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Department of
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FREE STATE PROVINCE

2011 MEDIA ADVISORIES AND STATEMENTS

NOVEMBER 2011

STANDARD COMPLIANCE ROAD-SHOW WORKSHOP AND SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS: PHILIP SANDERS RESORT, BLOEMFONTEIN

25 November 2011

The MEC for Health, Ms Fezi Ngubentombi cordially invites you to the Standard Compliance Roadshow Workshop and the Service Excellence Awards.

Details are as follows:

When: 29 November 2011, 9:30 for 10h00

Where: Protea Hotel central, Sanlam Plaza Bloemfontein

Why: To discuss health standards as a tool for quality healthcare and to provide an update on the National Health Amendment Bill - Scoping of OHSC (Office of Health Standard Compliance)

How: Program for Provincial Workshop

09h30 – 10h00: Refreshments and registration

10h00 – 10h30: Introduction and provincial context HOD

10h30 – 11h30: Health standards as a tool for quality healthcare

Update on National Health Amendment Bill Scoping of OHSC:

- Lessons from other regulators and general approach
- International practice and the mutually reinforcing processes of certification, monitoring and investigation
- Coordination with other health regulators

Discussion

11h30 – 12h30: Inspection and certification

Unpacking the statutory mandate

- Options for the OHSC inspectorate
- Regulated standards and National Core Standards
- Transparency as a feature of inspections internationally

12h30 – 13h15: Lunch

13h15 – 14h15: Monitoring, surveillance and early warning systems

- Exploring the rationale for M& S by OHSC
- Lessons from other regulators here & abroad
- How monitoring systems assist compliance
- The importance of early warning systems
- Identifying and measuring priority risks

Discussion

14h15 – 15h15: OHSC complaints investigation unit

Link with institutional and provincial complaints systems

- Scope of work of OHSC unit
- Need for introduction of an independent body
- Working with other regulators
- Discussion

15h15 – 15h45: General Q & A session and wrap up

15h45 – 16h00: Closing comments

16h00: Tea (with take-away options!) and departure

Service Excellence Awards Details:

Where: 29 November 2011, 18h00

Where: Protea Hotel Central, Sanlam Plaza Bloemfontein

Dress: Black Tie / evening dress

Why: The awards ceremony by the MEC emanates from the Nurses Assembly. The intention is to award Excellency in Health services.

How: Program and criteria for categories attached

RSVP on or before 28 November 2011 at 10h00 through e-mail only to: Dawn Motloheloa, E-mail: MotlohelIDA@fshealth.gov.za

THE PREMIER OF THE PROVINCE, MR ES MAGASHULE AND MEC FOR HEALTH, MS FEZI NGUBENTOMBI CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE WORLD DIABETES DAY COMMEMORATION

23 November 2011

Details are as follows:

When: Saturday, 26 November 2011

Time: 08:00

Informal programme – Starts with the health walk from 07:30

10:00 Formal Programme

Where: Moses Kotane stadium, Zamdela, Sasolburg

Theme: “Diabetes education and prevention”

Slogan: “Act on Diabetes, now”

Why: The purpose for the celebration of the World Diabetes Day commemoration is to:

- Create awareness on the existence of the Diabetes both in the elderly and the youth
- Change the way diabetes is perceived
- Educate communities on how to take care of themselves and to prevent complications.

How:

The aim of the event is to change how diabetes is perceived and managed.

On the planned day, the "Changing Diabetes Bus" from Novo Nordisk will be there to provide a service to the people suffering from diabetes and also to diagnose people suffering from diabetes.

HCT testing will also be done during the day.

The day will start with a Health Walk through Zamdela from the Moses Kotane Stadium.

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ULTRASOUND GUIDED REGIONAL ANAESTHESIA WORKSHOP

17 November 2011

You are invited to:

What: Ultrasound Guided Anaesthesia Regional Workshop

Where: Trauma Unit, Pelonomi Regional Hospital

When: Saturday, 19 November 2011, 8h00 to Sunday, 20 November 2011, 14h00

Who: Guest from USA, Dr Robert Raw, world-renowned expert on ultrasound guided regional anaesthesia.

