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MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HOST A SUCCESSFUL OPEN DAY

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital hosted a successful Open day on the 24 February 2016.

The aim of the event was to educate clients about services the hospital renders and different hospital departments participated in this event. The clients were given an opportunity to raise concerns and suggestions.

The event started on a high note whereby MGMH Pharmacy department and Medipost Pharmacy jointly launched a “**Central Chronic Medication Dispensing and Distribution Project**”. This programme will benefit patients as they will collect their medication at the designated points in their residential areas without having to follow long queues at pharmacy.



Pharmacists, N. Omarjee and N. Khan during the launch



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The Acting Chief Executive Officer's Keynote Address



Dr. L.J Sobekwa; Acting CEO

My sincere gratitude to the community of Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital for the warm welcome, I feel at home already.

The Almighty always assures us that it is when we feel the weakest that our strength is realized through Him.

Being part of this journey means we will

capitalize on our strength as we knit together our weaknesses for positive progress .

Challenges are an alternate advantage and motivation for a directed focus and harder efforts. Little steps amount to greater changes, let us therefore take it patient one at a time, **“Back to Basics”**.

Working together as a collective will breed ownership and pride to our achievements. Time has come to dust ourselves, fight the common enemy namely, low morale and burnt-out syndrome to curb the impact of poor patient care. Our core business must come to a rise

Thank you again for accepting me as part of your team in building our home, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital

Dr. L.J. Sobekwa

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital commemorates Youth Month

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Comments from the PR Department



MR S. NGCOBO - PRO

It is of a great pleasure to meet again and we hope that the stories we covered in this publication will be informative and interesting.

We are now in the middle of the year and it is important for everyone to continue striving to

achieve their dreams because the victory is certain.

We would like to thank the staff for your commitment in rendering services, sometimes with limited resources. Therefore, it is crucial to use resources that we have wisely to satisfy the needs of our clients.

The MGMH hosted a successful Open Day to inform our clients about our service. It was a joyful day when management and staff hosted a send off party for Mr. GBC Khawula, ACEO who has been promoted to the National Department of Health.

The hospital hosted a successful Strat Plan Workshop on the 09th and 10th March 2016 to review the strategic direction of the institution.

We would like to warmly welcome Dr. L.J. Sobekwa, another vibrant leader who has joined the institution as an ACEO.

Until next time!

Mr. S. Ngcobo – PRO

Mahatma Gandhi Hospital commemorates Youth Month



Ms N. Ngubane, Ms S.X. Ngubane, Ms S. Mthembu, Ms. Z. Gabela and Ms S. Manzi wearing their uniforms

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital commemorated June 16 in style.

This is the day whereby we honor the selfless struggle of the youth of June 16, 1976 who fought compulsory use of Afrikaans language at township schools.

The MGMH Staff commemorated this day by wearing their school uniforms.

We urge the today's youth not to despise the sacrifices of the June 16 youth by engaging themselves in drugs, alcohol and abuse but to concentrate on building their future and our country South Africa, Rainbow Nation.

We expect good success stories about your achievements on economic, sports, social and political fraternity.

Mahatma Gandhi Hospital staff bids farewell to Mr Khawula



Mrs. T. Mdletshe complimenting Mr. GBC Khawula during the party



Mrs M. Hanuman - Programme Director



Pastor E.J. Moodley handing over a gift



Ms. N. Dlamini handing over a gift



Mr.GBC Khawula giving a Vote of Thanks

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital management held a farewell party for the outgoing ACEO, Mr. G.B.C Khawula on the 1st of April 2016.

Mrs M. Hanuman, Programme Director of the day outlined the purpose of the day and complimented him for his innovative skills which has benefited the institution a lot.

The event was honored by the presence of the Hospital board members under the leadership of the Hospital board Chairperson, Rev. E.J. Moodley.

Rev. E.J. Moodley, Board Chairperson thanked Mr. GBC Khawula for being a blessing to the Phoenix community because of his unconditional dedication and good leadership he has shown since he joined Mahatma Gandhi Hospi-

tal.

