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UGU HEALTH DISTRICT TEAM BIDS FAREWELL TO THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR



MRS NC MKHIZE EXITED UGU HEALTH DISTRICT AS THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

After six years of leading Ugu Health District, Mrs NC Mkhize exited Ugu on the last day of April 2021. She joined the District as the District Director in October 2015, she was the first CEO for Mfundo Anorld Lushaba CHC previously known as Turton CHC. Mrs Mkhize also successfully led Dunstan Farrel Hospital which was

abolished in previous year. Mrs. Mkhize is a visionary leader , strategic, has good interpersonal relations, open minded, creative, flexible, responsible and independent, team leader and great team player. District Management team and staff members who were part of her farewell function at San Lameer Hotel agreed that her

leadership will be missed. Hospital Executive Members and the District Office Management had a goodbye lunch with Mrs Mkhize and handed over some gifts as a token of appreciation.

She was described as SMART leader—Strategic, Motherly, Amazing, Realistic and Time bound.

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Mrs Mkhize also played a very big role in building Operation Sukuma Sakhe structure in Ugu and she was still part of it. Her colleagues from District Task Team also attended the farewell. Ugu Health District Chaplains Rev Juta and Rev Hlengwa who worked hand in hand with Mrs. Mkhize were also present.

Mrs. NC Mkhize is also having a passion in education as she acquired many degrees and trainings which includes Masters in Public Health from University of Fort Hare. Mrs. Mkhize has vast experience in DOH as she worked at ILembe Health District, as Deputy District Director Clinical & Programmes and as Programme Manager. Served Ugu District as a Senior Professional Nurse and as Clinical Nurse Practitioner (Team Leader) at Port Shepstone Primary Care and GJ Crookes Hospital for number of years .

She also worked as Professional Nurse at King Edward Hospital. She was also a Programme Manager at PPASA/LOVE LIFE. She had a passion in improving patient outcomes through integrated approach and strengthening health systems

Wishing you much joy & happiness as you begin a new chapter in your life.



Ugu Health District Management bidding farewell to the former District Director Mrs. NC Mkhize



Ugu Health District Management and OSS Structure bidding farewell to the former District Director Mrs NC Mkhize

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Ube impumelelo umcimbi wokuqanjwa kabusha kwesikhungo eMzumbe, uMtholampilo I Turton imenyazelwe uNgqogqoshe weZempilo u Nkk N Simelane njenge Mfundo Arnold Lushaba nokuyiqhawe lomzabalazo elaba iMeya yokuqala eMzumbe.

Ungqongqoshe weZempilo KwaZulu Natal uNkk Nomagugu Simelane uqambe kabusha ngempumelelo isikhungo seZempilo kuMasipala uMzumbe. Lomcimbi obuhloniphekile futhi usezingeni ubungomhlaka 09 April 2021 khona eMzumbe. Umtholampilo I Turton, sekusemthethweni ukuthi iswu Mfundo Arnold Lushaba. Leligama uMfundo Arnold Lushaba igama leqhawe elalwelwa inkuleleko yabantu kuleyandawo yaseMzumbe njengoba kwaphetha ngokuthi kube uye uMnu Lushaba ongasekho owaba iMeya yokuqala kuMasipala waseMzumbe. Ithula inkulumo yokwamukela kulomcimbi iMeya yoGu uCllr S Ngcobo uveze ukuthi lapho kwakhiwe khona lomtholampilo indawo ababedlala kuyo ibhola naye uMnu Lushaba kanti bathi sebelwela inkululeko baqala bacasha kuyo njengoba yayinehlathi ngoba isimo sasingahambi neze kahle. Uveze ukuthi sekungunyaka we -14 adlula emhlabeni uMnu Lushaba kanti uyohlezi esezinhliziyweni zabo njengeqhawe nanjengomngani. Uveze ukukuthokozela ukuthi isicelo somphakathi sokuthi kuqanjwe kabusha lomtholampilo sigcine si-phumelele

