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WELCOME REMARKS BY CEO

"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers" - Ralph Nader



IT is my pleasure to welcome you to our first newsletter of 2021. First and foremost, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all for the warm welcome I received on the 04th of February 2021. While it is true that I am not new in the hospital, I am however new in the post of the Hospital Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

This is a biggest responsibility on my shoulder but I am confident that with team at my disposal it will be possible to achieve great things.

There is no other employer that I know besides KwaMagwaza Hospital. I started as a Community Service Medical Officer in January 2012. This is a small hospital and the only hospital that the community of Mthonjaneni Local Municipality can rely on for health services. This creates an automatic pressure on our shoulders to give more than 100% health services. Our institution does not have competition but that should not take away the passion to care for our clients.

The world is experiencing a crisis of unprecedented events. All the COVID-19 scenarios experienced up until now have been suddenly overwhelmed by this unstoppable chain of events. There is no instruction manual of how to feel at a time like this, and I know this causes stress for everyone. My list of worries right now like yours I'm sure, is long.

I can honestly say that I have never experienced any event with such drastic impact on how we live and work as the COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever, we must be vigilant and be prepared to take steps beyond what we are typically required to do. Much of the essential work we do cannot be done from home.

Our thoughts are with the people affected and everyone working around the clock to help those most in need. In the current situation, it is vital to stay connected to our clients and communities. What are they experiencing, and how can they best be supported? Their feedback is essential to chart the right course to ensure they receive everything they need.

The new Financial Year gives us an opportunity to correct where we have performed below our standards last year and excel where we did performed well last year. The environment we all work in has no stopping point because once we stop, there is a possibility that someone might lose his or her life. I therefore as the Hospital CEO of KwaMagwaza Hospital, encourages you all to keep soldiering on in the struggle of saving lives as we count down for the full implementation of NHI in 2026.

I want to conclude my remarks by thanking everyone who stepped up and helped confront the extraordinarily difficult circumstances that 2020 brought us. Your willingness and ability to meet head-on, both the challenges and the opportunities give us courage, confidence and hope for the future. I'm proud of how KwaMagwaza Hospital has responded to the difficult circumstances we are facing.

Above Right Picture: Dr. I.F Mbokazi Hospital Chief Executive Officer

HEALTH: HEAD VISIT - NDUNDULU CLINIC



Above Photo : Dr S Tshabalala (Health: Head) and Mr Maphisa (Acting Head of Communications) at Ndundulu Clinic during Lunch Time Chat on the 03 Feb 2021



Above Photo : Dr I.F Mbokazi (Hospital CEO), Mrs E.N Hlophe (District Director), Mrs E.T Sithole (PHC Manager), checking status of readiness for COVID-19 Vaccination roll-out

ON the 03 February 2021, the provincial office led by Head of Health Dr S Tshabalala visited Ndundulu clinic with a live talk show called Lunch Time Chart. Dr Tshabalala also emphasized the importance of patients adhering to the chronic treatment while we are fighting the spread of COVID-19. The Department of Health KZN understands that people will spend more time at home because of lock down regulations. This is the time where we need to encourage people to wear a condom adhere to preventative measures and continue taking their chronic medication while observing lockdown regulations.

Dr S Tshabalala also encouraged all the people of KwaZulu-Natal to take the vaccine when that time comes because it is currently the only solution we have to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country and the world. Dr S Tshabalala during the live Lunch Time Chart Show, said "Vaccination is a simple, safe, and effective way of protecting people against

harmful diseases, before they become infected. It uses your body's natural defenses to build resistance to specific infections and makes your immune system stronger". Without vaccines, we are at risk of serious illnesses.

He also discourage people from believing all the myths about the vaccine, further stating that there is no government that will knowingly kill its people because we believe that "Umuntu ungumuntu, ngabantu", without the people we do not have a nation.

