

SPEECH FOR MEC FOR HEALTH, DR. P.P. DYANTYI ON THE CHRIS HANI RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (RRT) OUTREACH AND EPWP PROJECT LAUNCH | 24 JUNE 2014

Programme Director,

Hon. Executive Mayor of the Chris Hani District Municipality, Cde. Koyo,

Mayors of Local Municipalities,

Councillors,

Members of the Community,

Beneficiaries of the Health EPWP project,

Employees of Government,

Members of the media,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning,

Today we converge here Engcobo in the Chris Hani District Municipality as the Department of Health and Department of Public Works' Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) to apply a hands-on approach in administering government services through the intergovernmental relations approach to better benefit communities of this province with government services. This partnership between the Department and the EPWP is testament to the vision of the African National Congress (ANC) that "together we can do more and together we can move South Africa forward".

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Hon. Executive Mayor, today we are meeting here in this land of the great Communist Party leader and freedom fighter Cde. Chris Hani, during the Youth month and with only three days before his birthday (28 June). This programme that we are launching here today is part of what Cde. Chris and other freedom fighters fought and died for at the hands of the apartheid government- a better life for all. As the ANC led government, we are mindful and fully understand that the struggles faced by the youth of this generation differ to those faced by the youth of 1976, whose commemoration recently took place around the country on the 16th of this month. We understand that high on the list of today's youth struggles is the escalated level of unemployment and the burden of disease. It is therefore against this background that employment creation, through programmes like the EPWP to be launched here today and other government employment creation initiatives remain a priority for the ruling party.

Ladies and gentlemen as the new MEC for the Department of Health, entrusted with the responsibility to give guidance and leadership in the department during this 5th administration, allow me to also use this platform to launch my programme for my first 100 days in office.

On receipt of the news for this deployment from my organization, I took time to ponder on the vision of the department and devised a strategy on how I intend to steer this department into rendering an efficient and effective health service to the people of this province. Through this exercise, a programme which seeks to accelerate our approach to service delivery within the department's health facilities was developed. The programme is in line with the proclamation made by the President of the country, Hon. Jacob Zuma on more than one occasion that during this 5th term of administration non-performance will not be tolerated.

I have highlighted key priority areas which I intend to focus and make a significance impact on during my first 100 days. The programme entails the following interventions:

- É Focus will be on turning around the worst performing health facilities focusing on the following 6 National Core Standards;
- ó Value and attitude of staff
- ó Cleanliness
- ó Waiting times
- ó Patient safety and security



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- ó Infection prevention and control
- ó Basic medicines & supplies
- É The current state of these facilities will be captured and compared to the end state after the intervention
- É Increased service delivery levels
- É Addressing long waiting queues by setting standards for maximum waiting times at different service points in the health facilities
- É Improved quality of service
- É Ensuring 100% availability of essential drugs
- É Increase productivity of staff
- É Ensuring that time taken from the date a post became vacant to the incumbent assuming duty is less than 3 month
- É Payment of benefits to terminated employees to be effected within 3 months of termination
- É Payment of municipalities and SMMEs within 30 days
- É To ensure compliance with Treasury Regulations and empowerment of SMMEs
- É Logging of patient complaints and addressing them within 5 working days



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DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS (1)

PRIORITY AREA	DETAILED ACTIVITIES
Implementation of the NHI in OR Tambo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence with the St Elizabeth core block project Completion of the Mvezo and Bumbane Clinics and Ngcwanguba EMS base
Strengthening the fight against TB and HIV&AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder engagement sessions on the implementation of the NHI project Improve access to ART by scaling up the roll out of FDC to HIV positive patients & monitor implementation thereof Intensify the campaign for detection of HIV in pregnant women through mobilising them to test early (14 weeks) so they may be put on Nevirapine Accelerate interventions to reduce TB mortality & increase access to TB treatment by mobilising communities to be screened for TB & placed on treatment

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DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS (2)

PRIORITY AREA	DETAILED ACTIVITIES
Reduction of deaths arising from male circumcision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensify awareness campaigns for both traditional and medical male circumcision Increase response levels to incidences of botched circumcisions by ensuring health facilities are prepared to receive emergency circumcision cases
Strengthening governance at districts and facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the roll out of delegations (Finance, SCM and HR) to all District Managers and CEOs for improved efficiency Head Office to continue monitoring the exercise of delegations and provide support where necessary Finalise the de-complexing of 3 hospital complexes for effective service delivery

