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Dannhauser residents will be considered for certain posts at new Community Health Centre

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health has noted the protest action outside the soon-to-be-opened Dannhauser Community Health Centre yesterday (25 March 2014). It is alleged that certain members of the community are disgruntled that people from outside the community are being considered for employment at the “mini-hospital”.

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, has now set the record straight on the matter, saying that members of the local community will be considered for unskilled and semi-skilled posts. But the Department will not compromise on experience and competency for professional posts.

Dr Dhlomo said: “When it comes to recruitment of staff for Dannhauser CHC, we will be biased towards the people of Dannhauser for unskilled and semi-skilled posts. But we will also open up for other people to compete for posts, especially those that require people with experience who have worked in other facilities. For a facility of that size, we will need an experienced staff. The Department will not compromise when appointing professional healthcare workers. They are appointed on merit. We will be very serious in making sure that we get competent and experienced people. We appeal to the community of Dannhauser to respect that process. It’s going to be transparent. At any given time, we will always be willing to share that with them. We’re looking forward to the opening of this mini-hospital. It’s going to be a huge success, and will add on to what the Government has already done for Dannhauser. Already, there are improvements in the road infrastructure, and now a mini-hospital is about to be opened. We are beginning to really follow what we promised our people by resuscitating smaller towns. Dannhauser will not be the same again.”

Caption: KZN MEC for Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, during an inspection of Dannhauser CHC earlier this year.

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