He thanked him for having an open door policy which bear fruits in a short space of time in satisfying the needs of our clients.

Pastor E.J Moodley expressed his sadness but congratulated Mr. GBC Khawula for promoted to the position of General Manager: National Department of Health.

Mrs. T. Mdletshe (Social Work Manager) complimented Mr. Khawula for his expertise he has shown to Mahatma Gandhi Hospital which brought stability and strategic direction.

The Board Members and the MGMH staff displayed their appreciation by giving him precious gifts which will serve as a token of remembrance.

Mahatma Gandhi memorial hospital commemorates World Condom Week



Clockwise Counsellor from Philakahle Ms. Lungi Hlongwane demonstrating the use of female condom, 2. Mr. Lindo Mkhize demonstrating the use of male condom , 4. Sister Mayeza and Ms. Vuyo Zuma giving education on different types of STIs.

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital commemorated the World Condom Week from 10 - 16 February 2016.

The purpose of the campaign was to teach and bring awareness to patients about Sexual Transmitted Infection (STI's) and to encourage them to use male and female condoms to protect themselves.

Philakahle clinic staff gave a talk on different types of STI's and encouraged to always embark on protected sexual intercourse.

Patients were also taught about importance of using condoms to prevent unplanned pregnancy which most of the times spread STI's which are also affecting even unborn babies.

MGMH Philakahle Clinic staff gave health on the importance of participating in healthy life-style activities to keep their bodies healthy.

Health talk was given on Tuberculosis, prevention and treatment (TB) and pamphlets were distributed to patients.

Demonstrations on the use of female and male condoms were done and patients were impressed with explanations.

The patients were grateful to receive such important information. Female and male condoms were distributed.

MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HOST A SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP



Mr. GBC Khawula (ACEO) with Mahatma Gandhi Hospital Team during the Strategic Plan Workshop

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital held a successful Strategic Plan 2016– 2019 event on the 09th and 10th March 2016 at Phoenix Youth Centre.

The aim of the workshop was to review the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital 2015– 2019 Strategic Plan to identify achievements and challenges based on the previous Strategic Plan in order to ensure that the institution achieve strategic goals.

Mr. GBC Khawula (ACEO) who was the Facilitator of the day welcome all and outlined the purpose of the day. Current

achievements which entail optimal functioning of Milk Bank, Pharmacy Decongestion Project, no maternal deaths for the past 3 months. Improvement of Health & Safety audits from 76% to 88% , 2027 patients receiving medication at 3 sites in the community.

Ms. N. Ngubane, Facility Information Officer gave a presentation on the institution indicators. Attendees were divided into 8 groups to deliberate on the provincial strategic goals which are Strengthen Health System Effectiveness, Reduce and Manage Burden of Disease, Strengthen Human Resource for Health, Implement Universal Health Coverage and Quality of

Care.

The workshop was graced by the presence of Hospital Board Members under the leadership of Pastor E.J. Moodley (Hospital Board Chairperson) who praised the management and staff for their commitment to service delivery and Mr. T. Moholi from EMRS.

Dr. C. Persad gave Vote Of Thanks to attendees and to all sponsors who made the workshop a success.

The workshop will play a crucial role as it will to implement strategies effectively to render an optimal health care to clients.

Mahatma Gandhi Hospital extends its services



CLOCKWISE :1. HB Interior products staff members listening attentively, Mrs. P. Thwala giving a talk to HB Interior products ,Mrs. Nelly Khumalo and Mrs. T. Chetty (Social Worker) giving a talk to Bethsaida Women's Group

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital went an extra mile whereby the hospital visited HB Interior Products in Glen Anil and Bethsaida Women's Group on the 20 April 2016 as part of the Community Outreach Programme.

The aim of the events was to provide awareness to the employees of the HB Interior Products on HIV/ Aids, TB and on substance abuse.