Local delegates - Dr. Henk van Rooyen, Anthony Travers, Maria Reyneke, Lambertus van der Nest, Johannes van der Westhuizen, Cobus Louw, Edwin Turton.

Why: The workshop is aimed at private and public anaesthetists from Motheo Region to update them with the latest technology and techniques.

How: Dr Robert Raw, will present a lecture on ultrasound guided regional anaesthesia. After this the attendees will get hands on training by operating under his guidance on patients on a waiting list at Pelonomi Regional Hospital. It is expected that about 30 additional operations will be done during the workshop.

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Media will be restricted to the trauma unit. They should also please ensure that patients consent is obtained before taking photos.

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OCTOBER 2011

VISIT BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH, DR GWEN RAMOKGOPA TO VISIT HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE XHARIEP DISTRICT, FREE STATE PROVINCE

25 October 2011

The Deputy Minister plans to visit the Xhariep District on 27th and 28th October 2011. The engagements will involve site visits to the best, average and worst performing health facilities in and around the Xhariep area.

The Deputy Minister will be interacting with health workers, health facility management and community and other stakeholders in an effort to understand the successes and the challenges facing these facilities and the community as a whole.

Proposed detail program:

Day 1: 27 October 2011

09:00 – 10:00 Breakfast Briefing of Deputy Minister at Diamant District Hospital in Jagersfontein.

Attending: Head of Department and delegation: Dr S Kabane and District Management (Kopanong and Letsemeng local areas) led by Mrs P Tshegare management and health workers at Diamant District Hospital in Jagersfontein and with representatives of the governance structures in the district (Hospital boards and clinic committees.)

Agenda:

Program Director: Head of Department

Welcome and Purpose of session: MEC for Health, Ms F Ngubentombi

Profile and Services of Xhariep District, Ms P Tshegare, District Manager (20min)

Inputs and presentation by the Deputy Minister on 5 priority areas of government, Negotiated Service Delivery agreement, 10 point plan, issues of re-engineering of primary health care and non-communicable diseases, etc.

Discussion:

Closure: Program Director

11:30 -12:15 Walkthrough of hospital

12:30 - 13:00 Lunch

13:15 - 14:00 Depart for Itumeleng clinic and walkthrough and engage with service users.

14:30 - 16:00 Engagement with members of the community at the community hall in Jagersfontein.

Agenda:

Program Director: Local Health Councillor

Welcome and Introduction of guests by Executive Mayor

Introduction of the Deputy Minister by Ms F Ngubentombi

Presentation by the Deputy Minister on healthy lifestyles

Input and discussions

Vote of Thanks: District Mayor

16:30 Depart for Xhariep Dam, stopping off in Trompsburg to view the site of the new district hospital.

18:30 -19:30 Debriefing

Day 2: 28 October 2011

07:30 Delegation departs from Xhariep Dam en route to Bethulie (205km)

09:00 - 10:00 Walkthrough of Lephoi Clinic by Deputy Minister and delegation.

10:00 - 11:00 Depart from Bethulie en route to Smithfield, Thembaletu clinic. (75km).

11:00 - 12:00 Walkthrough Thembaletu clinic, Smithfield.

12:00 -13:00 Lunch at Stoffel Coetzee District Hospital, Smithfield.

13:00 - 15:00 Community engagement with community representatives at the community hall in Smithfield.

Agenda:

Program Director: Local Health Councilor: Me I Mehlomakulu

Welcome and Introduction of guests: Mayor M Shasha

Introduction of the Deputy Minister by the Action MEC for Health

Speech by the Deputy Minister of Health, Dr G Ramokgopa

Discussions

Vote of Thanks: Mayor Me Shasha

18:00 Debriefing at Bophelo House and light refreshments

RSVP:

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ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PATIENT IN NATIONAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL ON THE 16 OCTOBER 2011

25 October 2011

On the 16 October 2011 a female patient admitted in the oncology ward at the Universitas Hospital Annex, (located at National District Hospital premises) was allegedly sexually assaulted by one of the nursing personnel on duty. This, according to the allegation was perpetrated by a male nurse whilst his female counterpart looked on.

