NURSES DAY OF PRAYER IN UGU HEALTH DISTRICT

KWAZULU- NATAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DENOSA ORGANISED A PRAYER FOR ALL NURSES IN THE PROVINCE

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Ugu Health District successfully hosted the Provincial Nurses Day of Prayer. The event which was organized by Provincial Department of Health and Denosa was held at Umzinto town hall on the 29th of May 2015.

Nurses from different districts in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal gathered at Umzinto town hall to be VIPs as this day was specifically planned for them. Different organizations and unions were invited to give words of encouragements to the nurses.

Giving the purpose of the day, Mr S C Cele, DENOSA provincial chairperson said May is meant for nurses. “We as nurses must continue to do right things and discontinue to do bad things. Let us remind ourselves of our duties” said Mr Cele.

DENOSA President in KwaZulu-Natal, Mr S Hlungwani said in 1903 nursing profession was opened to black people in South Africa. The first black person who trained as a nurse was Cecilia Makiwane who then graduated and registered as a professional nurse in January 1908. He also mentioned that the nursing profession is number one in KwaZulu-Natal that is why nurses in this province must strive to give quality of care. “We must know that a nurse is a human being. Government and all structures must work together to recognize this profession. In 1912 Cecelia Makiwane and other black nurses marched to government for the recognition of the black nurse, said Mr Hlungwani.

KwaZulu-Natal college of nurses vice principal Mrs S Maharaj who was sent by the MEC for Health Dr S M Dhlomo to give a message from the Department of Health said, this year as we commemorate the 105th birthday of Florence Nightingale we wish to thank every dedicated, hard-working and committed nurse in the province for their immense contribution in our quest to save lives and realise our goal of “Quality Health Care for All.” It remains an undeniable fact that nurses remain a pillar of the society and are at the forefront of development, education and health. Nurses nurture, nurses build and nurses protect.

“Nursing has evolved over many years from the Florence Nightingale era to innovative nursing where the role of the nurse has expanded to meet health outcomes such as Primary Health Care re-engineering, Integrated Management of Childhood and Adult Illnesses. Nurses are the key role players in meeting the Millennium Development Goals and the priorities of National Health Insurance and National Core standards. Today, nurses also play a significant role in leadership as health facility CEOs, researchers, nursing specialists and academics.” said Mrs ,Maharaj.
Candle light moment

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Nurses from the District Office—Ugu

Indlamu from the community of Umdoni Municipality

Nurses from different districts introducing themselves

Ugu Health District choir
Ugu Health District received six awards at the MECs Annual Service Excellence Awards for 2014/2015. The province of KwaZulu Natal gathered at the ICC on the 15th of May 2015 for these awards. The MEC invited all the district and different stakeholders to award employees and health facilities who are doing their best in their facilities.

The first segment was for special recognition and long service recognition to the teams received awards from various competitions outside the Department and to the employees achieved more than 45 years in the department. Second segment was for special awards to individuals who have gone extra miles and excelled in various disciplines. Third segment was for healthy lifestyle and extracurricular activities to those individuals who excelled in different codes of sports and promoted a healthy lifestyle and the fourth segment was for service delivery.

Different Health facilities in this district which includes Port Shepstone Regional hospital, Murchison District hospital and GJ Crooks District hospital also received awards from the MEC. The district also received two awards which are for millennium development goal number 5—improve maternal health and millennium goal number 6—combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases.
It was said that it is important for health care workers to focus more in minimizing the new infections in South Africa. Three new HIV infection is taking place in South African young women. There is four times infections to young women compared to men. It is very important for health care workers to keep on learning the new things and to improve on doing things better.

Delivering his speech MEC for Health Dr SM Dhlomo, told the health care workers that the National Minister will be focusing in KZN and Western Cape in fighting the burden of TB. He encouraged that service like HIV counselling and testing must be done on taxi ranks. “All districts must target busy taxi ranks in their areas, this will help in providing services to taxi drivers who are always busy on the road and unable to go to health facilities and wait in long queues. Community can also access these services.” said the MEC in his closing.

UGU HEALTH DISTRICT COMMUNICATION OFFICE

Welcome to the first issue of Ugu Health News. My name is Thabisile Ngcobo, I joined the Ugu District Health team in May. My responsibility is to deal with all communication issues around the district. One of the functions of the Communication Office at the District is to publish a Newsletter at least once a quarter. Ugu Health News is an official newsletter for the district.

All employees are here by requested to submit newsworthy stories to the Communication office. This publication will be out in every quarter. Suggestions and comments are welcome and must submitted to Thabisile Ngcobo (Office number 16)

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