Ethula inkulumo yakhe yosuku uNgqogqoshe uNkk N Simelane uthe akekho namunye ongavimba

uMnyango ukuba wenze okulungile njengoba usamukelile isicelo somphakathi ukuthi kushintshwe leligama elithi Turton ukuze isikhungo sibizwe ngomuntu owaziwayo futhi neqhaza lakhe elaziwayo emphakathini. Eghuba inkulumo yakhe ubonge kakhulu umndeni wakaLushaba ukuba uvumele uhulumeni ulisebenzise leligama lika Mfundo njengoba kungesona isinqumo esilula ikakhulukazi njengoba beyingxenywe yomphakathi kanti leligama seliyohlezi lisematheni ngasosonke isikhathi."Bona balahlekelwe ubaba, undodana, umnyeni kanye nobhuti. Abazofana ngempela nathi esibuka uMfundo njengeqhawe lethu esiyohlezi sithanda ukubona igama lakhe liphakanyiswa ngasosonke isikhathi, kubona kuyohlezi kuvuka izilonda nobuhlungu." kuqhuba uSimelane.

Phakathi kweziminywa ebezikhona umndeni wakwaLushaba obuholwa uNkk Lushaba. Umndeni ube usudlulisa ukuthobeka kakhulu emphakathini nakuMnyango weZempilo ngokuthi kuphakanyiswe igama lika Mfundo Arnold Lushaba. Umphakathi, abezempilo kanye noSukuma Sakhe nabo bebethamele lomcimbi khona emagcekeni eMfundo.

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UMTHOLAMPILO I TURTON KUMASIPALA UMZUMBE USUBIZWA NGE MFUNDO ARNOLD LUSHABA SIXOXA NGEZITHOMBE



Inhloko yoMyango uDr S Tshabalala kanye neMeya yoGu uCllr S Ngcobo bechazela uNgq uNkk N Simelane ngoku-zoqhubeka ngosuku ngenkathi kushishwa igama lomtholampilo kuMasipala uMzumbe



U Ngqongqoshe weZempilo KwaZulu Natal umemezele ngokusemthethweni isikhungo ebesaziwa nge Turton njenge ngeMfundo Arnold Lushaba nokuyiqhawe lomzabalazo eMzumbe



Abaholi, abaphathi boMnyango weZempilo kanye no Sukuma Sakhe bakuthokozele kakhulu ukushintshwa kwegama le-sikhungo kanti nomndeni wakwaLushaba uzizwe uthobekile kokuhlonishwa kwelunga lomndeni elingasekho

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ACTING DISTRICT DIRECTOR



Siphokazi Mabaso– Acting District Director, Ugu District

Mrs. Siphokazi Mabaso has been appointed to act as Ugu Health District Director from 1 May 2021 until the recruitment and selection of the District Director is finalized. Mrs. Mabaso accepted the challenge and responsibility that comes with the post trusting that together as District Health Management Team will continue in providing Health Services as they were guided and led under the exiting District Director. “ I feel honored, humbled and excited about the current role as much as it has added responsibility but it gives me courage to take the temporal appointment as from the Lord” said Mrs. Mabaso when asked about how she feels as she now has to lead the District.

Mrs. S Mabaso is not new in Ugu as she joined Ugu District in 1998 as a learner at Sehole Combined School in Harding (Umuziwabantu LM). She proceeded with her Tertiary education and returned in 2006 as a Pharmacist Intern at Port Shepstone Regional Hospital under leadership of Mr. GBC Khawula and Mrs. Ludwig (retired Pharmacy Manager). She has worked in various institutions in the Eastern Cape, both rural and urban (Nessie Knight Hospital, Umhlakulo Health Centre and Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital as Principal Pharmacist. She left public sector in 2010 and worked for Walter Sisulu University where she was given a role to support Health facilities, clinicians in implementing the HIV Guidelines and ensure strengthening Pharmacovigilance Committees in the Eastern Cape. Mrs. Mabaso returned in Ugu District in 2011 as Pharmacy Manager at Gamalakhe CHC, moved to St Andrews Hospital and then joined Ugu District Health as Manager: Pharmaceutical Services since 2015

She has been a member of various committees in the public sector and was recently appointed as Member of Provincial Pharmaceutical Depot Task Team responsible for Strengthening provision of Pharmaceutical Services in KZN .

