

# SIYACOBELANA



### Special points of interest:

- **AUDIOLOGY** Department fully functional
- Fully Functional Gateway Clinic
- Appointment of a Dietician
- Opening of Siphilile Centre

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## New Faces in Eshowe Hospital

Eshowe Hospital seems to be getting busier by the day. This increase in patient load has begun in the festive season and has not stopped since.

During the festive season the bed occupancy reached more than 70% on days and OPD head count reached 11 000, three thousand more than anticipated even with the chronic clinics being closed.

Currently in February our head count has reached 14 000 excluding TB. I must congratulate the

staff, everyone worked well with no adverse events being reported. We hope to get the addition of new staff with the increase in patient load.

I am sure everyone has noticed the new faces in the hospital.

I'd like to welcome new staff in the medical section that is Dr Brown, Dr Comely and Dr Dayaram. The Speech and Audiologist department is now fully functional with the addition of Ms Hein. The department is servicing the district as well and

parts of Zululand.

I must also welcome Ms Reimers the dietician, Mr Nyawo, Ms Hansen, Ms Robinson from the rehab team and Ms Inder and Ms Moonsamy, the community service Radiographer and pharmacist.

So watch this spot till next time.

P.S Please watch out for the biggest loser competition hosted by Ms Reimers and the Rehab team.

Dr M. Thandrayen.



## Human Rights

Umdlaka 21 March 2009 yi Human Rights Day. Iminyango kahulumeni

eyakhele indawo yase Eshowe lolusuku ilugubhe ngomhla zingu 20 March 2009 ngolwesihlanu, ngibala iSAPS, NPA, Social Development, Department of Justice no Department of Health

okuyi Eshowe District Hospital. Bekufundiswa futhi kuqwashiswa abantu ngamalungelo abo kuze kufike kumntwana omncane. Kuvakashewle imitholampilo eyakhele le-ndawo, Department of Social Development kuze kufike eRank yase Eshowe

Umphakathi ububukeka ukuthokozela lokhu ebekwenzeka, ububona ngendlela ebebebuza

ngayo, befuna ukuchushiswa. Isibhedlela sethu sibambe elikhulu iqhaza ngikhuluma ngo Mrs Ndelela (Principal Social Worker) ehambisana no Mrs Jaffe oyi Public Relations Officer



## Dietician at Eshowe Hospital

Sanibonani Eshowe Hospital, My name is Anita Reimers and I am the Community Service Dietician for Eshowe Hospital for 2009.

At first, the idea of coming to a big District Hospital was daunting and overwhelming. However, I would like to congratulate and thank all the Eshowe hospital Staff for being very welcoming and supportive. Because of the warm response I am very happy to be placed at Eshowe Hospital.

I am interested in many areas of Dietetics, although I have a particular passion for maternal and infant health and aim to be very involved in these areas of the Hospital.

I hope that the year ahead is filled with many good working relationships in order to provide patients with holistic care and management.



Miss A Remiers

## T Shirt Campaign

During the 16 days of activism campaign from the 24th of November to December the 10th, we took part of a T-Shirts campaign held at Eshowe Town Hall where members of the community were invited.

The message was to stop violence against women and children, but for this, we let our T-shirts speak for our-

selves. T-shirts with printed messages related to this topic. Other Departments were there including Dept of Social Welfare, SAPS, Health etc.

- ◆ Ukuthi ukudla akunayo inyama noma akukakalungi akusho ukuthi muntu wesi-fazane shaywa, Stand your ground, you are women futhi ubalulekile.



## PHC Clinic Move

PHC Clinic has moved into the hospital premises since the 05th of December 2008. They are occupying the old EMRS building.

This department got quite a number of working teams with Sister Mthabela as in charge of the department.

PHC includes King Dinizulu and Nkwalini Clinic. We have School Health, Youth Ambassadors, Mobile Team 1&2, Community Health Workers.

