks that will underpin everything that we do this year.

Working together, we must undertake the following tasks:

- Accelerate inclusive economic growth and create jobs.
- Improve the education system and develop the skills that we need now and into the future.
- Improve the conditions of life

for all South Africans, especially the poor

- Step up the fight against corruption and state capture.
- Strengthen the capacity of the state to address the needs of the people.

ON HEALTH

This year, we will take a significant step towards universal access to quality health care for all South Africans. After extensive consultation, the NHI Bill will soon be ready for submission to Parliament. The NHI will enable South Africans to receive free services at a point of care in public and private quality-accredited health facilities.

By applying the principle of social solidarity and cross-subsidisation, we aim to reduce inequality in access to health care. Realising the magnitude of the challenges in health care, we have established an NHI and quality improvement War Room in the Presidency consisting of various key departments to address the crisis in the public health system while preparing for the implementation of the NHI.

We have a funded national quality health improvement plan to improve every clinic and hospital that will be contracted by the NHI. By introducing the NHI together with a multi-pronged quality improvement programme for public health facilities, we are working towards a massive change in the health care experience of South Africans.

CAPACITY BUILDING

In improving the capabilities of public servants, the National School of Government is introducing a suite of compulsory courses, covering areas like ethics and anti-corruption, senior management and supply chain management, and deployment of managers to the coalface to strengthen service delivery.

We will process the operationalisation of section 8 of the Public Administration and Management Act, which strengthens the outlawing of public servants doing business with the state and enable government to deal more effectively with corrupt activities.

This provision will see the imposition of harsher penalties, including fines

and/or prison sentences for officials that transgress.

The Ethics, Integrity and Disciplinary Technical Assistance Unit will be established to strengthen management of ethics and anti-corruption and ensure consequence management for breaches of government processes.

As government, as business, as labour and as citizens, let us unite to embrace tomorrow.

Let us continue to embrace the spirit of citizen activism in line with the injunction, Thuma Mina, in the onward march towards equality, freedom and prosperity for all ”

SECURITY GUARD HAILED AS A HERO FOR RESCUING PATIENTS DURING UMPHUMULO HOSPITAL FIRE

A 30 year-old security guard who pulled bed-ridden patients from a burning ward at Umphumulo Hospital (at KwaMaphumulo, Ilembe district), before collapsing due to smoke inhalation, says he would do it all over again if he had to.

During the pandemonium Nkanyiso Xaba, who is employed by a private security firm at the hospital, even burst in through a window to rescue a nurse and a patient who were trapped in one the smoke-filled TB ward. His heroics have earned him accolades from KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo.

It all started when a mental healthcare patient reportedly started a fire in the psychiatric seclusion ward late on Tuesday afternoon. At the time, there were 16 other patients next door in the male medical ward, and two in the TB male ward.

Xaba (pictured here with Stanger Hospital CEO Dr Noxolo Vabaza) says moments earlier he had searched the mentally-disturbed patient to ensure he had no dangerous items in his possession, before leaving him in the seclusion ward. But a while later, while taking a walk to the main gate, Xaba looked back and noticed clouds of

smoke emerging from the building he had just left. He rushed to the scene and found nurses, doctors, general orderlies trying to remove patients while scrambling to douse the fire, which had turned into a huge blaze. Speaking from hospital, Xaba said: “I noticed that the fire was spreading from the seclusion ward to the male general and TB wards. What became uppermost in my mind was the fact that there were patients on hospital beds who couldn’t walk on their own, so I had to pull them out. I told those who could walk on their own to go outside because the ward was on fire.”

Due to fire and smoke, the TB ward - which had a nurse and a patient inside - had become inaccessible through the front door. He burst in through the back window to rescue enrolled nursing assistant Fikile Xulu, who was also trying to remove the patient. With the help of security colleagues, nurses and other staff members, the door was forced open and Xaba emerged with both of them. “I don’t even know how many patients I pulled out because everything happened so quickly,” he says. However, the problem started for Xaba when he went to fetch the last patient. “I pulled out the bed with the

patient, but when I got out there was just too much smoke. My nose was blocked, and I couldn’t breathe through my mouth. That’s when I collapsed,” Xaba said. He was then rushed to the casualty ward, where he received medical attention before being transferred to Stanger Hospital. The mentally-disturbed patient was taken to King Dinuzulu Hospital, while nursing staff were sent to the casualty unit for screening, and later received counselling.

