Welcome Remarks by the Acting CEO: N.F Dube

I am very happy to bring you our publication for April 2014 to September 2014. The previous year 2013 had a lot of challenges for St Mary’s KwaMagwaza Hospital, but since the beginning of this financial year, we have seen some developments. I would like to thank all the staff for their commitment, resilience and dedication during the times of difficulty.

The hospital has managed to fill the posts for Senior Managers like, Human Resource Manager, Systems Manager and Pharmacy Manager. We are doing well on MDG 5. Since April 2014 to date, we had no (0%) maternal deaths. Finally I would like to wish all of you a happiest Spring Season!!

Heritage Day Celebration - 01 Oct 2014

Various events are staged throughout the country to commemorate this day. The culture of South Africa is known for its ethnic and cultural diversity; currently we have 12 official languages and 4 races this makes us diverse as a country. South Africa is a country rich in culture, and has been referred to as ‘rainbow nation’ a title which illuminates the country’s cultural diversity. It is true we all have a responsibility to unite the country despite of our own different cultures.

KwaMagwaza Hospital witnessed that when we had two students from Vukukhanye Nursing School came in scrolling with their Swati outfit in the venue of event. Some described them as show stoppers and some says it a true reflection of our rainbow nation. (Please see the above middle picture)

However we continue to encourage other races to show case their cultural belief through food, or any activities. The Events Committee took a decision that every year we will celebrate a deferent culture as a theme for that year. This decision was taken based on Desmond Tutu defining South Africa as “Rainbow Nation”, because of its diversity. South Africa is diverse through languages, religions, race, social beliefs, and etc.
On the 09 September 2014, the KwaZulu Natal MEC for Health Dr. S.M Dhlomo official opened the newly built clinic of Nogajuka in Mthonjaneni Municipality, Ward 03 (Nogajuka Area) under Inkosi of Ntembeni (Ndabezitha: T.S Zulu). TS Zulu donated the two (02) sites to the Department of Health for the clinic of Nogajuka Ward 03 and Ndundulu Ward 05.

The event was well attended by the community of Mthonjaneni municipality, all the 06 wards were transported to the venue where the MEC for Health Dr. S.M Dhlomo addressed them. The MEC started by the official opening of Nogajuka Clinic he further went to visit the old and new structures of Ndundulu Clinic. The MEC was accompanied by UThungulu Health District Manager Ms SCC Mabaso, Honourable Mayor of Mthonjaneni Municipality Cllr M.N Ndlangamandla, and Inkosi Ndabezitha T.S Zulu on both official opening and visit to Ndundulu clinic.

The MEC continue to encourage all men of Mthonjaneni to go to the clinic not only when they are sick, but for health screenings. MEC further made a joke by saying, “All the men that go to the clinic will get a first preference over women”. The MEC said the research shows that few men go to the clinic and he hopes to change that. The MEC also encouraged men to go and circumcised, because the service is free at all the health facilities (Clinics and Hospitals). St. Mary’s KwaMagwaza Hospital MMC Team was also present at Ndundulu Clinic (old structure) doing circumcision. The MEC thanked the MMC team for the good work done in July and August 2014. The MMC statics show that in July (177) were circumcised and in August (276) were circumcised.
THE State of District Address by Honorable Cllr T Mchunu Mayor of UThungulu District Municipality at Mthonjaneni Local Municipality, Ward 05, at EMkhindini Sport ground. This event was well attended because everyone wanted to know government plans for 2014 / 2015 financial year. This address will assist the community to know what is coming to change and improve their lives within UThungulu District Municipality. This event was officially opened by the Honorable Mthonjaneni Municipality Mayor Cllr N.M Ndlangamandla.

Honorable Mayor Cllr T Mchunu on her address she mentioned that the Department of Health KZN will officially open the newly built Ndundulu Clinic this year. This is good news for the community of Mthonjaneni and especially community of Ward 06 because Ndundulu road (R34) is rated amongst these with high accident rates. To have a fully functional clinic will greatly assist the community.

