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UGU HEALTH DISTRICT HOSTED SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Mr J Mndebele, Mrs P P Fica, Mrs N C Mkhize, Mr X Mbangata, Mrs J Tobo and Mrs R Govender announcing an award for MCWH

Ugu Health District hosted Service Excellence Awards ceremony on the 27th of February 2019. This was to acknowledge and recognize individuals and teams that have been enablers, catalysts and contributors towards achieving improved quality health service. Recognizing success formally emphasizes the importance of doing things right using available resources and providing quality healthcare services. The event which was held at Port Shepstone Civic Centre, was attended by all health facilities in Ugu District. Guests from Head Office, Supporting Partners and different sponsors from different companies also attended the event.

The purpose of Ugu Health District Service Excellence Awards was to make teams and individuals more competitive in providing quality health care services and improving health outcomes for the communities. Every health facility, management and employees were motivated to do their level best to improve outcomes after receiving trophies and certificates. Every sub-district went home with enthusiasm on this day. Giving the purpose of the day the

District Director Mrs Mkhize said "The District decided to respond to a Batho Pele Principle which says Encouraging Innovation and Rewarding Excellence and also to applaud the work that is done. She continued to say employees must relax and enjoy themselves, but they need to be reminded that we are responding to a outcome which says 'Long and Health Life for all South Africans'.

The event was also attended by the Ugu District Deputy Mayor Cllr PH Mthiyane. During her words of support Cllr Mthiyane appreciated the Department of Health for the hard work, she encouraged health workers to continue with the good work. "Government made sure that PHC is prioritized so that community can access clinics in deep rural areas. Some times you work under pressure and you have a staff shortage but you continue to do the good job", said Cllr Mthiyane

Giving his keynote address, former District Director Mr V Chetty appreciated the invitation from

Mrs Mkhize. He said this was the good initiative from the management to acknowledge and recognize employees who are doing their best, as this will make them to go an extra mile without expecting any incentives. "Burden of diseases is more higher in South Africa than other countries, which means health workers needs to work harder and do right for clients as if they are doing unto the Lord. We must strive to do better whole heartedly so that clients will be happy with us." said Mr Chetty. He then congratulated all award winners and encouraged them to do better in the following year.

Almost every institution and clinic went home with a certificate and trophies. Awards had more than 26 categories and others are as follows:

- Best performing facility in Couple year protection rate
- Lowest Early Neonatal Death Rate
- Highest CCMDD enrolments
- Excellence in Adolescent and youth friendly services
- Best Performing facility in TB Management
- Lowest Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) Case Fatality Rate (SAM)
- Outstanding Vitamin A Coverage
- Best Performing National Core Standards Self-Assessment Score.
- Highest Paediatric Anti-Retroviral Treatment initiation

The District would like to appreciate all the sponsors including the management for sponsoring the event, and also to appreciate all staff members who assisted during the event. Crowd was also entertained by the comedians one of them from the District Office (Swallowz) and a choir.

Photo Gallery

Ugu Health District facilities receiving certificates and trophies during Service Excellence Awards.



UGU HEALTH DISTRICT AND THE MEC WARNS ABOUT BACK STREET TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY



MEC Dr SM Dhlomo and DD Mrs N C Mkhize with Ugu District Political Leadership and Management at a starting point

MEC Dr SM Dhlomo and Deputy Mayor Cllr PH Mthiyane leading the walk



Ugu District community and employees from different sectors says No to Anti-Illegal Abortion

MEC Dr SM Dhlomo and Deputy Mayor Cllr PH Mthiyane leading the walk

Seeing that illegal termination of pregnancy is continuing to be promoted through advertisements in KwaZulu Natal, MEC for Health visited different districts to speak to young women about it. On the 5th of March 2019 the MEC visited Ugu Health District for the awareness walk. The number of women presenting themselves at clinics and hospitals with complications from botched operations has significantly decreased since 2015 when this awareness campaign was launched.

About 250 people attended anti-illegal abortion march which included Local Leadership, Municipalities, Government Department including health workers, communities and high risk population. The MEC thanked the efforts made by the KZN Department of Health to improve access to safe and legal termination of pregnancy services at healthcare facilities. There are indications that fewer women are turning to these illegal practitioners for this service. During his speech the MEC commended Ugu District

Municipality for a clean city, he said he did not see any advertisements of the unlicensed “safe” and “quick” abortions normally displayed on the street, which shows that since the campaign was launched there is an improvement.

“Promotion of family planning focusing on long term contraceptive methods, is the first option of preventing unplanned pregnancy. Availability of safe termination of pregnancy services in public health institutions will contribute in fighting unplanned pregnancies” said the MEC.