The MEC for Health Ms Fezi Ngubentombi has expressed shock and dismay at this alleged incident. If this is indeed found to be true those responsible must be severely punished without any fear of favour. Patient safety is one of our important mandates and a non-negotiable. When sick people come to our institutions, they must be treated with care and compassion. We must always safeguard the dignity of our people without fail.

What is more disturbing is that incidents of this nature continue to perpetuate the stereotype that women are but nothing but sex objects. Women have fought side by side their men folk for us to enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today including the emancipation and development of women as a sector, said MEC Fezi Ngubentombi.

As a matter of fact the MEC upon receiving the preliminary report, immediately instructed that a thorough internal departmental investigation (by the provincial quality assurance unit which is independent of the hospital) be conducted into this matter so that those found guilty can be punished accordingly or if not can be cleared as well. In addition to this, the department (through the management of Universitas hospital) met with the family and availed the services of a social worker to give emotional support to the patient. The two staff members alleged to have committed the crime have been requested not to report for duty until the investigation has been concluded.

These measures by the department will unfold side by side with the police investigation, which has also been on site to take statements to continue investigations.

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DEPUTY MINISTER, DR GM RAMOKGOPA VISITS QWAQWA ON 23 OCTOBER 2011

21 October 2011

The Deputy Minister of Health, Dr GM Ramokgopa will be visiting All African Federation of Churches.

Details are as follows:

Date: Sunday, 23 October 2011
Time: 10:00
Venue: Charles Mopeli Stadium, Qwaqwa

The theme of the visit is to address Health Equality and Development with the main focus on the Faith Based Sector.

The Minister will appreciate your attendance.

For enquiries, interview arrangements and photos, please contact:

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INVITATION TO THE SUMMIT ON THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE GREEN PAPER: 24 TO 25 OCT - PRESIDENT HOTEL

20 October 2011

The Free State Department of Health invites you to participate in discussions regarding the Green Paper on National Health Insurance.

What: The Free State Department of Health is hosting a summit on National Health Insurance

When: 24 to 25 October 2011

Where: President Hotel, Bloemfontein

Who: Expected to attend are: National Minister of Health, Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi; Free State Premier, Mr Ace Magashule; Free State MEC for Health, Fezi Ngubentombi and other MEC's.

Why: The purpose of the summit is to inform and to empower all departmental stakeholders about the content of the Green Paper of National Health Insurance. International perspective on National Health Insurance and implications for NHI in the Free State will be discussed.

How: The final program will be available at the summit.

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SEPTEMBER 2011

LAUNCH OF THE NEW LINEAR ACCELERATOR AT THE ONCOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT NATIONAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

26 September 2011

You are invited to join the launch of the new linear accelerator which was recently installed at the oncology department housed on the grounds of national district hospital. The new synergy linear accelerator (R37 million) will serve patients in the Free State, Northern Cape and Lesotho. This is the first synergy installed in sub Saharan Africa with IMRT and Stereotatic capabilities.

Details are as follows:

Date: 30 September 2011

Time: 13h00

Venue: Department of Oncology, National District Hospital

Opportunities

Interviews are available with:

- Dr Annetjie Bester, Acting Head of the Department of Oncology/Principal Specialist on the new equipment
- Ms Elna Doman, Radiologist at the Department who has been present in 1971 with the inauguration of the first machine.
- Keynote speaker.

Background information

The Department of Oncology was established in 1969 and in 1971 the first linear accelerator in the southern hemisphere was installed,

More than 2 400 new patients and 25 000 follow-up patients with various diagnoses of cancer are seen annually. Outreach clinics are hosted bi-weekly in Kroonstad, Welkom and Bethlehem. Multi-disciplinary teams meet weekly to discuss diagnoses to advise and assist patients on decision making regarding their cancer treatment.

