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Clinic Governance Structures after finishing their five days training on Strengthen of Health Governance Structures.



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STRENGTHENING OF HEALTH GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES.

Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital conducted a five day training on strengthening of clinic governance structures with an aim of strengthen the capacity of Primary Health Care Facility Governance Structures to fulfil their role as Health Governance Structure members, through the learning of appropriate knowledge, skills, attitudes and experiences.

The training was conducted on the 19th to 23rd of August 2019 with 34 attendees on the first day and as from second day they till 23rd of August 2019 they were 67 attendees.

At the end of this programme you will be able to:

- Understand the legislative and administrative framework and the organizational structure of the national health system
- Participate in and contribute to the planning, monitoring, evaluation and quality assurance of health establishments
- Understand the health paradigm
- Understand the legislative and policy origins for the governance of the health system
- Use and apply relevant information, knowledge, skills and values on: financial accounting, the human resources strategy for the health sector, the community, internal and external stakeholders, communication, advocacy, negotiation, conflict management and report writing to fulfil their governance role in the health system.

Advocacy

To develop an understanding of advocacy and the various ways in which governance structures can become involved in advocacy initiatives.

Negotiation skills: To develop an understanding of negotiation and to develop negotiation skills. **Conflict management and dispute resolution:** To develop skills in managing and resolving conflict and resolving disputes.

Report writing: to develop skills to plan for, prepare and write reports.

Understanding different concepts of governance

- Governance
- Corporate governance
- Health governance
- Ethical governance
- Clinical governance

Amongst other information that was shared with the clinic governance structures are:

KZN Health Act, constitution of the Republic of South Africa, KZN Strategic Plan 2015-2019, Alma-Ata Declaration, Jakarta declaration, Ottawa Charter , Principles of Batho Pele and Patient Right's Charter.

The training was to remind Governance structures of their roles and responsibilities including their task as members:

- Provide oversight through ensuring accountability and stewardship of all resources at the clinic, including the provision of quality health care.
- Advice on and approve the strategic direction of the Primary Health Care facility
- Ensure stakeholders involvement and management.

Clinic Operational Managers and Governance structures engaging on group discussions during their training



Establishment of Mother, Neonatal, Child and Women's Health Forum .

CJM Hospital established Mother , Neonatal, Child and Women's health Forum , this forum was established on the 10th of October 2019 and will be committed to reducing mortality and morbidity amongst mothers and children. This Forum will ensure that every woman, mother and child will receive priority intervention services as part of a comprehensive service package at primary health care and hospital levels as the forum consists of Local Deputy Mayor, Traditional Health Practitioners, Chairperson's of the clinic committees, Hospital Board member, Traditional Leadership, religious leaders etc.

Working with all sectors to improve the lives of women, mothers, newborns and children and ensuring linkages between community, primary health care and hospital levels of care

According to the hospital report currently the maternal mortality, under 5 mortality, infant mortality and neonatal mortality rate is unacceptably high. The statistics for August of teenage pregnancy is high with 73, total birth 300 and ANC Before 20/40 week is 241 and all these numbers are unacceptable. Community health education



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Assupol Community Trust in collaboration with Department of Social Development and Department of Health (CJM Hospital) embarked on the Early Childhood and Development (ECD) Awareness Campaign. The Campaign was on the 12th of September 2019 at Ngwebini (Kheveni Store) in Ward 04 under Ntinini Area.

The aim of the event was to educate the community of the area on the importance of ECD and to encourage them to take their children from 0-5 years to a local ECD Centre. The survey conducted shows that 0-90% of human brains development happens between the ages of 0-5 years.

The team leader of the awareness campaign Ms. Fundiswa Molefe promised the community who has attended the awareness campaign that they will build one Early Childhood Development Centre in the area to accommodate children from 0-5 years in Ward 04 as there is no ECD in the area. This initiative is a commitment to ensure that every child has access to a comprehensive package of ECD services.

Without building new ECD Centre they also contribute to the provision of nutritious meals for the children in the Early Childhood Development sites especially in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal in Umsinga and Nquthu Local Municipality and Gauteng Province in Tshwane Metro. They also involved in improving skills and competencies of the practitioners and investing in infrastructure upgrading of ECD sites



Ngwebini Community in Ward 04 who have attended the ECD Awareness Campaign.



Mr. Terick Nchipale addressing community members on healthy



Ms. Bongwiwe Makhalima from Dept. of Social Development encouraging community members to send their children to ECD's.



Mhlungwane clinic Open Day



Community members who have attended the Open Day at Mhlungwane clinic.



Inkosi Molefe, Cllr. Mr. Buthelezi, Mr. Mkhize (Gift of the Givers and Sister Buthelezi giving cosmetic and sanitary towels to the community.

Mhlungwana clinic in conjunction with Nquthu Municipality on 17 October 2019 (Thursday) hosted an open day to promote better healthcare among the community and also showcased services offered at the facility. An open day basically is an event where an institution gives brief information on how it operates and an insight on the services that are available at that particular institution. Approximately 150 people attended.

Services available at Mhlungwana Clinic include the treatment of minor ailments, family planning, chronic disease management, immunization, counselling, TB management, HIV/Aids management, mental health, ante- and post-natal care, rehabilitation, pap smears etc.

People were screened for early diagnosis on various communicable diseases such as TB, HIV, blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol and Health Education Oral Health, Dental Care, Nutrition and Health eating and Ambulance service were rendered.

Clinical Nurse Practitioner of the Mhlungwana clinic Mr. Smanga Majozi said: "We are trying to inform patients about the services offered at the clinic so that they can be aware of what is happening here. We are also sharing with them the importance of a healthy lifestyle."

"We want to inform the community about the new development the clinic has put in place to improve and provide quality healthcare," he said. The open day gave the staff an opportunity to inform residents about the importance of their participation in the clinic committee.

Patients are satisfied with the cleanliness of the facility, the good attitude of the staff, the availability of medication, the reasonable waiting time for patients and general services we offer, that is why we have such a good relationship with our community" he said.

Despite the achievements, he said it was important for clinic staff not to rest on their laurels but to always strive for excellence in what they do.

"We want them to share information about what is happening in the community with the clinic staff and also the staff to do likewise," Majozi said. Amongst community leaders who attended the event and their message of support is Inkosi Molefe, Counsellor Buthelezi, Umzinyathi Health District Staff and CJM Hospital

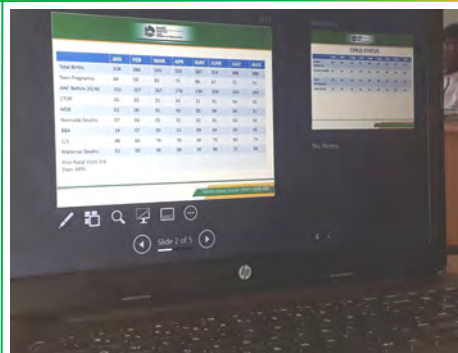
Mhlungwane clinic Open Day Picture's



Strengthen Governance Structure Training Pictures



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