The smoke inhalation took a toll on Xaba. For some time, he remained dazed and confused. His condition started improving yesterday, although he was still coughing intermittently. Xaba, whose childhood hopes of becoming a police officer were thwarted by the poverty at his home, has been a security officer for the past seven years. He says he is proud of what he did on Tuesday.

“I think I displayed courage. I’m proud of what I did. I would not hesitate to do it again to save lives. If it was another person, I don’t know if they would have done it.” He has not lost hope of one day becoming a police officer. MEC Dhlomo was moved by what Xaba and other staff members did. “What this young man has done is unbelievable... Literally putting his life



on the line like that to save lives! He helped us avoid a disaster. That is heroism.

Our Honourable President Mr Cyril Ramaphosa always encourages the spirit of #ThumaMina, to say that we should take the initiative...put our country first, and do things that will benefit others. What Xaba did on Tuesday is the embodiment of exactly that.

We are extremely proud of him, as well as everybody else who helped out

during this emergency.”

Damage to the wards is still being assessed, and contingency plans have been put in place to ensure that work that is normally conducted at the affected areas continues.

PUBLIC NOTICE: BE CAREFUL OF **FAKE** JOB ADVERTS!!!

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health wishes to warn the public that the attached poster – which has been circulated widely on social media - is fake, and has NOT been issued by the Department.

It is but one of many fabricated adverts that seek to disseminate information that is untruthful and misleading about the recruitment process for jobs pertaining to the Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Memorial Hospital, which is under construction, and others.

The Department wishes to reiterate that it has NOT yet issued any kind of invitation for people to submit their CVs online for consideration for employment. This is just a scam that is

driven by faceless and unscrupulous people who stole the Departmental insignia, including the logo and image of the Hon MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo. The advert even has incomplete information, with no web address to submit applications to.

The official website of the Department has no such page, as – even when the recruitment does begin - it will not be accepting online applications for these posts. There is currently a Public Service Announcement of the Department on Ukhozi FM and Lotus FM, which addresses the issue of when and how jobs will be advertised by the Department.

So, please beware, and not fall victim these hoax adverts. The posts for Dr

Pixley kalsaka Seme Memorial Hospital will be advertised soon, on reputable newspapers and official government online platforms.

Together let's fight corruption...

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MEC FOR HEALTH**

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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

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FIGHTING DISEASE, FIGHTING POVERTY, GIVING HOPE

MEC DHLOMO ENCOURAGES 268 COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS TO STEP OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE TO SERVE THE POOR; ('COMM SERVE' PROGRAMME HAVING A MAJOR HEALTHCARE SERVICE DELIVERY IMPACT IN RURAL AREAS)

KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has encouraged hundreds of young health professionals not to be afraid to leave their comfort zone, but rather be prepared to go out and help their fellow compatriots in some of the province's most rural and poorest areas.

The MEC was speaking in Durban, at a workshop for the orientation and induction of 268 students who originate from universities around the country, who began their 12 months' community service at the beginning of January.

This 2019 cohort of community service officers includes dentists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and audiologists. The introduction of compulsory community service in health started during the 1998/1999 financial year, under then-President Mandela's government. Although it initially focused on doctors and dentists, it was introduced to other cadres of health care workers, including therapists and nurses.

"I felt I should come and encourage these community service officers. It is important to motivate them, so that if some of them were feeling discouraged, they must be assured that we value their support. We also wanted to thank our government for

making this decision to have a policy that says, 'before you go and complete your studies, please give us just 12 months of community service in your respective profession.' In that regard, you are able to then give respect and love to your people in the far-flung areas," says MEC Dhlomo.

"Most of the services offered by these therapists are hardly ever there (in rural areas). You don't see them. The mere fact of allowing these young people to go into these areas decreases the need for people who have suffered the consequences of hypertension, diabetes, stroke, to have to come back to the urban areas where there's a majority of these professionals. The value-add of them going there is enormous. It will have a huge impact in the quality of life of our citizens even the rural areas."

