Well done Harry Gwala.

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The provincial health department, KwaZulu-Natal, hosted the choral music competition for the second time this year, December 2014. This initiative has become more popular to the employees of the department and gaining the support from the MEC for Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo.

This is part of the Employee Assistant Programme (EAP) led by Mr. Dumisa at the provincial level. MEC for Health Doctor Sibongiseni Dhlomo always emphasizes the significant of work and play at work. This is the good combination for healthy body and mind. This initiative received a positive feedback from the various institutions with the department of health.

As a result of promoting this initiative, on 05th of December 2014, the department hosted a Provincial Choral Music Competition held at Grey’s Hospital. All eleven health districts participated on this event and it was a great success.

Congratulations to Harry Gwala Health District for scooping three awards on three different categories, they got position ones in all categories namely: Western, African songs and Isicathamiya.

For the above excellent results they became champions of the provincial choral Music, they also received an award for that great achievement. They promised to do the same next year 2015 when this competitions is held again.

St. Apollinaris Hospital Management would like to thank all those who supported their choir when they competed from the district level up to the province.
The National and Provincial Government was once introduced the Batho Pele Principle to all government sectors. The ninth principle which is “Encouraging Innovation and Rewarding Excellence” simply stipulates that improving conditions, streamlining and generally making changes which tie in with the spirit of Batho Pele. It is also about rewarding the staff who “go the extra mile” in making it all happen.

On 11 December 2014, St Apollinaris Hospital hosted a Long Service Awards and Quality day. We are very proud of the hospital achievements for 2014, this will be the most remarkable year. The massages conveyed in the form of drama and sketches to reveal the significance of the quality programme.

The Hospital Manager congratulated all employees on this day, and urged them to stay united and work together. She then applauded all Hospital sports codes for doing well in 2014, and requested them to do the same next year in 2015.

On the last note Mrs. Vamsile Sakyiamah (Hospital Manager) made the vote of thanks by consolidating all the above issues into one sentence “Perseverance is the mother of success” she further congratulated all the employees who received long service certificates, encouraged all staff members to do well in their work places, thanked all the sport codes: soccer, netball and choir.

On behalf of the Executive Management she wished everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous 2015.
It is the responsibility of everyone to fight against the violence against children and women.

On 26 November 2014 St Apollinaris Hospital hosted the 16 days of Activism: violence against the children and women campaign. It gained a huge support from the staff and management as they came in huge numbers.

The main objective of this campaign was to raise an awareness and creating dialogue amongst employees on Gender based issues (prevention of violence, sexual harassment, abusive partners). The campaign was held in the Hospital Lecture hall. The campaign was done in a form of a talk show where employees needed to engage actively. It was a very interesting subject to talk about, and staff members were encouraged to consult the EAP section for any relevant issues.

The stakeholders invited as co-hosts were activist or personnel’s within section dealing with domestic violence and thus, capacitated to handle such queries, question or concerns that may be raised by employees during the talk show.

The diverse of issues being discussed such as, what are the causes of domestic violence, causes of sexual harassment at work, what perpetuates domestic/gender based violence, how it can be prevented, what to do when you find yourself in an abuse or domestic violence environment, types of rape & rapists.

The talks were rendered by the EAP, Ms N. Cwecwe, the Medical Manager Dr Manci, Occupational Health Nurse Sr Majola and the SAPS representative Mr Jwarha from Creighton Police station. The employees actively engaged in the talk show.

The outcome initiative for the day was: Improved employee knowledge on Gender based violence issues, Create and promote dialogue on gender based issues, Increase reporting of domestic abuse and Knowledge on Sexual harassment.
Many South Africans enjoy the benefits of democracy attained in 1994, when the first democratic elections took place in the republic of South Africa and the new President was elected, the late Rhohlihlahla Nelson Mandela. There was transformation on many bodies of the state and people enjoy the benefits of democracy in many ways. We are very proud of late legend Dr. Nelson Mandela, he spent 27 years in prison to fight against apartheid government.

Every year September 24 is known as the Heritage Month and Many south Africans: Blacks, Whites, Coloured and Indians come together to celebrate their diverse cultures. In Kwa-Zulu Natal, It was formally known as Shaka Day but eventually discovered that some races are isolated and it was called heritage day to cover all South Africans.

In honoring the iLembe, the late Zulu Monarch– King Shaka Zulu. On 18 September 2014, St. Apollinaris Hospital Executive Management came with the strategy of celebrating the day with other government departments such as: south African Police Services (SAPS) Department of Social Development, Department of Education and Ingwe Local Municipality. It was a great honor to see a diversity of cultures gathering together and embracing their cultures.

Mrs. LV Sakyiamah Hospital Manager, welcomed everyone on the event and emphasized the significance of the day. She stipulated that our cultures were our identity which make us different from others.

Mr. Bheka Dlamini and Mr. W.M Mtolo were the programme directors of the day, gave us a key note and the origin of Heritage day starting from Shaka’s Day.

It was also a privilege to have Cllr N.P Luzulane Mayor for Ingwe Local Municipality who made the vote of thank. She encouraged all staff members and public at large to be proud of their cultures and always embrace them.

St. Apollinaris Hospital Executive Management extend the deepest appreciations to everyone who attended the event.

1. St. Apollinaris Hospital Choir doing traditional dance
2. Staff Members entertaining the audients
3. From left :Mrs. Nguse Mtolo Creighton Police station Commander, Mrs. LV Sakyiamah (CEO) and Cllr NP Luzulane (Mayor for Ingwe Municipality)
The word “LOVE” goes a long way and last forever to our love ones. Consequently on 08th October 2014, St.Apollinaris Hospital successfully hosted a function for children living with HIV/AIDS.

The main objective of this event was to encourage children on HIV/AIDS medication to adhere to their medication as they are expected; We are always behind them to give them hope and love.

There were health professionals at the event to reassure them that they can live longer and achieve their dreams as long as they adhere to their medication. It is true and correct that we are all affected by HIV/AIDS, therefore it’s very imperative to give hope to those who are infected and or effected. It was a great honor to observe children motivating each other; saying that there’s still a hope though they are infected.

Children were motivated with music and it was very interesting hearing them telling and believing in their biggest dream. When completing matric some would like to be Doctors, Lawyers, Teachers, Nurses etc.

Ms. Sbongile Dlamini (Social Worker) who earlier gave us the purpose of the day also delivered a most inspiring speech to her colleagues as she shared what she was once told by Mr Siyanda Mjoli (her patients) about HIV/AIDS. She said that she was very impressed on the other day when she heard the young man telling his story.

Mr. Thabani Zuma Operational Manager from eThembeni Clinic also communicated the words of support and encouragement to all children. He further said that they should always come to St.Apollinaris Hospital: eThembeni Clinic at anytime when they need help. The event was done in the name of love and support.
Newly Appointed Employees

XP Khumalo (Pharmacist)

PP Gasa - PHC Manager

N. Shabalala (OM: Kilmun Clinic)

Mr. SB Dlamini – HRD Trainee

Mr. N Ndzalela - Systems Management Officer

X Dlamini - In-service Trainee

Mr. N. Madula – Professional Nurse

S.I Khuboni - SMO Trainee

N. Cwecwe EAP

A.C Thethi – Professional Nurse

Mr. KA Duma – Professional Nurse

NP Mncwabe – ENA
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