Ugu Health MEC Breakfast Show and District Health Council Launch



Retired nurses attended MEC Breakfast Show



MEC for Health Dr SM Dhlomo signing nurses charter

MEC for Health Dr SM Dhlomo hosted Ugu District MEC Breakfast Show with Retired Nurses on the 5th of March 2019. The theme of the day was 'Celebrating the life of Mama Albertina Sisulu'. Target audience was retired nurses, students from Nursing College, PHC Managers, CEOs, Nursing Managers and Political Leadership. This event which was at Port Shepstone Baptist Church next to Port Shepstone Hospital was aiming to re-ignite the spirit of caring and compassion, for communities taking example from Ma Albertina Sisulu to inspire young nurses to take pride in the nursing profession through coloration and guidance from local retired nurses.

The District Director Mrs NC Mkhize appreciated all retired nurses who attended the breakfast show. She also acknowledged all invited guests including nursing students.

During her welcoming note Deputy Mayor Cllr PH Mthiyane said Department of Health is a very critical department as it is dealing with people's lives, she appreciated Ugu Health for providing excellent services to the community.

Giving the purpose of the day Dr. A.M.E.T. Tshabalala - Acting Chief Director said the MEC had a dream of utilizing skills and experience of retired nurses to improve the quality of healthcare services across the Province. Young nurses can learn a lot from retired nurses, this is the way of reviving ethics and caring attitude. On this day Nurses Charter was signed, but before that Mrs Chiliza a retired nurse gave a presentation on behalf of all retired nurses. In her speech she told the MEC that, previously nursing was a calling following the likes of Florence Nightingale, Cecilia Makiwane and so on. Retired nurses now view nursing a job. The foundation of nursing

was seen as a religious belief and seeing humanity as an image of God and that does not exist anymore.

During his address the MEC for Health Dr SM Dhlomo shared his experiences with nurses when he visits some of the institutions. He said the aim for him to meet with retired nurses through out the Province is to request them to assist the young nurses in going back to basics. He said many of good work has been done during his time as an MEC but as he will not be leading the department from June he is requesting that good things that have been implemented be continued even if he has gone. Management and Department leaders must tell those who will be appointed that for the Department to reduce maternal deaths, retired nurses must be the link. "Nurses must become patient advocates because they stay longer with patients than doctors. Doctors also learn from nurses, a nurse must be bold in telling the doctor her or his view" said the MEC. Nurses must go back and use the policies which were developed by experienced nurses. The Department of Health workers needs to do things properly as this will ensure that justice to patients.

On the very same day the MEC also launched District Health Council and the certificates were issued.



Photo Gallery: Ugu Health MEC Breakfast Show and District Health Council Launch



Retired nurses during MEC's Breakfast Show



Deputy Mayor Cllr PH Mthiyane, welcoming note



Mrs Chiliza and the MEC Dr SM Dhlomo after delivering the speech on behalf of retired nurses



Nursing College students were also part of the MEC Breakfast Show at Port Shepstone Baptist Church



Mrs NC Mkhize, District Director receiving her certificate from the MEC



Members of District Health Council nominated to serve for 2019/2020 with the MEC for Health Dr SM Dhlomo

TB AWARENESS DAY AT RO-



Rosemin Mine



Rosemin Mine workers



Ms S Mlambo giving a health talk



School Health Nurse giving a health talk

Raising awareness about tuberculosis, and how to prevent its spread can help lower tuberculosis rates around the globe which is why Ugu Health District TB team always go out to the communities and industries for TB awarenesses. On the 27th of March 2019 the team visited Rosemin Mine, more than 80 mine workers were available to listen to health workers as they were giving health education. More than 20 workers were screened on the day and they were all negative which is good. The team will continue to work tirelessly to save lives of Ugu District communities.



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Nakuba isimo sezulu besingesihle kahle, uhambe kahle umcimbi wenkulumo ngxoxo obuhlelwe uMnyango WeZempilo esikoleni samabanga aphezulu iBhanoyi. Lesi sikole esiseMzumbe sibe nenhlanhla yokuvakashelwa abeZempilo kanye nezinhlaka ezehlukene ukuzoxoxisana nabafundi ngendlela yokuziphatha.

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UGU ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCH



Team attended Antimicrobial Stewardship Launch

Ugu District Pharmaceutical Services organized Antimicrobial Stewardship Launch on the 25th of January 2019 at Murchison Hospital. The Minister of Health launched the National Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Strategy Framework in 2014. KZN Department of Health launched the program and conducted training in 2018. By ensuring the appropriate prescribing and use of antimicrobials in South Africa, the efficacy of antibiotics can be conserved for the optimal management of infections in human and animal health, in addition to improving patient outcomes. Doctors, Pharmacists and all prescribers were invited to the launch. Professional Ethics were also highlighted during presentations

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