The MEC says that exposure to different cultures and languages for the community service officers will be beneficial and help make them more culturally aware and well-rounded citizens. Dentist Frieda Maritz, from Tshwane, studied at the University of Pretoria. She was initially placed at Ekhombhe Hospital, before being transferred to Hlengisizwe Clinic. "I'm quite happy to be outside of Durban. Ekhombhe was rural, but it's been an experience. I've learnt a lot in terms of my work. I'm looking forward to learning to speak IsiZulu, and to getting to know the community better, and make a difference."

Nombongo Ntswayi, an audiologist from Cape Town, has enjoyed her first few weeks at Christ the King Hospital at Ixopo, where she's been placed.

"As community service officers, we appreciate the MEC taking his time to come and speak to us, and make us feel welcome. We do feel welcome in KZN province. KZN is different from Cape Town. It's a bit of a stretch. So, working with people from the community of Ixopo... the place is quite rural, so you get to see the other side of life and appreciate the people. Being able to provide health services to people who don't have access to them is quite rewarding."

Another audiologist, Thobeka Maphumulo, originally from Harding, is placed at Greytown Hospital. She says she's looking forward to making a difference in her new community. "I'm looking forward to being innovative. The people are very happy to have us, and that encourages us to continue working hard."

Yashnita Ramsunder, an occupational therapist who studied at UCT, is based at Gamalakhe Clinic, outside in Port Shepstone. "I'm really happy where I'm placed. I service nine clinics. What I'm looking forward to the most this year is helping the poorest of the poor, and helping the people who are really disabled to gain independence in communities, and raising awareness about mental health and disability, because that's what I'm passionate about."



MEC DHLOMO **STRONGLY CONDEMNS** DAMAGE TO STATE PROPERTY BY PROTESTERS AT KING DINUZULU HOSPITAL

KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo has condemned in the strongest possible terms the actions of protesters who caused damage to state property at King Dinuzulu Hospital in Durban.

Two protesters sustained injuries while 25 were arrested during the mayhem. They protesters first tried to force their way into the hospital this morning and, in the process, damaged a gate and also burned

down a guard hut. They also damaged the palisade fencing, and threw stones into the parking area alongside Howell Rd - damaging two ambulances and a few cars that belong to staff.

They intimidated staff and patients and, for some time, ensured that hospital staff and those seeking medical attention could not enter the hospital. The protesters were ultimately prevented by members of the SAPS from entering the hospital.

But by 9am, order had been restored and the hospital became operational.

The protesters, who are from a neighbouring informal settlement, did not submit a formal memorandum of grievances. However, it is believed that they are demanding that more people be employed by companies that are contracted to provide security, catering, cleaning and maintenance services at the hospital. MEC Dhlomo has come out strongly against the actions of the protesters.

"There's no excuse for any person to raise issues in an unruly and violent manner such as what has happened.

We would like to thank the SAPS for coming in to quell the situation. We are hopeful that they will do everything humanly possible to safeguard government property from thuggery and violent behaviour from people who want to raise issues in a violent manner. "In a hospital, you cannot expect people to come in and burn buildings because they have a

demand that they would like to be addressed, whether by the hospital or by the company that is providing outsourced services. We condemn this in the strongest possible terms. It's like a person burning a school because they want a clinic to be built; or burning a clinic because they want a road. That behaviour is unruly, and we will not accept it at any given point," he said.

DURING FEBRUARY, THE MONTH OF LOVE, MEC DHLOMO'S MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE IS:

"YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CONTROL WHEN YOU'LL FALL PREGNANT, AND WHETHER YOU GET HIV/ SEXUALLY-TRANSMITTED INFECTION – USE THAT POWER"

WITH Valentine's Day set to take place soon, it's only a matter of time before love fills the air. Within the healthcare fraternity, February is designated as Reproductive Health Month and incorporates STI and Condom Week, and Pregnancy Awareness Week, which run concurrently from 10 – 16 February 2019.

KZN Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo remains concerned about the rate of teenage pregnancy; unplanned pregnancy in general; and HIV infection among young people aged 15 - 24 in the province. He is urging youth to delay their sexual debut for as long as possible – or practice safe sex at all times, as this is key to helping safeguard their positive educational and health outcomes and realise their true potential.