Patients receive chemotherapy and radiation with radical and palliative intent.

Members at the unit function as a multi-disciplinary team and are patient and service orientated. So much so that the renovations, upgrades and new facilities with beautiful gardens were made possible by the dedication of the staff, supported by funding from National Treasury, the provincial Department of Health, University of the Free State: Medical Faculty, Research fund of the Department of Oncology, Harmony Mines, Merck Serono, Tema Medical and donations from Lilly, Publicis, Joe Black, Danis Langdon and Goldblatt-Yuill Architects.

The department also has an internationally recognised facility through which patients are given medication that are the cutting edge of technology.

Please confirm your attendance with Ms Gela van Heerden at 051 408 1278.

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FREE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONDUCTS PROVINCIAL NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs) WORKSHOP

7 September 2011

The purpose is to discuss issues for the greater commitment and more concerted action for the prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

The provincial workshop is a build up for the South African summit, which will look at providing analysis of the current situation with regard to NCDs in South Africa and propose solutions on the ways to reduce incidence and prevalence through the comprehensive and intersectoral interventions.

You are therefore invited to cover the proceedings regarding the programme/ workshop.

Details:

Date: 8 to 9 September 2011

Time: 8h00 to 16h00

Venue: Protea Hotel, Sanlam Plaza, Bloemfontein

Your presence will be highly appreciated.

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AUGUST 2011

CHILD HEALTH SUMMIT CONCLUDES

11 August 2011

There are overwhelming problems in child health service in our country and health workers should go to where the problems are, look for simple solutions and give more focus to achieving better outcomes on child health services, said Dr Gwen Ramokgopa, Deputy Minister for Health at the Child Health Summit hosted in Bloemfontein today.

The summit was called in an effort to refocus the attention to health issues pertaining specifically to child health. The research has shown that the Free State has a challenge with regards to the numbers of pregnant mothers and infants.

The Free State, being the first province to host a dedicated summit on child health, concluded today with resolutions which are to address structural and operational changes to the provision of child health services from primary to tertiary health care level. Highlighted, were the positive effects of the primary health care re-engineering on the health system in the Free State.

A key element of re-engineering is the creation of primary health care family-based health teams at ward level. These teams are to work with communities to improve health outcomes in paediatric and child health and are to form part of provincial primary health care re-engineering strategy.

Human resource related issues received increased attention and the need to increase the uptake for pre- and post graduate medical training, training of nurses, partnership with tertiary institutions for advanced emergency care training and post basic neo-natal nursing care.

The delivery of emergency medical services received attention and a concern highlighted was a number of hoax calls received by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) after 15h00 and the subsequent effect this has on real emergencies. The province is in the process to procure 18 designated obstetric ambulances and this it will improve service delivery. In general ambulances will also be allowed to access the nearest appropriate health facility and deviate from the referral route to ensure that the patient arrives at the health facilities in the shortest possible time.

Adding to this, the need to review data collection, interpretation and management of primary health care statistical data was highlighted. This has to assist the application of resources such as health care professionals, appropriate infrastructure and medicine and consumable procurement.

Mr ES Magashule, Premier of the Free State reminded delegates that the province is part of South Africa and therefore support the process of restructuring health services. Maternal and child health is an important focus and health must make use of the expertise available in the Faculty of Health Sciences. "We all need to go back to the basics."

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FREE STATE PROVINCE COLLABORATE TO IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH

4 August 2011

The Free State Provincial Government resolved to establish a task team of specialists to address maternal, neonatal and child mortality in the province, as was stated by the Premier in the State of Province Address.

After a situational analysis on neonatal and child health in the province was conducted, this team resolved to advise the MEC for Health and Head of Health to host a Child Health Summit that would form the strategic framework for child health in the province.

The purpose of this summit is to engage all relevant stakeholders in child health. These include community role players, academia, the professionals, the private sector, and stakeholder departments like Education, Social Development, amongst others. The intention is to highlight the challenges that face Child Health and to come up with resolutions on a way forward for the Free State on reversing mortality rates, in line with attainment of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Decreasing Maternal and Child mortality is output 2 of the National Service Delivery Agreement of Government to achieve the vision of A Long and Healthy Life for All South Africans.