During the event St. Mary's KwaMagwaza Hospital PHC Team was doing Health Screenings and 36 people were screened for HIV and minor ailments. St. Mary's KwaMagwaza Hospital continues to encourage people to utilize their nearest clinic not only when they are sick but also for checks. We believe that prevention is better than cure.
Mr. Dubazane is one of the community members that were fortunate when the MEC for COGTA Hounarable Ms. N Dube hosted a government event at Melmoth Sport field, he couldn’t walk properly because of his amputated foot. He would crawl from one point to another. St. Mary’s KwaMagwaza Hospital Acting CEO Ms. N.F Dube requested one of our physiotherapists to attend the patient as a matter of urgency. The patient was examine fully by our Physiotherapist and Checked by Medical officer (Doctor). It became very clear from the assessments that the patient is in need of the wheelchair to be able to do things on his own.

Mr. Dubazane was very happy and excited that now he will be able to move from one point to another using a wheel chair. The Department of Health has done excellent work in restoring quality of life and giving hope. Hounarable Mayor of Mthonjaneni Municipality Cllr M.N Dlangamandla said, "It brings happiness and joy to see the Department of Health giving hope to people living in Melmoth and to see Mr. Dubazane moving around with his new wheelchair was a great pleasure.

On the 5th of May St Mary’s KwaMagwaza Hospital Acting CEO Ms. N.F Dube and Hounarable Mayor of Mthonjaneni Municipality Cllr M.N Dlangamandla paid a special visit to Mr. Dubazane at the Melmoth Taxi Rank to hand over a wheel chair and give Mr. Dubazane a hope of a better life.

Celebrating 20 Years of Democracy

On the 19 March 2014 St. Mary’s KwaMagwaza Hospital joined hands with Thubalethu Primary School to celebrate 20 years of democracy. This event was blessed by the Hounarable MEC for Education: P Nkonyeni. The MEC spoke about on HIV and AIDS and mentioned that communities should assist the current government in fighting the spread of HIV and AID and TB.

It was more than 500 people who attended this event and Honorable PM: KZN Legislature and Hospital Board members N.N.P Mkhulisi was deployed as a Programme director for this event. St. Mary’s KwaMagwaza Hospital was providing services on this event and the following screenings were done: HIV and minor ailments and. All the patients that the needed further medication were referred to the nearest clinic (Thubalethu Clinic) for further management. Family Health Team was able to screen 24 patients excluding HIV testing, 14 patients tested for HIV. As the Department of Health KZN we continue to encourage people to test for HIV and know their status. Together we can fight the spread of HIV and AIDS and TB.
During school holidays we get the opportunity to organise MMC Camps. School principal and governing bodies get the message across to parents to sign consent forms in time for their kids to be circumcised by our staff. We also have a good relationship with EMS with regard to patient transportation from all five (5) clinics.

On the 02 July 2014 we started our MMC school holiday camps at Nogajuka, Ndundulu, and Yanguye Clinic. 100 boys were circumcised on these camps alone. The target group for these camps were boys between the ages of 0 to 12 years. The camp continued at KwaMagwaza Hospital from 03 July 2014 in partnership with Mbongolwane Hospital MMC Team. This partnership was a huge success, our MMC team worked from 7:00 to 17:00 to circumcise 35 boys that came to our hospital.

MMC team understands that when someone decides to be circumcised they need to act quickly in circumcising him because we afraid that on the following day he might be afraid to do circumcision based on the stigma that is attached on MMC. Most people have a belief that MMC is painful, but this is not true because our staff are qualified and receive intensive training on MMC. Our staff work hand in hand with a patient during the process to ensure sure that the process is pain free. We only start circumcision once we get a response of pain free from the patient. In some instances you will even find patients chatting on the phone during procedure, proving that the procedure is pain free.