When asked about her strength she responded with a smile indicating that “It’s comes from God, support from my family, friends and colleagues”, she believes in good Governance through by being exemplary in conduct and implementations of the policies and legislative prescripts. She believes how our bodies work and are designed anatomically—is a good model for all entities to follow, if one member of the body is dysfunctional it cripples the whole system. “There is a need to invest in our Human Resources in terms of capacity building and developing a culture of staff that is goal driven,” continues Mrs. Mabaso.

The Ugu health District Management team would like to thank the health care workers for their tireless efforts in combating the Covid-19 Pandemic and ensuring the vaccination program is a success whilst continuing to improve patient outcomes

The Ugu health workers proved to be committed workforce during unrests where all their goal and vision was to get to their workplaces and look after their clients regardless of the unrests. They had the clients in mind and proved that “Batho Pele” principles are embedded in them.

Ugu health District would like to welcome the following Managers who have joined Ugu Health District:

Mr. Krish Ramasir, a dedicated Manager with massive experience in District Health Systems and Pharmaceutical Services— joined the District as Manager: Pharmaceutical Services from May 2021

Mr. Bonga Ndlovu—a committed Manager in improving women’s health in Ugu District. He joins Ugu as MCWH Manager from January 2021

Ugu would like to bid farewell to Mrs. Mavis Munsami and thank her for her contribution as Integrated School Health and Health Promotion Program Manager—We shall miss her calmness, good work ethic and professionalism. The current acting Manager in the ISH & HP is Miss Nosipho Madlala and we wish her all the best in this role and we believe and know she will do well.

“ I believe together we can do it through team work, commitment and good attitude. God bless you all”

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UGU DISTRICT VACCINE ROLLOUT FOR FRONT LINE WORKERS AND COMMUNITY IN GOOD PROGRESS



Ugu District communities visiting vaccination sites in numbers to receive their Covid-19 vaccine

Ugu District is doing well with vaccination programme since it has started with health care workers in March 2021. Since that time more than 88 000 people has been vaccinated as other categories were introduced in May 2021.

The department has seen front line workers from other departments coming in numbers in vaccination sites which are in all 4 municipalities. Ugu health has ensured vaccination of other sector Departments (DOE, DSD, SAPS, Municipal workers, DSD etc). On the 16th of May 2021 the vaccination of the 60 years and above was launched. The senior citizens as well as 50 years and above are very excited about this programme. Since we have seen the opening of registration for Izinkalakatha which is a group of 35 to 49, people who are registering to get the vaccine has really gone up. This group is more than being excited in getting their vaccine .

All Ugu vaccination sites are seeing communities coming in numbers, health care workers are dedicated in making sure that every one who visits the sites get the vaccine. Since the number of young people registering is increasing every day, they are requested to assist elderly in registering. People can register through internet, whatsapp or through the sms and this makes easier for those can not access the internet.

Even if the department is doing well with vaccination programme communities must continue stay safe to avoid the increase in number of infections. People must wear musk, social distance, wash hands regularly or use sanitizer, avoid social gatherings where possible. Most importantly those who have tested positive must disclose so that it will be easy for the department to do the contact tracing and follow protocols accordingly.



UGU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE VISIT TO CHECK PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY VACCINATION PROGRAMME



On the 8th of June 2021 KwaZulu Natal Legislature visited Ugu District to check the process of vaccination programme. Mrs S Mabaso, Acting District Director led the team to Umdoni and Ray Nkonyeni Municipalities. Their aim as they were visiting all the district were to get the feel of what is happening on ground level and also to get the challenges so they will assist. During the engagement with the district, it was clear that clients are not being turned away under any circumstances, once a person reach the site health care workers assist even if they are challenges. Those who appear on vaccination sites not being registered are assisted as well. Means of trying to reduce wastage of vaccines was also identified in Ugu. The visit was a success and members were happy with all the processes taking place in two vaccination sites that were visited.

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