He is urging all sexually people of child-bearing age to embrace the use of contraceptives to avoid unplanned pregnancy.

"With the number of options for contraception that are available for those who cannot abstain from sex, pregnancy is really something that should not take anyone by surprise. These options should give young people the power to choose, and only become parents when they are ready for it."

He says Dual Protection - which is medical male circumcision and using condoms during every sexual episode; while combining this with female contraceptive methods - is the way to go. The MEC also wants more pregnant women to visit the clinic early enough during their pregnancy - and adhere to the schedule of antenatal

clinic visits. This ensures the health and safety of both mother and baby, as any underlying ailments are picked up early, followed by intervention.

He says parents need to stop shying away from the sex conversation and speak openly with their children. "We need to start talking to young people (both boys and girls) about sex and its implications for them. Yes, it may not be an easy subject, but if we don't start the conversation ourselves, these children will end up getting advice from the wrong people. If we start the conversation early enough, and plant the idea in young people that they must invest in their future by making the right decisions today, then we may start to see a reduction in the number of those who fall pregnant by mistake, and those who acquire sexually-transmitted infections,

including HIV."

He says the Department will continue to train more nurses on Adolescent and Youth User-Friendly Service (nearly 400 have already been trained). This programme empowers them with the skills to make young people feel free and welcome to seek healthcare services – from contraceptives to treatment for STIs to legal and safe termination of pregnancy - without the fear of being judged.

The MEC is also encouraging men to take responsibility for their reproductive health, and be part of decisions concerning when to conceive; and to support, protect and respect women during their pregnancy and beyond.

"The act of conceiving a baby is an elaborate and deliberate one by both

parties – not just women alone. It doesn't just happen, and takes considerable effort, which is usually initiated by the man. Therefore, men are equally responsible for pregnancy, and should become involved and support their partners every step of the way."

MEC Dhlomo says Government will continue to accelerate campaigns such as First Things First; DREAMS, and She Conquers, which are aimed at young people, to help them make informed choices about their sexual reproductive health.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, FAMILY PLANNING IS WORTH TALKING ABOUT!

If young people are to fulfill their enormous potential, they must be able to take charge of their own reproductive health.

The Health department, together with its partners, will use the coming Valentine's Day (14 February 2019) to empower young people to raise awareness about and access to reproductive health services. Young people at the Majuba TVET College and surrounding campuses will have access to information and services that will allow them to take full control of their sexual lives. This includes being knowledgeable about what contraceptive method is right for them, and being able to access it from a clinic.

The province (KZN) today has the largest population of youth in history - we have more than 7, 6 million people under the age of 35 and more than 2 million between the ages of 15 and 24. Shocking statistics have revealed that more than 3 000 girl children aged

between 10 and 14 became mothers in South Africa last year.

The decisions that young people make every day, including decisions about sex and reproductive health, have an impact on their own lives. But collectively, their decisions will also influence health, population, and development throughout the 21st century and beyond.

The events at Majuba TVET campus will have a youth focus; continued advocacy is needed to ensure the message reaches parents and guardians. It is hoped that young people will become advocates to encourage others to talk more about family planning and as use them as they prepare for their future.

Let's have the conversation on their terms. Let's listen to them. And let's not let them down!



IT ONLY TAKES ONE TIME

It only takes one sexual episode without a condom to contract a sexually transmitted infection (STI). They are spread from one person to the other during unprotected sex which can either be vaginal, anal or oral in nature. STIs can also be transmitted from mother to child, during pregnancy and during birth.

Thankfully, the Department distributes thousands of condoms every year so everyone is empowered to protect themselves from infection every single time they decide to have sex.

Besides abstinence, condoms are the single best form of protection from STIs as they provide a barrier against disease containing bodily fluids from one partner to the other.

WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS OF STIs?

A person with an STI can have one of these symptoms:

- abnormal vaginal or penile discharge
- burning urine

- genital ulcer
- painful intercourse
- lower abdominal pain
- scrotal swelling

Although some STIs can be cured, some become lifelong burdens that require treatment to control the symptoms - what can be seen - without removing the root. There are many STIs, the most common being HIV.