We continue to encourage all men who are not circumcised to come and do circumcision in our hospital and clinics. If you do not have transport to come to the hospital you can organize five other males who are not circumcised, the hospital will make means to transport you to the hospital or bring MMC services to your nearest clinic. MMC reduces STIs by 60%. However we still encourage safe sex practises i.e. using condoms and being faithful.
you last visited St. Mary’s KwaMagwaza Hospital last year (2013) then you will be blown away by newly improved hospital. We have not yet reached all our goals but we are moving at a promising pace. What we have been able to change this year is a positive step to a brighter future.

The Chapel, a historical building built in 1957 was recently renovated. This building plays a monumental role in the history of the hospital. We also painted our Main Kitchen and in a. In few months our PHC will be enjoying the newly built Ndundulu Clinic. Ndundulu Clinic also has staff accommodation which will assist our emergency services after hours and a of Professional Nurse on call 24/7. Ndundulu Road is rated as one of the high accident roads in KwaZulu Natal so to have a fully equipped clinic in Ndundulu is a necessity.

We have always believed that we cannot change the walls of our hospital but we can change the attitude of our staff. If you do not find our beauty in our buildings surely you will find a beauty in service.
Mandela Day Celebration
“Working together for a cleaner South Africa”

18th July 2014

St. Mary’s KwaMgwaza Hospital celebrated Mandela Day. 87 minutes with their neighbouring families. More than 20 blankets were distributed and Health Education on Infection Control and prevention. The team that visited the families was accompanied of Area Manager (Matron Mdzinwa) IPC Nurse (B Nxumalo), Waste Management Officer (T.P. Makhoba), PRO (A Ngcobo), CCQs, Nursing Staff, Occupational Therapy (S Thomas), Transport Officer (D.A “Sponno” Ntombela). We also like to thank Mr. VBC Mihalane. Hospital Board Member for his contributions on the items that we distributed during this day.

Silwa Nezifo, Silwa Nobubha, Sinikeza Ithemba
Baby Breast Feeding Campaign - 2014

On the 22 August 2014, Mthonjeni clinic organized Breast Feeding Campaign during the month of August which is categorized as breast feeding month under the National Health Calendar. This Campaign was a success because all the mothers who have been breast feeding for the past six (06) months received awards which will encourage other mothers to practice exclusive breast feeding. Exclusive breast feeding for a period of six (06) months protects the baby from other diseases.

On the 28 June 2014, we said farewell to long serving staff member, Ms T.T Shembe, former Finance Management Officer. She had worked for the government for more than 30 years. She retired at the age of 61 years. This retirement came as shock to many people because Ms T.T Shembe looks young.

Ms T.T Shembe has been described as someone who has a good heart and willingness to learn. She never raises her voice, and you will never see her arguing. Many talents were observed during this event, Ms P Mhlongo (SCM) and Mr E.S Mchunu (HRM) led us in song and celebration.

Farewell to - T.T Shembe

“Hamba Khahle Mam’ TT” - Finance Staff
Umnyango ukhuthaza ubisi lwebele komama

JABU XULU


Umtholampilo ingane izi ithole ukutheleleka ngegelewane ngenxa yobubudengulu bukamama yayo. UCele utshi izinyanga ezithelileka ngempilo welehlile utshi kuyakholobusa ukuthi kunabantu abasayalenda imigoma abatsheliwa yona uma bezwe emphlangolamilo. Kanti kubalobela kwena ephambili yilabo Mama sibancengelela umncintshawo abazihomulele ngeziphuphila eza. UCele ubunxenhwa kakhulu ooma lwathi ingane kumele icwelo ibele likaNina khona izovikelela ezifileni.

Umqhele Newspaper comes out every Thursday weekly and it is a community newspaper based in Melmoth. The Hospital continue to build good relationships with other stakeholders including the local based media both Print and Radio (Zulu land FM). Every month we have a slot in Zululand FM to do Health Education on the current theme marked by the Department of Health National Calendar 2014.

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