Dr S Tshabalala gave the clinic staff a chance to speak to him directly as the Head of Department of Health KZN on the challenges they face as a facility. The issues of staff shortage topped the agenda during the conversation. Dr Tshabalala agreed that there are some challenges with staffing within the Department of Health KZN, but this will be addressed with the Office of The Premiere and the MEC for Health KwaZulu-Natal in the upcoming months.

CEO Pays Tribute to the late - District Mayor



ON the 04th of February 2021 I was introduced as the new Hospital CEO of KwaMagwaza hospital and on the same day we received sad news that our King Cetshwayo District Mayor Cllr Nonhle Mkhulisi had passed away after fighting for her life in the hospital within King Cetshwayo District Municipality. The hospital and the district were deeply hurt when receiving such news because Cllr Mkhulisi was a former member of the Hospital Board of this hospital. May her soul rest in peace. The District Team and Hospital Management observed a moment of silence to pay respect to Cllr Mkhulisi.

Cllr Nonhle Mkhulisi was a former hospital board member that served the hospital for more than 10 years in the board. The contributions of Cllr Mkhulisi in the board will always be with us. Cllr Mkhulisi was one of the

members who always brought unity whenever there was a heated debate in the board meetings. Cllr Mkhulisi was always available to serve the community of Mthonjaneni Local Municipality, she supported almost all our campaigns especially the ones that touched on Gender Based Violence, Fight Against Sugar Daddy, and Teenage Pregnancy.

Cllr Mkhulisi celebrated her birthday with our Pediatric Ward in 2018. She bought a 49inch TV, Cakes, Drinks, Snacks, and sweets for the children in our hospital, directly out of her pocket. Samora Machel once said, "Your life continues in those who continue the revolution". As the Department of Health KZN we continue with a struggle to save lives and increasing life expectancy of our people and the name of Cllr Nonhle Mkhulisi will never die.

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CEO Reflect on NHI Realization - Better life for all



Dr. I.F Mbokazi
Hospital Chief Executive Officer

National Health Insurance (NHI) is a progressive decision taken by the South African government to make sure that the dream of better life for all is realized. We do understand that when people think of NHI, they think mainly of infrastructure because that what the private sector currently have. It is also true that the public sector is way behind in terms of infrastructure compared to the private sector. But NHI is not only about infrastructure. It involves utilizing all the skills and equipment that we have in South Africa to benefit the majority of our people without attaching price tags. No one deserves; to die just because he or she cannot pay for the high care services.

The full realization of NHI is in motion as we battle with COVID-19. The Department of Health KZN has addressed a lot of

infrastructural challenges to prepare for COVID-19. The transfer of patients from Private Hospitals to public hospital and vice versa became something of normality. We have witness the partnership between public and private hospitals that should be strengthened to make sure that the majority of our people get better health care.

As we all continue the fight against COVID-19 we should not lose hope in our dream for the full realization of NHI in 2026. Our dream will become a reality one day; let us all support the government by spreading good news about NHI. More information about NHI is available at The Department of Health KZN website (www.kznhealth.gov.za) and National Health Department website (www.health.gov.za).

PHOTO GALLERY



Above Photo: KZN Dr I.F Mbokazi (CEO) led the Vaccination Task Team in drawing up a Plan for vaccinating Phase 01 category.



Above Photo: Provincial Vaccination Road Show at Mthonjaneni Local Municipality 02 March 2021, all the hotspot areas were visited to mobilize them to vaccinate when vaccine is available for community members.



Above Photo: Ms P G Khanyile (Community Health Facilitator Nurse) and Mr A Ngcobo (PRO) at Cllr Nonhle Mkhulisi King Cetshwayo District Mayor's Funeral Service 07 Feb 2021



Above Photo: Ms Zwane (OHN) taking through the CEO and Clinical Manager on the Vaccination Site readiness for Phase 01



Above Photo: Ndundulu Clinic hosted KZN Health Lunch Time Chart on the 03 Feb 2021. Mr Mapisa was interview Head of Health Dr S Tshabalala on vaccination program and vaccine itself.



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