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KZN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH USHERS IN A NEW ERA WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF A VISIONARY LEADER AT INKOSI ALBERT LUTHULI HOSPITAL

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Durban, KwaZulu-Natal – The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health proudly announces the appointment of Mr Bafana Msibi as the new Chief Executive Officer of the iconic Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital, one of the largest and most strategic health institutions in the Southern Hemisphere.

With a distinguished career spanning over 18 years in senior health leadership across national, provincial, and public entities, Mr Msibi brings a wealth of expertise, innovation, and a proven record of transformational leadership to this critical role.

His prior executive experience includes serving as Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC), Chief Director of Hospital Services Management, and other high-impact positions focused on quality assurance, forensic pathology, and health system regulation.

The Head of Department Ms Penny Msimango, personally welcomed Msibi, expressing great enthusiasm for his arrival after a period of sustained acting leadership.

“We are thrilled to finally have a permanent CEO at the helm of this flagship hospital. Mr Msibi’s deep experience in governance, financial stewardship, and clinical service oversight will be invaluable as we continue to strengthen healthcare delivery and patient-centred care,” she stated.

The HOD also extended heartfelt gratitude to Dr Linda Pearl Mtshali, the Acting CEO, for her exceptional dedication and leadership during the interim period.

“Dr Mtshali’s commitment ensured stability and continuity, and we wish her the very best in her future endeavours.”

Msibi is tasked with immediate operational and strategic leadership at the hospital, with a clear mandate to drive excellence, improve systems, and ensure compliance with national standards.

Academically, he holds a Bachelor of Curations (Education and Management), a Master of Public Health specialising in Policy Development and Health System Strengthening, and is currently completing a PhD in Public Health, a testament to his commitment to evidence-based, forward-thinking healthcare leadership.

The KZN Department of Health warmly welcomes Mr Bafana Msibi into the provincial health family and looks forward to a collaborative, impactful partnership aimed at advancing health outcomes for all.

Together, we build a healthier KwaZulu-Natal.

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