The summit will also be graced by the presence and attendance of Dr Gwen Ramokgopa, Deputy Minister of Health. Members of the media are invited to interact with the MEC for Health and speakers of the day on the 10 to 11 August 2011, Ilanga Estate, Heuwilsig in Bloemfontein @09h00.

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JULY 2011

KICK TUBERCULOSIS (TB) ACTIVATION CAMPAIGN

25 July 2011

You are invited to attend the kick tuberculosis (TB) event which will be held as follows:

Date: 26 July 2011

Time: 08h00 to 10h00

Venue: Credo Primary School, Sasolburg

Theme: "On the Move to Kick Tb Out"

NB: MEC Fezi Ngubentombi will launch the campaign.

Kick TB activation is another way to raise tuberculosis awareness at schools and within the learners and educators' households. Soccer or football is used by the kick TB campaign to convey TB information and messages amongst learners because of its enormous popularity and potential as an attention-grabber.

The following are activities of kick TB activation campaign.

- poster competition
- all learners given soccer balls printed with TB signs and symptoms
- learners are further participating in score cards question response
- learners dancing for TB song by Malaika
- all attendants will watch a seven minutes TB story DVD
- four soccer teams will participate in a competition (each game to play for 10 minutes)
- presentation of prizes to winners
- there will be turbo boot character to entertain learners.

NB: All school learners (1 404) will be wearing TB Golf Shirts and each learner have own soccer ball.

What will children learn from the campaign?

- They will be able to identify signs or symptoms of TB by themselves and from people staying with them.
- Will have knowledge to seek medical help on time and by this way prevent the spread of infection.
- Will have knowledge on infection control measures.

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HEALTH'S PRIMARY HEALTH CARE RE-ENGINEERING SUMMIT

19 July 2011

You are cordially invited to the Department of Health's Primary Health Care Re Engineering Summit which will be held as follows:

Date: 21 to 22 July 2011
Time: 08h00
Venue: President Hotel: Bloemfontein

Below is the information regarding the summit.

a. Summit briefing

To improve health outcomes in the Free State province within the available funding envelope, and in preparation for the national health insurance, it is important that focus be shifted to improving and supporting primary healthcare. This would be done through a re-engineering process in line with ministerial directives and with outcome focus on the four critical negotiated outcome areas: Increase in life expectancy; decrease maternal and child mortality; Combat HIV and AIDS and burden of TB; and strengthen health systems effectiveness.

The Free State province has developed a strategy to move forward with the re-engineering process. This will have to include some other restructuring processes to ensure efficiencies and gains in health care.

1. Introduction of family based health teams linked to clinics with direct inputs at household level.

There are at present in the excess of 3 000 volunteers receiving stipends in the department that could be trained and employed as community health workers. Over the next few months, the suitable candidates will be identified and deployed in one focal area in each district as community health workers. The teams will also be utilised to obtain important information of the profile of households that we are serving with initial focus on the poorest quintiles. The teams will be increased in a phased-in approach.

2. Strengthening the school health services

While the family based teams are rolled out, school health services will be strengthened. This would allow for immediate screening processes and should remain in place until the family based teams are completely rolled out. The current scope of support will be expanded to include older children and include developmental screening and reproductive education. The initial focus will be on the first quintile schools, as selected in conjunction with the department of education.