The team is welcomed with the warmest of hands back into the Institution



## Ukuqwashisa Ngesifo iTB

Usuku lomhlaka 24 March 2009, lwaluhlelelwe ukufundisa umphakathi wase Eshowe esibhedlela nemitholampilo mayelana nesifo sofuba. Loluhlelo lo kufundisa umphakathi olokugcizelela ukuthi singasinqoba isifo sofuba uma sisiza umphakathi ekuqondeni ngalesi sifo, ekwazini izimpawu futhi bathole nosizo kanti okunye okusemqoka kunakho konke ukuphuza ngendlela eyiyi amaphilisi osuke unikwe wona



## Quality Improvement

There is no ultimate destination in the quality journey. Each time we reach one peak , there is one more peak beyond that which has to be climbed, a nerve ending cycle of monitoring achievement against goals, re-defining the goals of obtaining new incremental ( break through ) improvement

## Congrats to Ward 6B

Ward six is the Maternity ward, congratulations to Ward 6b for being awarded the certificate of achieving the highest aggregate in 2008 wards/Departmental/Clinical audits

Congratulations to all staff of the ward for the good and quality work, well done and remember to keep it healthy.



## Quotable Quotations

*Complaining is good for you as long as you're not complaining to the person you're complaining about*

**Blessing**

*Forgiveness is a two way street, whenever we forgive someone , we are also*

*forgiving ourselves. If we are tolerant with other people, it is easier to tolerate our own mistakes that way without guilt or bitterness, we can improve our attitude towards life*

**Re-Encounter**

*What is a teacher ? I'll tell you , it isn't someone who teaches something, but someone who inspires the students to give of their best in order to discover what they already know*



## Congrats to Kitchen Staff

Congratulations to the staff at the kitchen who attended to cooking course and were presented with certificates at the Valentines Day event



## Gateway Clinic

At the beginning of the past year we have introduced the conversion of house no.29 to a Gateway Clinic, here we have shown this place before renovations and after, tremendous work have been done in changing this place. The garage was converted to a waiting area, which leads to the house which is now used as a clinic



## Siphilile Centre

Siphilile Health Centre acquired the name from the resonating aspirations of the Kwa Mpungose Tradition Council Community. The Kwa Mpungose Traditional Council Community is the community which can easily identify and have a good understanding of the history related to being marginalized and disadvantaged. It is the community that has moved from zero to being progressive.

care. The existence of the centre is earmarked to care and support the sick and vulnerable.

To date there are two secondary schools and a high school, well established nursery, organic nursery in the pipe line, 200 community gardens, Faith Based Organization, Zulu Fadder center (which looks after orphans and vulnerable children and affiliated with University of Zululand), soup kitchen.

All those are the efforts of community initiatives.

Sphilile Health Centre is another community initiative which is spear headed by Inkosi L. Mpungose. Thanks to the Provincial Local Government and Traditional Affairs who are the sole bearers of the building costs. (2.9 mil).

The centre comes during the time when the community is challenged with the HIV/AIDS epidemic that threatens human existence and where people are left to die in their homes, with no alternative



## Supervisory Training



Talk being given by SANC representative

On the 25th March 2009 the Human Resource Department together with the Employee Assistance Programme held a supervisor Training for all managers and supervisors of the hospital. The training explored existing policies and other

related matters that affect employees. The most important was the Role of the Supervisor and other Supervisory functions. Sick leave, leave and incapacity leave were also discussed in detail. Labour Relations Practitioner also took a chance to review the supervisors role in the disciplinary issues were discussed

It was a very informative effort from Human Resource Department. EAP Programme was discussed and its role in the disciplinary issues, from now on the EAP team can only hope for the best



## Farewell

Early April 2008 I introduced myself as Phumuzile Feziwe Gumede, a PR intern to gain experience at the Public Relations Office. Today (31.03.2009) I am saying my last good byes to Eshowe District Hospital and the Department of Health as a whole.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the CEO Dr RN Mokoena for allowing me to perform and learn more in my field of study at the Hospital, to management of Eshowe thanks again for your support and to the staff at Eshowe Hospital I had a great stay (cha niyaphila kulomuzi wase Eshowe) , "again I thank Mrs Jaffe for opening the door to help me gain my experience with her as a mentor , thanks very much for your support . At first I said I was going to learn more but now I have learn't big time , I am happy with the experience I got *I can say that I learnt from the best* , May God be with you always."

When it comes to life, relationships are important to communication and cannot be separated. The nature of the relationship is defined by the nature of communication between its members. The basis if human existence is that people are communicating beings. Each of us is always in the process of communicating with the world (our circumstances) there by making sense of the situation in



which we find ourselves. Other people are always part of our circumstances and we enter into relationships with them as well. It is the nature of the relationship which people from that determines their mode of existence . Put another way the meaning that life holds for each us rise from the type of relationship we create with other people.

With these words I am referring to my experience at Eshowe District Hospital



## Deaths



Passing away of Bhekameva Msane on 06.03.2009  
May his soul rest in Peace.

