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## MEC Dhlomo Welcomes New Years Babies at GJ Crookes Hospital



**MEC with Provincial, Local and Hospital Management walking to Labor Ward**

**ON JANUARY 1, 2019**, the MEC for Health, Dr. Sibongiseni Dhlomo, the Acting Head of Health, Dr. Musa Gumede, the Mayor of Umdoni Municipality, Cllr. WT Dube, and the Mayor of Umzumbe Municipality, Cllr. SR Ngcobo, visited GJ Crookes Hospital to welcome the New Year babies. The first baby to be born on New Year's Day was delivered by Tholakele Mbhele from Nyavini in Jolivet. Her baby boy was born at about 4.30 am. She said that she had asked the baby's father to rush her to the hospital when she went into labour, and she was then admitted to the labour ward where she gave birth. At 5.40 am, Kwenzekile Myende from Malangeni gave birth to a baby boy weighing 3.2 kgs and Nondumiso Hlongwana from Mthwalume gave birth to a baby girl weighing 2.87 kgs, at 6 am. The MEC for Health congratulated the newmothers on their new-borns and encouraged them to breastfeed their babies in order to give the babies all the natural nutrients they could provide. The mothers were presented with gift packs and baby baths and expressed their appreciation for the MEC's kindness and consideration.



**MEC Presenting a baby hamper to the new Mother**



**MEC Holding an Interview with SABC Journalist**



**MEC with CEO and Local Leadership listening to Jazz by Mr. Jerry Kunene**



**Sr. R Govender conducting Pregnancy Education with pregnant mothers**

On the 14th of February 2019 the MNCWH Team held a pregnancy awareness week for pregnant mothers. Health education talks were done by Ante Natal Care (ANC) on the theme that said “caring for yourself during pregnancy and baby care”. A talk on Sexual and Reproductive Health issues and family planning methods was given.

Mothers were educated on the importance of early booking for ANC. In upholding the principle of being a baby friendly hospital, the mothers were educated on the importance of breast feeding after birth. Their partners accompanying them were thanked for support and encouraged to also be present when their partners go to labor and to also prevent unplanned pregnancies. Women were encouraged to know their status and do their pap smear.

Mrs Muthwa thanked Bio Oil for their presence and gifts to the patients. She thanked Sindiswa Mkhize and Mrs Jabu Tobo for the gifts and all the patients with their partners for coming to the clinic and participating on the day.



**Mrs Muthwa Presenting gifts to attendees of the Pregnancy Awareness**

## New Fleet for GJ Crookes Hospital



**Management with the New Vehicle**

Towards the end of February GJ Crookes welcomed a new set of wheels, two Toyota Corolla Quests, adding to the hospital fleet. Considering a strain on the department's funding, the hospital has been lucky to obtain these vehicles. The Transport Officer Mr. M Madikizela was thanked on his efforts along with the signatories that approved financing to obtain these vehicles. This will increase access to vehicles by hospital staff and assist them to be able to conduct all activities, attend meetings and programs that are away from the hospital



**Management with the New Vehicle**



**HAST Team ready for the awareness**

On the 25th of March 2019 GJ Crookes held a TB awareness campaign for TB month. The HAST team embarked on a journey to educate and give awareness on TB to patients and staff. The theme for TB awareness was "Time for leaders to end TB". The team started with slogans singing holding up pluck cards with TB information for awareness. The team went to OPD, where a stage play was done on TB. Health education on importance of testing and adherence to treatment for TB was given. A platform for Q and A session was opened where participating individuals were presented with special gift packs and also patients in OPD were given fruit packs on the day. The team went on to switchboard/ Reception for use of intercom to give health education on HIV/AIDS, and TB to all staff and patients and visitors. Visits were done to all maternity, Medical and Surgical wards giving education on TB and HIV.



**Events for TB Awareness**



## GJ Crookes Hospital at Ugu Health District Excellence Awards



**GJ Crookes and Ugu North Sub-District Staff posing with their achievements**

Towards the end of the Dept. of Health's financial year, the GJ Crookes Hospital was invited to the Ugu Health District Excellence Awards where the hospital was ranked as the overall achiever in the district. The hospital and its clinics were nominated or won in the following categories: - Dududu Clinic (3rd place): Best performing facility in couple year protection rate GJ Crookes Hospital: Best National Core Standards selfassessment score Umzinto Clinic: Highest CCMD. Umzinto Clinic: Best performing facility in the health patient registration system. GJ Crookes Hospital: Best performing waste management, infection prevention control and cleanliness. GJ Crookes Hospital: Lowest early neonatal death rate. Umzinto Emergency Services: Lowest intra-district health facility ambulance turnaround time. GJ Crookes Hospital: Highest CCMD enrolment. The management and staff were very excited and the CEO, Mrs Nyawo, was overjoyed that her facilities had shone in Ugu District. "It's at times like these that one realizes that the little that we do actually makes a difference in people's lives."



**GJ Crookes and Ugu North Sub-District Staff posing with their achievements**



## Fare Well Event for Systems Department Staff



**Mrs. NS Ngcobo, Mr TK Cele, Mrs. ZS Gumbi and Ms. NC Mhlangu**

The 28th of February was a bitter day for the Systems Department as they bid farewell to four of their long serving staff members Mrs ZS Gumbi (General Orderly), Mrs NS Ngcobo (Food Service Aid), Mr TK Cele (Food Service Aid) and Ms. NC Mhlangu (Cleaning Supervisor). This day's program was held by Ms. Dolly Bhengu who kept everyone joyful amidst the sad goodbyes. Mr. Shibe (SMO), Ms. Mngunyana (FSMO), Mrs. Nyawo (CEO) and Ms Bhengu (Acting Systems Manager) amongst the speakers on the day had good messages and some happy memories to share about all the members whom were bid farewell. Each staff member leaving was very appreciative of the farewell planned for them and their time at GJ Crookes Hospital. The Hospital General Orderlies had some nice music items to perform on the day which were well received and enjoyed by all.



**Final Moments with Systems Department staff on their farewell**



## Operational Planning Session for GJ Crookes Hospital



**Medical Manager CEO and Staff Attending Ops Plan**

On the 1st of March 2019 GJ Crookes Hospital Management with Ugu health District Directorate held an Operational Planning Session with each head of department coming to present their plan for the financial year. To introduce the session was Mrs. Nyawo the CEO who touched on the second Batho Pele Principle “*Service Standards*” which touched on the importance of gathering for this plan so as to outline level and quality of public services our communities will receive so that they are aware of what to expect. She mentioned that It is an organizational management activity that is used to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, ensure that our employees and other stakeholders are working towards a common goal which is a healthy life for all. This was a disciplined effort that produced fundamental decisions and actions that will shape and guide what GJ Crookes Hospital stands for, who it serves, and why we do it, with a focus on the future.



**Heads of Departments presenting their Operational Plans**





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