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DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS (3)

PRIORITY AREA	DETAILED ACTIVITIES
Compliance with National Core Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid Response Teams (RRT) will be mobilised to target 25% of the worst performing facilities where they will address adherence to the 6 national core standards RRT to address issues of productivity, service levels, quality of services and data management during its visits RRT to address management of patient files to reduce the risk of medical related litigations
Patients service experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of a provincial patient focused complaints register that is linked to the Call Centre Complaints raised by patients and communities will be addressed within 5 working days

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DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS (4)

PRIORITY AREA	DETAILED ACTIVITIES
Re-engineering of Primary Health Care Services (RPHC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official launch of the RPHC programme 6 additional WBOTs to be set up to bring the teams to 390 out of the required 725 wards in the province Train 345 team leaders and 1180 CHW to increase their efficiency in bringing awareness about health care services in communities Employ 73 nurses to strengthen school health services
District Clinical Specialist Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 nurses (100%) and 16 specialists (50%) of the DCSTs will be appointed by end of July 2014 to train and improve skills of health professionals thereby reducing maternal and child mortality

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DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS (5)

PRIORITY AREA	DETAILED ACTIVITIES
Improving maternal, child and Women's Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An extensive HPV campaign will be rolled out in Sept 2014 and will focus on immunisation of grade 4 girls against cervical cancer, covering 95% of the public ordinary schools
Increase access to cataract surgeries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Small Projects Foundation (NGO) in the screening of communities for cataract surgeries
Strengthen governance of health facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint CEOs for Dora Nginza and Mthatha General hospitals and appoint the remaining 17 out of the 778 CEOs by end of the financial year
Improved EMS management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint the EMS Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the District EMS management by filling all posts by July 2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fill 534 posts of Advanced Life Support staff by August 2014

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DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS (6)

PRIORITY AREA	DETAILED ACTIVITIES
Improved EMS management (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritise training of practitioners thereby instilling professionalism, attitude change, and instilling values of Batho Pele
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expedite and strengthen the integration between EMS and forensic pathology services for better management of accident scenes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional 110 ambulances to be delivered by July 2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A vehicle tracking system to be installed on EMS vehicles by Sept 2014
Strengthen public health effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve services at Bedford orthopaedic hospital by unblocking delays with surgeries by also making use of theatres at Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore working relations with the SA Defence Force on areas of surgery

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The programme will be focusing on restoring community confidence in their government's ability to deliver quality services. Effective monitoring mechanisms have been put in place to ensure that delivery of services takes place and that we also issue out a clear message of Zero tolerance to non-service delivery. I now hereby declare the 100 day programme of action for MEC for Health officially launched.

Programme Director; allow me call upon the 60 beneficiaries of Health EPWP project and present them before this gathering. These are the men and women that have been selected through a community based selection process which has been facilitated by the Department of Health, EPWP and community leaders. We have appointed the 60 community members from within the communities surrounding the health facilities which we intend to focus on during this intervention period. These facilities are the Elliot Main Clinic, Thornhill CHC and Lizo Ngcane Clinic and each facility will receive 20 workers to conduct minor infrastructural and environmental maintenance works. We have intentionally attached these workers to their closest health facility to ensure that a culture of ownership and responsibility to community facilities is implanted.

I would like to urge all of you to think hard and treat this opportunity presented to you by our government with your utmost respect. As government we are aware of cases where communities long for opportunities like these but when opportunities are presented to them in projects of this nature, things suddenly change and people conduct themselves in an undesirable manner during working hours and forget the purpose of their appointment. I want to sincerely urge all of you to commit yourself to working hard and making a commendable difference in your communities through the work that you will be doing in these facilities.

The Health EPWP project will take place over a 20-day period and during this period you will be provided with tools to ensure that you deliver your duties effectively. You will also receive protective clothing for your safety and a stipend of R1 500. I once more urge you to make your communities proud of you and give your utmost commitment to making a difference in the lives of your community.

Honourable Mayor, I wish to enlighten you that the effects of the department's presence in this district over this two day period are a demonstration of how we intend to drive this service delivery vehicle during the next five years.

I thank you all.



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