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RETIREMENT OF

MRS NTOMBIFIKILE C. THEKISO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT E.G. AND USHER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



CEO, Leader, Manager, Mentor, Coach, Advisor, Role Model, devoted Christian, Academic Mother and so forth

And the journey started in 1979

It was in 1979 that Mrs. Thekiso started her career in Nursing after completing her school, where she worked for a Roman Catholic owned clinic in Maria Linden.

She served the clinics from 1979 to 1982 as a PHC Nurse.

In 1982 she was taken or employed by the former Transkei Department of Health where she worked at Taylor Bequest in Mt. Fletcher. Because of her dedication to patient care it was never easy to let her go, as a result she served the hospital more than nine (09) years.

It was her contribution and love of the community that she was appointed as clinic su-

ervisor for the period of seven years.

During that time she was responsible for Isilindini, Shepherds Hope, Queens Mercy Afsondering clinics and Maluti Community Health Centre where she was working at Theatre, Peads and Maternity.

It was in 1992 where she started at Taylor Bequest Hospital Matatiele, it was under Kwazulu Natal Department of Health at the time.

She was appointed as the Maternity Nurse CPN (ADM). In 1998 she was moved to work in Matron's office as Assistant Matron until 1999. She progressed to be Assistant Director Nursing from the year 2000 to the year 2002,

35 YEARS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Thirty five years of service proves the dedication, commitment and passion Mrs. Thekiso had with health services.

Very few can achieve such a milestone in helping our communities to have better healthcare.

It was such a long journey that was characterized by both commendations and at times challenges, but through her dedication and passion for community health, all challenges made her the manager, leader, mentor and most of all the coach to those who had opportunity to work with her.

KwaZulu Natal Department of Health and Eastern Cape knows her contribu-

tion especially the former Transkei Area. Private sector and academic fraternity also benefited from her vast knowledge of health care .

It is hoped that the seed she planted in management will grow and bear fruits even in her absence from work.

We wish her good life on her retirement and again her skills and knowledge will still be acquired by the hospital. We therefore humbly request that you avail yourself every time we request your insight.

Your contribution to the Department of Health is vast and can not be replaced; the onus is on us to continue leading and providing in the health care services.

SOME OF HER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Among first 5 CEOs chosen to study Masters in Public Health at Wits University specializing in Hospital Management by DOH.
- Premier Awards, Bronze, (3 Consecutive years) with St Apollinaris Hosp.
- Mpumelelo Silver award for Innovation with St. Apollinaris Hospital.
- Coordinated Services to align with district health services: EGUM

in September.

Her managerial skill made her to be appointed as the Chief Executive Officer at St. Apollinaris Hospital from 2002 to 2009. She served St Apollinaris hospital seven years.

In 2009 she was transferred to E.G. and Usher memorial Hospital where she is currently serving and retiring.

Mrs. Thekiso did not only serve the department of health but Academic institutions also benefited from her skills as she worked as a Mental Health program Facilitator at the University of KwaZulu Natal for the period of seven (07) years. She also facilitated in the Midwifery program for UKZN in P. Shepstone.