3. Introduction of district specialist teams

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b. Draft Programme

Day 1

Session 1: Programme Director: Ms S Mnumzana

08h00 - 09h00: Registration

09h00 - 09h15: Welcome and introduction of guests

09h15 - 09h45: Official Opening of the Summit by the Premier of the Free State: Honourable Mr ES Magashule

09h45 - 10h00: Opening address by the MEC for Health, Ms Fezi Ngubentombi

10:00 - 10:30: Tea Break

Session 2: Programme Director: Dr TD Moji

10h30 - 10h50: Reengineering Primary Health Care: A National Perspective: Dr Y Pillay

10h50 - 11h10: Primary Health Care Reengineering in the Free State: Dr S Kabane: Head of Health

11h10 - 11h30: Presentation 1: Primary Health Care Outreach teams: Mr Papi Maarohanye

11h30 - 11h50: Presentation 2: School Health Services: Mr S Zuma/ Ms SRO Khokho

11h50 - 12h10: Presentation 3: District Specialist Teams: Dr MG Schoon

12h10 - 13h00: Panel discussion

13h00 - 14h00: Lunch

14h00 - 16h30: Commissions

1. Role of non governmental organisations (NGOs): Facilitated by Ms S Hugo

2. Private Sector Involvement, Facilitator: Dr Moji
3. Community Involvement in Primary Health Care: Ms M Khokho
4. Role of Training Institutions ; Dr S Kabane

16h30-17h00: Tea Break
17h30: End of Day 1
18h00: Dinner (for hotel guests only)

Day 2

Programme Director: Ms SRO Khokho

08h00 - 08h30: Registration
08h30 - 10h00: Plenary and Feedback from Commissions
10h00 - 10h30: Morning refreshments
10h30 - 13h00: Way Forward and closure
13h00 - Lunch and departure

c. Questions to be posed by commissions:

Non Profit organisations (NPO's) and programme coordinators

Key issues

1. What is the future role of NPO's in the reengineered PHC
2. What should happen in the transition shifting to the new dispensation
3. What model could be used to address the funding gap for NPO managers
4. What role could the NPO's play in providing hospice type care
5. How would reengineering affect the role of program coordinators/facilitators

Private health sector

1. How could the private sector/ private practitioners assist in improving target programmes
 - a. Tuberculosis
 - b. Immunisations/ road to health
 - c. Contraceptive service
 - d. Antenatal/postnatal care
2. Could the private sector/practitioners strengthen areas where government not able to deploy enough medical practitioners
3. What mechanisms or models could be used to engage in interactions between the public and private sectors
4. Should competency assessments and accreditation apply to all health sectors, especially in maternal and child health care

Community involvement

1. How could the security of the public and the health workers be ensured in the process of reengineering
2. Could the family PHC outreach teams functions overlap with community development workers be addressed
3. The roles of the community or wards in selecting of CHW based on provincial criteria
4. How could important community groupings be empowered to play a role in primary health care

Training institutions

1. What mechanisms should be used to align health professionals training with service delivery needs
2. How could production of targeted specialists required in the reengineering process be increased
3. Could access to health professionals training be used to staff peripheral facilities
4. What mechanism need to be developed to bridge the gap between health service delivery providers and health professional training facilities

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MEC FEZI NGUBENTOMBI TO LAUNCH FREE STATE MALE MEDICAL CIRCUMCISION

13 July 2011

The MEC for Health, Ms Fezi Ngubentombi cordially invites you to the provincial launch of the male medical circumcision.

Details are as follows:

Date: 14 July 2011

Time: informal programme: 08h00 to 09h30

Formal programme: 10h00

Venue: Zuka Baloyi Stadium; Welkom

Theme: "I am responsible, we are responsible, Free State Men are responsible"

The purpose is to encourage men to circumcise so as to eliminate and prevent sexually transmitted infections including HIV and AIDS, etc.

NB: Premier ES Magashule will deliver the keynote address.

More information on the Medical Male Circumcision (MMC)

Background:

Provincial Medical Male Circumcision (MMC) launch

The Free State Government and the Department of Health will host the provincial medical male circumcision launch campaign on 14 July 2011. The launch will be hosted in Lejweleputswa District in Welkom/Thabong, at Zoka Baloyi Stadium. The campaign aims at raising medical male circumcision awareness and encourages men to undergo medical male circumcision.

