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WORLD AIDS DAY

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December each year and it marks the long commemoration of the first global health day in 1988. It is an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the virus. Gamalakhe Community Health Centre had a successful event on the 3rd of December 2020. This year's theme was "We are in this together. Checka Impilo".

There are still people with limited knowledge of the facts about how to protect themselves and others. We each have responsibility to treat those who are struggling with an HIV positive diagnosis with compassion, those struggling with AIDS with care and ourselves and our sexual partners with respect. Despite our many advances we still struggle to eliminate stigma associated with HIV infections.

Addressing stigma and discrimination is important in mitigating the impact of HIV. We thus appeal that citizen to come forward and test. Help is available no one should prematurely die now because we have to work together to create an AIDS free generation. Ms. Nombulelo Mpofana our chronic patient gave testimonial during the event as she educated patients about the importance of being compliant on the treatment. She further stated that she begin treatment in the late 90s and even now she is still compliance and she is living healthy lifestyle. Sr. Xulu educated patients about the importance of protecting themselves by using condoms even if there are both HIV positive with their partners. Patients were encouraged to care for their wellbeing by getting tested, practice safe sex and taking treatment.

The message in the four candles during World Aids Day symbolizes love, hope, light and

faith.



Clients holding candles during prayer



During candle lighting



Ms. N Mpofana during her testimonial

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LEGISLATURE VISIT



Facility CEO, Dr. Shongwe (right) with the Health Portfolio Committee during walkabouts

he KZN Legislature derives its mandate from

Section 104 of South Africa's Constitution. Its mission is "To deepen democracy and activism in KwaZulu-Natal through robust oversight, effective public participation and efficient law making' and its vision is to be "an activist, people centered legislature". In respect of ensuring effective public participation, the Legislature conducts the Taking Legislature to the People (TLTP) programme.

On the 25th June 2020 Gamalakhe CHC was visited by the KZN Health Portfolio Committee led by Ms. Majola. Portfolio Committee embarked on the oversight inspections at health institutions as part of improving health services offered to people of KZN.

The purpose was to ensure that all health care facilities in KwaZulu -Natal are compliant in dealing with COVID 19. The Committee was welcomed by the District Director Mrs. N Mkhize and CEO, Dr P.F Shongwe. There were addressed on the current status on COVID 19 since the first case in Ugu was discovered at Gamalakhe CHC.

After walkabout the committee was pleased with the facility preparedness on COVID 19 and the operations of the entire CHC. ■

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MENTAL HEALTH DAY



OPD nursing staff during opening remarks

ental Health Day is commemorated on the 10th October is aimed at creating public awareness to make issues related to mental health a global priority. Mental disorders comprise a broad range of problems with different symptoms. However they are generally characterized by some combination of abnormal thoughts, emotions behavior relationships with others. This year's theme was 'Mental Health for all" and on the 10th October 2020 Gamalakhe CHC ioined the country commemorated this day.

The CHC urged communities and families to join the Department in its efforts to further strengthen the mental health system. This year's Mental Health Day is commemorated in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic which has brought about a lot of physical, mental and socioeconomic anguish to all people countrywide.

This day is also used to combat stigma and discrimination against those living with mental disorders. During this day we call upon each one of us to undertake and contribute towards the prevention of mental disorders as they are preventable. We must also ensure that people living with mental health can access good quality care to enable them to live with dignity. During health education Sr. Miya spoke about the signs of mental health problems and further educated patients about the importance of being compliance on taking medication.

Since the outbreak of COVID 19 many people have suffered mental health problems and disorders such as stress, depression, anxiety due to immediate impact of the pandemic which include loss of family members and loss of income and physical isolation to contain the possible spread of the pandemic to their loved ones.

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AWARDING OF STAFF



CASUALTY DEPARTMENT STAFF



MARTENITY WARD STAFF RECEIVING THE CERTIFI-CATE FROM THE CEO



OPD DEPARTMENT STAFF RECEIVING CERTIFI-CATE FROM THE CEO

he purpose of the awarding

of staff was the CEO initiative in order to entrench the professionalization of the public service to recognise, reward and acknowledged staff members who are performing beyond their call of duty and to encourage excellence in the work place.

The public service thrives towards a culture orientation which is aimed at fostering appropriate behaviour, attitudes and work ethics through reinforcing the Batho Pele ethos. These ethos demand of the public servants to be citizen-service centric through visible demonstration of the work ethics and values espoused in the Constitution and the Public Service Charter.

Amid the ongoing devastating COVID –19 pandemic, brave public servants continued to demonstrate the spirit of Batho Pele and rolled their sleeves to serve clients self-lessly, putting their lives in the process. The certificate came from the compliments that are submitted by our clients to the PR & Communications section and suggestions boxes.

It is worth mentioning that the conceptualisation of the CEO's awards was that it would provide the leverage needed to move clinicians away from bureaucracy culture of an inward focus on red tape and a don't care attitude.

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PHOTO GALLERY



Staff members paused for photo as month of September is Heritage Month



Sr. Miya live on air during radio slot on Mental Health in Radio Sunny South





Sergeant Xaba from Gamalakhe SAPS engaging with clients during 16 days of activism



Systems Managers in Ugu Health District bid farewell to Mr. Kunene (seated)



PRO, Mr. Radebe (red shirt) visited Gamalakhe taxi ranks to disseminate IEC material on COVID 19

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PHOTO GALLERY



Patient Administration team receiving certificate from the CEO, Dr. Shongwe



Sr. Ndovela from Child Health receiving a certificate from the CEO, Dr. Shongwe



Rehab team paused with certificates from the CEO's office



Dental Department and Eye Clinic paused with certificates



Vaccines save FIVE lives every minute

he eradication of smallpox through vaccination saves an estimated 5 million lives every year

If a vaccine had not eradicated smallpox, every 6 seconds of every day.



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SYSTEMS MANAGER'S FAREWELL

he journey in the public service

came to an end for Mr. Hamilton Kunene (former)Systems Manager on the 31st January 2020. Mr. Kunene who had been 32 years in service. Mr. Kunene served Gamalakhe CHC as Systems Manager as from July 2012 until his last day in office .

It was bitter sweet day as the Gamalakhe CHC management and Clinics Operational Managers bid farewell to Mr. Kunene affectionately known as "Mr. K" who had retired from the long service. CEO, Dr. Shongwe and other colleagues spoke of how dedicated Mr. Kunene was and also ensuring that clinics are looked after.

Mrs. Ndwendwe handing over the token of appreciation said "we would like to thank Mr. Kunene for the support from his component and also ensuring that the clinics maintain gold status on ideal clinic. I wish you all the success for the future".

Mr. Kunene stated that he started working in the department while he was a young boy in his early 20s and he has a learnt a lot within the years he spent in the department. He further said he appreciated having had the opportunity to work with everyone and thanked the support he had over the years.



Goodbye Mr. Kunene!!



Receiving a token of appreciation from PHC ANM, Mrs. Ndwendwe



Receiving a token of appreciation from the CEO, Dr. Shongwe

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It really is in our hands to defeat Coronavirus.









