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67 Minutes of Mandela Day



On 16 July 2015, Rietvlei Hospital joined Umzimkhulu Municipality in celebrating Mandela day. Different services were given to people such as Dental services, TB screening, sugar and blood pressure testing etc. Ndwana Clinic family team vehicle was also handed over on the same day. Among the dignitaries there was Honorable MEC for Housing Mr Ravi Pillay , Honorable Cllr Ndobe (Mayor for Harry Gwala District), Honorable Cllr Mpabanga (Mayor for Umzimkhulu municipality), Provincial team from Human Settlement. The event was also graced by the presence of Harry Gwala District team , Umzimkhulu Municipality team as well as local Councillors and other Departmental stakeholders.

Before the start of the programme Mrs Keswa (CEO Rietvlei Hospital) used the opportunity for health education, emphasizing the importance of dual protection for the youth. She also marketed the Hospital's services and the Department's bursary programme motivating the youth to apply.

District Mayor Cll Ndobe in his speech mentioned that Nelson Mandela choose to work for the people, he could have chosen to work for any field but he choose to work for the people. Nelson Mandela's wisdom is still highlighted even today. Umzimkhulu was fortunate to be visited by Tata Nelson Mandela . He visited this municipality three times . His first visit was in 1991. In 1998 he revisited this Municipality to opened Vulekani Special School. His last visit was early 2000 . In all his visits He always encouraged and appreciated activities of good will.

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Pictures on Mandela Day



Official handover of Family Health team vehicle by MEC Pillay to Family Health team Nurse.



Left : Celebrating vehicle handover

Right ; Mayor Mpabanga, Mayor Ndobe with MEC Pillay



Left :Mrs Keswa (Rietvlei CEO) Briefing the MEC and local leadership on the impact of receiving this vehicle in improving service delivery. The vehicle was given by the KZN Department of Health.

Right: Mrs Keswa addressing an audience before the official starting of the programme for Mandela day 2015.

Rietvlei Staff doing their 67 minutes of Mandela Day



Left: Mrs yako (PHC Manager)

Right ; Dental Clinic



Rietvlei Hospital Congratulates Eye Services(Sr Magaqa) for Best front line Service delivery Employee



Left : KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo awarded Sr Magaqa from Rietvlei Hospital for the best front line service delivery employee in MEC'S Annual Service Excellence Awards (MASEA) in Durban ICC, 15 May 2015.

Right : Rietvlei Staff celebrating an award



Celebration parade at Rietvlei District Hospital:

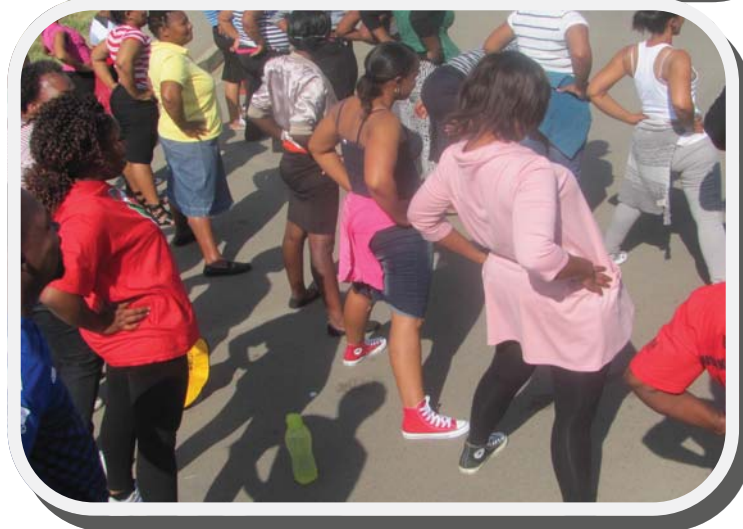


Wellness day at Rietvlei District Hospital

“My wellness! My Responsibility”



Top : 5km fun walk by Rietvlei Hospital staff
Bottom: Aerobics ; Left : Rietvlei Staff at the Hall for formal presentation.



