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GREATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY MAYORAL IMBIZO A SUCCESS.

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“ The outgoing council has done its job.

They took the municipality that was struggling and put to an unqualified audit report” Those were the words of

the GKM Mayor Cllr Mbulelo Sithole when delivering his address during Mayoral Imbizo held at Riverview Stadium on Friday the 30th of April 2010.

The GKM Mayor outlined the challenges they had to face when taking over from 2006. Those challenges included infrastructure, IT, Financial instability.

Out of that they pull through as council and transform the municipality that is amongst the best in KwaZulu Natal.

The Council couldn't hide their excitement when talking about Mxolisi Nkosi, the Greater Kokstad Municipal Manager. They praised Mr Nkosi for his excellent leadership he has displayed since taking over . Even the GKM Deputy Mayor Cllr Nobubele Thabethe echoed the words of the Mayor citing employment of Mr Nkosi as the **“ Best thing we could have done”**

The Imbizo was fueled by the arrival of Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma who is a Minister of Home Affairs in SA and Maria Ntuli who is a Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry in SA. They both encourage the commitment of government that promotes hard work.

The Sisonke District Municipality Mayor Mr Patrick Khoza also presented his budget speech. He cited project that are of an important in Kokstad like Water and Sanitation challenge. Mayor Khoza outline the pace high pace of development in Kokstad. He also encouraged the people to consider farming as the source of economy in Kokstad. He also cited the heritage site occupied by famous Khotso Sethunsa as the best heritage site .

HCT CAMPAIGN AND MALE CIRCUMCISION

In order to fight HIV infections the Department of Health responded well introducing HIV Counseling and Testing campaign where by the community is encouraged to know their status. E.G. & Usher Memorial hospital has begun this important initiative. In collaboration with TB Care Association several places has been visited

including Spar in Kokstad, Community gatherings like mayoral imbizo. Community is very inspired by President Zuma who tested in public . One public member praised this action as a good leadership and

other public figures should do so. On this campaign it is also encouraged that men should be circumcised to minimized infections. The hospital will be vigorously driving these programmes in Kokstad.

IMBIZO IXOXWA NGEZITHOMBE



1. TB Care's HIV Testing and Counselling Tent.
2. Cllr Jojozi was introducing guests at imbizo
3. Traditional group entertained the crowd.
4. Community came in numbers to listen to the issues.
5. GKM Mayor Sithole delivering his address.
6. District Mayor Cllr Khoza outlined his budget speech
7. DP Minister of DTI Maria Ntuli gave an inspiring speech.
8. Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma also outlined Home Affairs turnaround strategy.

MRS THEKISO HAS BEEN APPOINTED PERMANENTLY AS EGUM CEO

“We encourage the staff in the continual support shown thus far, and believe the appointment will be mutually beneficial to all” Those were the words of Mrs Gcina Radebe, the Sisonke Health District Manager when she was announcing the appointment of Mrs Ntombifikile Thekiso as the new Man-

ger of Usher Memorial Hospital as a result of permanent transfer. Mrs Thekiso came in last (2009, September 21) as an acting CEO after the former CEO Miss Nolindela Mate retired as a result of health reasons. She continually implemented the solid founda-

tion that was laid by Ms Mate. Mrs Thekiso is not new in management having managed ST Appolinaris for seven successful years. Beside being a manager she is still studying towards his Master in Public Health. Congratulations Mama.



MRS N.C. THEKISO(NEW HOSPITAL CEO)

KRAANSDRAAI TB CAMPAIGN WAS A LEARNING CURVE

Sisonke Health District, TB Care and Usher Memorial Hospital teamed up to educate the community of Kraansdraai about TB. This event took place at Kraansdraai Primary school on the of 31 March 2010.

Present on the day were GKM Municipality Speaker Cllr Michael Khutshwa who is also a ward councilor in

the area. He was very supportive of this initiation.

Speaking on behalf of the DOH Mrs Osei from district gave a educative speech about TB. She explained symptoms as well as tips of managing TB. Taking medication was emphasized on finishing

your medication as the main solution.

Traditional leaders present also acknowledged clinical intervention is a solution to cure TB. They encouraged the that beliefs such as witchcraft mustn't promoted in dealing with TB and HIV.

Those words were also echoed by Ms Noxolo Lesuthu from Healthy Lifestyle Programme in the district. She emphasized that living healthy lifestyle should be part of the solution in dealing with TB. She also organized the march against TB in Kraansdraai. Present was SANTA and Home Affairs. The event promoted good partnership.

TB DAY THROUGH PICTURES



1. Matron Mazwana with Mrs Osei displaying a TB Banner.
2. "Ziyabuya" Mrs Osei and Sr Lesuthu were dancing.
3. Light of Hope was handed to Cllr Khutshwa by Mrs Osei.
4. Young girls gave ingoma dancing to the crowd.

XOLO XOLO PRIMARY CROWNED AS HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL.

1. Mr Dlamini (Xoloxolo Principal) receive the award for a health promoting school.
2. The event was closed by planting a tree by Health and Education officials.
3. The Xolo Xolo learners doing a traditional dancing to celebrate the occasion.
4. DOE Official gave a deep speech about the importance of hygiene in everyone's life.

MEET THE NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS TRAINEE

It is my pleasure to introduce our new PR Trainee Ms Khunjulwa Ntshobane. She is joining my Department on the 1st of April 2010. She is from Esayidi FET College has she is willing to learn things in PR way.

Describing her on arrival Mr John Ford from HR said “ She is a fast learner and you will find it easy to work with

her” She also express her desire to learn and leave us with sufficient knowledge that will make her face the outside world.

I encouraged her to learn and be creative and I will do every possible means to help her.



MISS KHUNJULWA NTSJOBANE PR TRAINEE

IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGN FOR POLIO AND MEASLES



1. Mr Ndlebe(PHC Supervisor) leading immunization campaign in Kokstad.
2. Community in Shayamoya Cretche came in large numbers.
3. Community Mobilization was part of the campaign and the PR department moved around for loud hailing.





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FAREWELL

The hospital had bid farewell to the following staff members

1. Mama Lindiwe Soshongaye from Food Services (retired)
2. Matron Kheswa (resigned)
3. Xolani Maphumulo (Nursing) (Transfer)
4. Ntombifuthi Diko (HR Intern) (Contract expired)
5. Mr Ngxabi of Laundry (retired)
6. Ms Mate(former CEO) (retired)
7. Sr Manciya (resigned)
8. Sr Seku (transfer)



1. Ms Buyiswa Yenge (General Orderly)
2. Mr Lepallo(Assets Department)

“ MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE”

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