The theme for the campaign is: "I am responsible, we are responsible and Free State men are responsible"

Medical Male Circumcision (MMC) reduces the risk to; sexually transmitted infections (STI's), HIV, cervical cancer and promotes better hygiene. Male circumcision provides only partial protection against HIV. Medical Male Circumcision is performed at all public hospitals within the province as a routine medical procedure. MMC is primarily targeting males between 15 to 49 years of age.

Because of its partial protective effect, medical male circumcision is part of a comprehensive package of HIV prevention interventions. Other known effective preventive interventions against sexual transmission of HIV, such as abstinence, delay of sexual relations, faithfulness, correct and consistent use of male or female condoms, reduction in the number of sexual partners, and effective and prompt treatment of sexually-transmitted infections, remain relevant. Medically circumcised men can still become HIV infected if they don't use condoms, and men who are HIV-positive can infect their partners if they do not use condoms in addition to being circumcised.

According to research findings from randomised controlled trials, undertaken in Kenya, South Africa and Uganda, medical male circumcision reduces the risk of heterosexual transmission of HIV infection from women to men by approximately 60%. This scientific evidence led to the recommendation of World Health Organisation (WHO) and National Department of Health (NDOH) that MMC should be an additional HIV prevention intervention.

For any further information regarding MMC programme in the Free State province contact the following Department of Health officials:

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APRIL 2011

EMERGENCY MEDICAL HEROES EVENT

2 April 2011

Ms Fezi Ngubentombi, MEC for Health cordially invites you to the honouring of emergency medical heroes event.

Details are as follows:
Date: 6 April 2011
Time: 09h30 for 10h00
Venue: Auditorium, 1st Floor, Bophelo House

The purpose of the event is to:

- Honour and congratulate the Free State Emergency Medical Rescue Technicians who supported during the recent earthquakes and tsunami in Japan, as well as previous disasters in other parts of the world.
- The team will share some of their recent photos and experiences in Japan by way of a power point presentation.

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MARCH 2011

LAUNCH OF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

23 March 2011

The MEC for Health, Ms Fezi Ngubentombi cordially invites you to the launches of governance structures.

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Details are as follows:

Date: 29 March 2011

Time: 09h30 for 10h00

Venue: Boitumelo Hall, Boitumelo Regional Hospital, Kroonstad

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Details are as follows:

Date: 31 March 2011

Time: 09h30 for 10h00

Venue: Trompsburg Municipality Hall, Municipal offices, Trompsburg

The purpose of the sessions is to re-launch/re-establish the governance structures of the Free State public hospitals (hospital boards) and clinics (clinic committees) for the effective operation of these facilities and institutions.

Draft program

Opening and welcome

Keynote address - MEC F Ngubentombi

Handing over of appointment letters

Overview of the Acts

Overview of priority programs

Vote of thanks

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URGENT INVITE: MEDIA BREAKFAST

22 March 2011

You are cordially invited:

What: Media breakfast: Announcement of TB intensified case findings in Motheo District

When: Wednesday, 23 March 2011: 08h00 to 09h00

Where: Auditorium, First Floor, Bohphelo House, Harvey Road, Bloemfontein

Why: Motheo District had the highest TB Burden in 2009. Teams were deployed to do TB tracing and case finding in the Motheo Local Areas.

Who: The MEC for Health, Ms Fezi Ngubentombi, will announce the results.

How: The MEC and other members from Top Management will be present to respond to questions from the media.

Theme: 'On the move to kick TB out'

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MEDIA INVITE

18 March 2011

The MEC for Health, Ms F Ngubentombi and The MEC for Public Works, Ms ES Mabe cordially invite you to the tabling of their departmental budget votes.

What: Tabling of departmental budget votes

Who: MEC for Health, Ms F Ngubentombi and MEC for Public Works, Ms ES Mabe

When: Monday, 28 March 2011, 10:00

Where: Phiritona Village, Heilbron

How: Draft program
06h00: Health Walk
07h30: HIV Counselling and Testing

10h00: Tabling of budget vote for Department of Health and Department of Public Works.

Lunch

Please note:

The program for the day is a joint venture between the two departments and guests are welcome to attend all events listed.

