

**Statement by KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo on the appointment of the new CEO for INKOSI ALBERT LUTHULI CENTRAL HOSPITAL and other two female DDGs**

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Greetings

It is our pleasure today to announce the appointment of three [3] female Deputy Director Generals for our Provincial Department of Department.

I thus present to you:

- **Dr Lindiwe Millicent Simelane**

She is now the Deputy Director General: Specialized Services and Clinical Support in our Department.

Her tasks entail amongst others, the development of pharmaceutical policies and procedure manuals. She is also responsible for the provision of laboratory and blood product services.

The management of Emergency Medical Services; its AERO component as well as Forensic Pathology Services also fall under her domain.

Dr Simelane comes with a vast experience as Senior Medical Manager; Senior Medical Superintendent; General Manager Area 3; Acting Chief Operating Officer and General Manager: Clinical Support Services.

She is the holder of the Bachelor of Science from the University of Fort Hare; University Education Diploma from the University of Zululand; Bachelor of Science from the University of Science and Technology, Kumash, Ghana; Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery from the University of Science and Technology, Kumash, Ghana, again. She is also a bearer of a Certificate of Executive Development Program organised by the Central Officials Training Institute and the Korea International Cooperation Agency of the Republic of Korea.

- **Dr Simphiwe Angela Mndaweni**

Dr Mndaweni has been appointed as the Deputy Director General for the District Health Services.

Her task is to provide management and control of District Health Services incorporating the Strategic Health Programmes; District Hospitals and Primary Health Cares; Regional Management Services; Non Communicable Diseases and Office of the Ombudsperson Component, amongst others.

She is also entrusted with provision of oral health services; mental health, disability and rehabilitative services as well as the provision of medical orthotics and prosthetic services.

Dr Mndaweni is a holder of BA Degree in Biology from Knox College, Illinois, USA; Masters in Medical Science Microbiology from Medunsa; MBCHB from Medunsa; Management Development Course for Healthcare Professionals from both Wits Business School and Duke University; Post Graduate Diploma in Health Systems Management Executive Leadership from University of Pretoria. She is also currently registered with the same University of Pretoria for the Masters in Public Health.

We are happy to have her back in our Department as between 2012 and 2014 she served diligently as the Chief Director responsible for HIV/ AIDS; TB as well as the Maternal and Child Health programmes.

- **Dr Thandeka Thelumusa Khanyile**

Colleagues, it will be recalled that the post of the CEO for Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital has been vacant since last year after the appointment of Dr Sifiso Mtshali as the KwaZulu Natal Provincial Head of the Health Department.

Following stringent selection processes; we have eventually found an excellent and appropriate candidate to fill up this DDG level post in the name of Dr Thandeka Thelumusa Khanyile.

She is currently serving as the Chief Operating Officer for Ngwelezane Provincial Hospital and will assume her new responsibilities on February 15.

As the new CEO, she is tasked with planning; directing and managing efficient and delivery of clinical and administrative support services. She is also to provide strategic leadership to improve operational efficiency and health outcomes.

It is also expected from her to ensure that systems are in place for planning and timeous maintenance of facilities and equipment for this most advanced paperless hospital.

Dr Khanyile comes in at the very crucial time in the history of this Institution. A time when we are already reviewing the **Public - Private – Partnership [PPP]** that has been in effect for the past 14 in the running of this Hospital. The PPP partnership comes to an end in February 2017.

Since the review has already started; Khanyile will automatically become a Member of the Steering Committee of the Transactional Advisors that will deliberate and advice on the way forward. Members of the Media will in due course be briefed on the outcomes thereof.

As both the Department of Health and the KZN Government, we are elated that she has put her name forward for this post. She does indeed come with accolades from her illustrious career as both a Medical Practitioner and a Manager, having served in various hospitals and in the South African National Defence.

She also holds Degrees from Universities of MEDUNSA; STELLENBOSCH; PRETORIA; FREE STATE as well the College of Medicines, amongst others.

We thus hope and trust that these respectable women leaders will be given all the necessary support that will allow them to perform well in their respective portfolios.

I thank you