Did you know?

Men who are circumcised and use a condom have a lower risk of contracting STIs

| Syndrome | Type of STI / Causative organism | Symptoms |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Male Urethritis Syndrome (MUS) | Gonorrhea (drop), Chlamydia in males | Urethral (Penile) Discharge Burning Urine Frequent urination |
| Vaginal Discharge Syndrome (VDS) | Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Trachomoniasis, Candidiasis in females | Unusual Vaginal Discharge Burning Urine Painful Intercourse Vaginal Itching |
| Lower Abdominal Pain (LAP) | Gonorrhea, Chlamydia in females | Lower abdominal pain Painful Intercourse (It is also possible not to see the vaginal discharge, and it can be discovered by a health care provider on examination) |
| Genital Ulcer (GUS) | Chancroid (Haemophilus Ducreyi), Genital Herpes | Genital ulcer (sore) |
| Syphilis (Treponema Pallidum) | Genital ulcer (painless) | |
| Scrotal Swelling (SSW) | Gonorrhea , Chlamydia in males | Scrotal swelling Scrotal pain |



If you have any of the mentioned symptoms, please visit your nearest clinic, especially if you are pregnant. Your early action can prevent pregnancy complications and ensure a healthy normal baby. If you are found to have an STI, the Department has an array of treatments available for you. If you test negative, you should still use a condom to protect yourself from STIs and an unwanted pregnancy.



Corporate Communications has a Reproductive Health Month exhibition that is on display at

the Natalia Building Main Entrance. Please do come and read about the various

reproductive services the Department has to offer and the pregnancy stages. You're also

welcome to the condoms on display!

EXHIBITION

A HEALTHY PREGNANCY

TO AVOID UNECESSARY EMERGENCIES!

Carrying life is one of the most fulfilling and gratifying responsibilities that a mother could have but it could also be scary. That is why the department has taken necessary steps through services; such as **MOMCONNECT** - a free sms system which reminds expectant mothers about attending their antenatal appointments and gives other important information on how to have a safe and successful pregnancy.

Women who suspect they may be pregnant should schedule a visit to their healthcare provider to begin prenatal care. Prenatal visits to a health care provider include a physical exam, weight checks, and providing a urine sample. Depending on the stage of the pregnancy, healthcare providers may also do blood tests and imaging tests, such as ultrasound exams. These visits also include discussions about the mother's health, the infant's health, and any questions about the pregnancy.

Preconception and prenatal care can help prevent complications and inform women about important steps they can take to protect their infant and ensure a healthy pregnancy.

PRECONCEPTION

It is my responsibility to:

- Know my HIV and TB status and that of my partner before planning pregnancy
- Plan pregnancies well in advance to decrease the risk of foetal abnormalities
- Abstain and delay sexual activity and other risky behaviours (multiple partners/drugs/alcohol abuse) as a young person
- Use contraception in addition to the use of condoms
- Always use condoms correctly and consistently when having sex even during pregnancy
- Eat healthy and exercise regularly
- Stop drinking any alcohol,

smoking or taking illicit drugs to prevent foetal abnormalities

- Stop self - medication/ taking any medication not prescribed by the health care provider
- Take and adhere to prescribed medication
- Be aware of my health status and medical condition before planning pregnancy
- Visit the nearest health care facility when not feeling well
- If HIV positive and pregnant, take and adhere to antiretroviral (ARV) treatment, in order to stay healthy and to prevent infecting the child with HIV

ANTENATAL

It is my responsibility to:

- Visit the nearest health care facility as soon as I miss the first period
- Get tested for HIV as soon as i know that i'm pregnant
- Ensure support for my partner during pregnancy and thereafter care for the child.
- Always use condoms correctly and consistently when having sex even during pregnancy
- Eat a healthy well balanced diet and exercise regularly while pregnant
- Rest adequately while pregnant
- Stop drinking any alcohol, smoking or taking illicit drugs to prevent foetal

abnormalities

- Stop self -medication/ taking any medication not prescribed by the health care provider
- Wear loose clothes and low heel shoes during pregnancy
- Check the wellbeing of my unborn baby by counting movements, baby kicks, and to ask my nurse about this
- Visit the nearest health care facility when not feeling well
- Report any abnormalities including vaginal bleeding during pregnancy
- Take and adhere to prescribed medication





STAYING FIT MEANS STAYING HEALTHY



The Department supports having and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, it has even gone to the extent of awarding its employees with an hour of aerobics to dedicate to the betterment of their health, and become true ambassadors of a healthy lifestyle.