On 20 May 2015, Rietvlei Hospital hosted Wellness day. The aim for this special day was to promote healthy life style among employees. This programme was started by the KwaZulu-Natal MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, to promote healthy lifestyles and to prevent absenteeism, diseases amongst employees etc. Wellness days can be commemorated at least once a quarter.

On the day of the event, the programme started at 10 o'clock after all employees that participated, began with 5km fun walk, others were doing aerobics outside the hall where the event was going to take place. The participants that got number 1-10 were given prizes. The programme was directed by Mr T. Motseki Safety Officer at Rietvlei District hospital. The programme was opened by Human Resource Manager (Mr Siswana). Welcoming was done by the CEO (Mrs N.A. Keswa).

There were different speakers which presented financial education topics such as Old Mutual, Assupol Life, Sanlam, Avbob, Liberty etc. Gems was part of the team and informed employees about Gems services and how to become a Gems member. In between speakers there were activities led by Physio and Dietician. EAP encouraged employees to support wellness and motivate staff members to exercise, have good diet and leave a healthy lifestyle.. EAP also thanked everyone present. In the afternoon at 14h00, there was a match between SAPS and Hospital (Soccer and Netball).

On the following week 27 May 2015, Orientation and Induction for new and current employees of Rietvlei District Hospital and Clinics. Orientation and induction is done quarterly, to educate/ remind existing employees about policies in place. Orientation and induction is coordinated by HRD offices. All sections were invited to do presentation on their sections. Hospital tour was also done to orient staff on different areas.

Pictures on Wellness day



Exhibitions by different companies :

Top ; Left Assupol; Right Gems

Centre ; left Sanlam; Right Old Mutual

Bottom Left ; Liberty



Prizes were handed over in between the programme

Left: Assupol handing over a prize to the winner ; Right : Sanlam handing over a prize to one of the winners

BON VOYAGE.....MPILAZ



“It is very important to give feedback when the traditional healers are referring, as it is done in another professionals. I worked well with Traditional Healers, since my main aim is the patients. I also involve myself with different groups such as Gays and Lesbian society”

In April 2015 Rietvlei Hospital bid farewell to Matron Nompila in style. Matron Nompila worked for Rietvlei for more than 28 years. Among the speakers for the day, there were traditional healers, that worked with Matron Nompila. Mrs Ngidi (Traditional healer -Umadlisa) mentioned different certificates that they acquired because of Matron Nompila to mention few, Traditional Healers from Umzimkhulu can now refer their clients to the Hospital, they know about BIM, they are involved in perinatal meetings, they are involved in Operation Sukuma Sakhe, they are educated about Izihlambezo etc.

Mrs Nompila also worked as the Coordinator for War room as part of Operation Sukuma Sakhe. The PR Councillor who worked with Matron Nompila in Ward 18 highlighted the role played by matron in Nompila as the leader during difficult times when there were two ward Councillors from different political parties, as the Coordinator she ensured that the War room functionality is not compromised. She

also made a huge contribution during the kwashiorkor outbreak in the Ward. The PR Councillor urged Hospital management to replace Matron Nompila with the personnel of the same caliber.

Mr Mbatha as a fellow colleague mentioned Matron Nompila's character as humble and a lady that knows where she comes from. Mrs Nqophiso (Deputy Nurse Manager) in her speech described Matron Nompila as a person with a soft spot for less fortunate. Rietvlei Hospital CEO Mrs Keswa thanked matron Nompila for her contribution to the service



BON VOYAGE.....Matron Osei

In the same quarter Mrs Osei also left Rietvlei Hospital. She was described as a hard worker who knows what she wants in life. Her subordinates including Operational Manager's for the Clinics said they have learnt a lot from her, wishing her very good luck for her Future endeavours.



←→
Farewell
party Mrs
Osei



Rietvlei Hospital Welcomes new PHC Manager



Rietvlei Hospital Management and staff welcomes Mrs. Yako as PHC Manager. Mrs Yako assumed her duties from 1 July 2015. We hope that she will contribute positively in improving service delivery. We believe that she will experience friendly and cooperative association with the rest of the staff.