Mrs T. Chetty , MGMH Social Worker gave a talk on substance abuse which entails woonga, dagga, cocaine and mercedes which are destroying the future of the country's young generation.

Mrs T. Chetty stated that substances does not only affect the addicts but also people who are close to them like family members and the entire community. Mrs Chetty encouraged attendees to convey a message of hope to the addicts in their communities

as assistance is available.

Mrs. T. Madlala and Miss T. F. Mkhwane gave a talk on HIV / Aids and encouraged attendees to know their HIV status and that of their partners to get appropriate counselling, assistance and treatment. They also encouraged attendees to use condoms as a prevention measure and men to go for circumcision.

Mrs P. N. Thwala gave talk on TB , symptoms and preventative measures. She also explained rights of employees with TB which states that they should be given two weeks leave after being diagnosed to take their medication so that they cannot infect others. She also encouraged the staff members to use masks all the time to avoid dust.

The staff members were advised to do regular check ups, eat healthy food and embark on healthy lifestyle activities.

Mahatma Gandhi Hospital Open Day



LABOLATORY



THUTHUZELA CRISIS CENTRE



INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL



OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENTS

Social Work Department gave information on social problems which entail child abuse and negligence, domestic violence, grants, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy and family planning.

HAST team offered VCT services and issued free male and female condoms. Outpatient departments gave information on the triage system.

Environmental Health Department gave out information on recycling and waste disposal.

Infection Prevention and Control Department gave information on Zika virus and education on hand washing. Antenatal clinic gave education on the importance of breast feeding and antenatal care.

Physiotherapy Department took part and educated clients about various body exercising programmes, Eye Clinic Department provided basic eye screening for patients with 40 years and above.

Public Relations Department provided information and pamphlets on Patient's rights, Batho Pele Principles and on the referral system and its importance.

The Laboratory Department provided information about different types of bloods and the processing time and they also gave a free glucose test to clients.

Dietitians provided information and pamphlets on healthy diet and Thuthuzela Crisis Centre provided information about different types of rape / sexual assaults, the importance of early reporting which is within 72 hours, and about criminal justice system.

Clients were delighted to be given such a wonderful opportunity to be acquainted with valuable information about MGMH health services.



DIETICIAN



X-RAY



PATIENT ADMIN



PHYSIOTHERAPY

Mahatma Gandhi Hospital welcomes New Staff



1.	Mr. Msabala	Workshop Manager	16.	P. Naidu	Radiographer/ comm serv
2.	Mr. T.A Zulu	Ass. Director Lab. Relations	17.	C.L Richards Edwards	Medical Officer
3.	Mr. N Mthembu	Ass director HRD	18.	T.R Mfeka	Proff nurse/ speciality
4.	S. C. Rargioah	Radiography	19.	K. Nene	Psychologist/ comm serv
5.	S. Pillay	Pharmacist intern	20.	R. Govender	Pharmacist intern
6.	N. Sign	Pharmacist intern	21.	Z.H. Nzuza	Proff nurse/ comm serv
7.	M. Lister	Audiologist/ comm serv	22.	S. Salfa	Medical Officer/comm serv
8.	M. Moody	Pharmacist intern	23.	JP Singh	Medical Officer/comm serv
9.	T. Naicker	Pharmacist intern	24.	DV Naidoo	Medical Officer/comm serv
10.	Y. Nagesur	Pharmacist intern	25.	Thaver	Medical Officer/comm serv
11.	B.O. Abraham	Pharmacist intern	26.	S.S Raloo	Medical Officer/comm serv
12.	MAS Bapeekee	Medical Officer	27.	N.J Raymond	Medical Officer/comm serv
13.	ML Haripersad	Medical Officer	28.	S. Maharaj	Medical Officer/comm serv
14.	C. Reedy	Radiographer/ comm serv	29.	S. Phather	Medical Officer/comm serv
15.	T.Z Hadebe	Medical Officer	30.	A. Singh	Medical Officer/comm serv
			31.	N. Prosad	Medical Officer/comm serv

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