Aerobics classes at Head Office take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 15:00 – 16:00 at Natalia, 16th floor, Ala carte Boardroom.

Classes conducted by a qualified Aerobics instructor.

For more information on classes, kindly contact:

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“REPORT COMPLAINTS WITH HOSPITAL PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS” - MEC DHLOMO URGES AGGRIEVED HEALTHCARE CLIENTS AND RELATIVES

KWAZULU-Natal Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo is urging people who may have a grievance after attending a hospital or clinic not to leave the institution without lodging a formal complaint.

He says registering a complaint with the hospital Public Relations Officer, office of the CEO or Operations Manager (in the case of clinics) is the only way to ensure remedial action and/or the application of consequence management for wrongdoers, who are in the minority.

The MEC's plea comes after the Department held a workshop for the Public Relations Officers in Durban last Friday. The workshop was part of ongoing efforts to make the PROs more receptive, visible and helpful to the public, in order to improve client experience and satisfaction.

The MEC is concerned that complaints made in the media about a few isolated incidents at hospitals and clinics may erode public confidence in government hospitals and clinics, which serve up to 90% of the population, who are not on medical aid.

He says it is important that clients register any dissatisfaction about the level of service at the site where it

happened, because even those who take their complaints to the media – apart from compromising their right to dignity and privacy if the complaint is clinical in nature - will have to go back to the hospital or clinic for their complaint to be investigated.

According to Departmental policy, if a complainant is still not satisfied about how their complaint is being dealt with, they may escalate it to the office of the provincial health Ombudsperson, Mr Mboneni Bhekiswayo, based at head office in Pietermaritzburg, which will investigate.

“It was a good decision to recognise and elevate the role of PROs in our hospitals,” says the MEC. “Currently, we have over 80 public hospitals in our province and 80 PROs, and about 10 Community HealthCentres (CHCs), with their own PROs. Over the years, we have been conducting workshops, empowering them, and giving them the idea that they are the face of these health facilities... the image of these institutions. We are really delighted with the experience that they have gained over time, and during this past week. We had a meeting with them, inculcating their responsibilities in their hospitals.

“Whether people leave smiling or not smiling from the hospitals rests with

the PROs. They may not be able to solve everything, but they can actually indicate and assist our clientele by getting the leadership of the hospitals to help them. So, we'd like to appeal to our fellow compatriots to make use of the PROs. Some of them have their phone numbers displayed on the notice board.

“If you have a complaint, and your first port of call is the PRO, we will surely attend to it. Even those complaints that go to the media, they still come back to us to sort out. And therefore, if you start with the PRO, we are saved the negative publicity... because such publicity about a health institution that serves multitudes of our people can easily scare other citizens through something that could have been attended to.

We are not saying we are perfect, but everyday we wake up to do our best and solve problems that may arise. So, our appeal to the public is, make use of all our PROs where we have them.”



PICTURE GALLERY



ETHICS QUOTE

It has been observed that despite monthly reminders and the issuing of circulars at intervals the level of compliance with regards to the donation procedures is poor and a new trend has emerged where donations/sponsorships are accepted without the necessary prior approval.

Thereafter requests are received for post facto approval, a practice which is not acceptable as it contravenes the Policies of the Province and Department.

NOTICES

If you have conducted health systems related research that would be useful to the Department and would like to present your results to Departmental Managers and Stakeholders, please submit your abstracts to Zama.Mthethwa@kznhealth.gov.za and Sphiliile.Ndlovu@kznhealth.gov.za.

The deadline for abstract submission is Thursday 7 March 2019.

Debate of State of National Address
14 February

National Budget Day
20 February

KZN Cabinet Lekgotla
21 & 22 February

KZN Opening of Legislature
26 February

KZN State of Province Address
27 February

Debate of State of Province Address
28 February

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