Fire drill at Rietvlei Hospital

An opportunity was afforded to staff in all sections to witness a real fire situation and how intervention strategies should be structured. Purpose of this is to ensure effective reaction when disaster strikes and individuals knowing exactly their responsibilities when it comes to disaster. Also key in disaster management is effective planning and ensuring that our contingency plans are in line with the Disaster Management Act legislation. Here below is evidence of what took place on the day.

The Fire Rescue truck already parked on the premises next to the newly installed assembly point signage (N.B: this truck can load approximately 4 000 litres of water and is equipped with all extra tools, apparatus to deal with any disaster situation i.e. portable generators, including cutting equipment whereby they have to break into premises and gear for the fire personnel).

Target Group: All staff, visitors and patients available on site who could manage to walk to the assembly point.

Facilitated by: UMzimkhulu Fire Rescue Department



One of the fire rescue personnel pointing to the various fire-fighting equipment on display just before the demonstration (the rest of the crew can be seen behind him next to the truck).

The fireman taking participants through understanding of the entire fire-fighting process. During his presentation he warned the audience against 'playing heroic tactics' with fire. It was further emphasized that on hearing the alarm, people should not ignore it, but to move quickly to the nearest assembly point.



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More pictures on Fire drill at Rietvlei



Groups of employees came all out to witness the conducting of a fire drill



Above and below - Centre).



getting ready to put out the fire (note the gear worn by one of the firemen at the



Dr Ben Emmink Visits Rietvlei



Dr Ben Emmink and his family came to visit Rietvlei on the 09th July 2015. He worked together with Dr Tehar in 1982. Mrs Persent (Hospital secretary) took him around and could see the excitement in his eyes.

He shared with her about the good old days and how he clearly remembered how things were and which department was where back in the days.

He was also amazed and could not believe that it is the very same Rietvlei. When he saw the doctors roster, he couldn't believe how many doctors we have, and to think it was only himself and doctor Tehar. Currently he is in George and was proud to see how well Rietvlei is doing.

Story and pictures by Mrs. Persent

Rietvlei hospital Welcomes New Ophthalmologist



Rietvlei District hospital Management and staff welcomes Dr Ernesto Perez, from Cuba. Dr Perez is an Ophthalmologist . Every month Rietvlei Hospital screens Patients from Harry Gwala District and former Transkei for cataract operations. During this camp UKZN Ophthalmologist operate 50-70 patients in two days. With Doctor Perez Joining Rietvlei , service delivery will improve, as patients are seen by Ophthalmologist daily, and booked for operations ,they do not have to wait the whole month to be seen.

Doctor Perez also treats other conditions such as Glaucoma and other complicated conditions.

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Community Imbizo's @ Umzimkhulu



Community members asking questions during Imbizo ward 5 Umzimkhulu



Ward Councillor Mr Ngcemu welcoming guests and the community



Left : Community Induna doing voice of thanks



Right ; Mrs Keswa (CEO) Responding to some of the questions



Rietvlei Hospital's Vision is the Centre of service Excellence for the Community of UMzimkhulu. In order to achieve this vision, the Hospital decided to do community meetings around UMzimkhulu. As from June 2015 up to so far, The Hospital has managed to visit 6 wards, the aim is to visit all 20 wards by the end of the year.

In these visits, Rietvlei Hospital services are marketed to the community. The Departments programmes such as Sugar Daddy campaign, dual protection, etc are highlighted. The youth is also encouraged to use the Departments bursary system. Community is empowered to contribute in improving service delivery, like to exercise their rights to complain. At Rietvlei Hospital, no patient or visitor has to leave the Hospital premises with a concern, suggestion or a complaint.

During these visits the Hospital also communicates the challenges their facing for the community to be aware of such. The community is also encouraged to voice their complaints, or any other suggestions that they might have to improve service delivery.

New Philani Clinic in Pictures



New Philani corridors



New Philani Clinic Pharmacy

Outside New Philani Clinic



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