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MEC FOR HEALTH TO OPEN MULTI-DRUG RESISTANT TB HOSPITAL

18 March 2011

The MEC for Health, Ms Fezi Ngubentombi cordially invites you to the opening of the (Multi-drug Resistant) – TB (Kopano) Hospital Event.

What: Opening of MDR (Multi-drug resistant) TB Unit
When: 24 March 2011, 10h00
Where: Ferdie Meyer Hall in State Way, Welkom.
Who: The Premier of the Free State, Mr Ace Magashule, will deliver the keynote address and unveil the plaque.

Why: The MDR –TB hospital is built for the MDR patients. It affects people from various backgrounds, ages and cultures; therefore it is crucial for various public organizations and government departments to contribute in the fight against MDR-TB and TB in general.

Theme: "On the move to kick TB out"

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THE MEC FOR HEALTH, MS FEZI NGUBENTOMBI CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE LAUNCH OF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, THABO MOFUTSANYANA

14 March 2011

Details are as follows:

Date: 15 March 2011
Time: 09h30 for 10h00
Venue: Town Hall, Bethlehem

The purpose of the session is to re-launch/re-establish the governance structures of the Free State public hospitals (hospital boards) and clinics (clinic committees) for the effective operation of these facilities and institutions.

Draft programme

- Opening and welcome
- Keynote address - MEC F Ngubentombi
- Handing over of appointment letters
- Overview of the Acts
- Overview of priority programmes
- Vote of thanks

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FEBRUARY 2011

MEDIA INVITATION: COMMUNITY SERVICE PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE, PROTEA HOTEL, BLOEMFONTEIN

25 February 2011

You are cordially invited to:

What: 2011 Community Service Professional Conference
Theme: The theme for the Conference is "Service in Action"
When: 3 – 4 March 2011, 08:00 - 16:00
Where: Protea Hotel, West Burger Street, Bloemfontein

Why: The purpose of the conference is to orientate new community service professional on health policies and procedures regarding their new working environment so as to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

How: Program

Day 1: Thursday, 3 February 2011

Programme director: Dr Nataniel Mofolo: Principle Family Physician, Department of Family Medicine

1. 08h00 - 08h10: Opening and welcome, Head of Health: Dr Siphon Kabane
2. 08h10 - 08h40: Keynote address by MEC for Health: Ms Fezi Ngubentombi
3. 08h40 - 09h40: New Resuscitation guidelines and management of multiple trauma patient, Dr E Esterhuizen, Principle Medical Officer, Trauma Unit Pelonomi
4. 09h40 - 10h15: Human Resource and contracts: Ms Mofubelu, Manager Human Resource Provisioning
5. 10h15 - 10h30: Tea break
6. 10h30 - 11h30: HIV Counselling and Testing (HCT), New Preventing mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) guidelines and ARVs, needle prick prophylaxis: Ms Hettie Marais, Manager Pharmaceuticals
7. 11h30 - 12h30: Use of Blood and blood products and lab tests ordering and costs, Dr C Barret
8. 12h30 - 14h00: Lunch
9. 14h00 - 15h00: Referral System and service delivery package: Dr N van Zyl
10. 15h00 - 15h30: Interns and community service structure and Communication: Dr N Mofolo
11. 15h30 - 16h30: Breaking into different groups and workshops

Day 2: Friday, 4 February 2011
Programme Director: Dr GP Mofokeng

1. 08h00 - 09h00: Adverse event reporting and management Dr Nogela/Dr Mofolo
2. 09h00 - 10h00: EDL drugs and legal prescriptions
3. 10h00 - 10h15: Tea break
4. 10h15 - 11h00: Infection control: Dr Dewald Steyn
5. 11h00 - 12h00: Documentation and medico-legal aspects: Adv C Kruger
6. 12h00 - 12h15: Closure: Executive Manager: Clinical Services: Mr Polelo

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MEC FOR HEALTH, MS FEZI NGUBENTOMBI TO MEET WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

17 February 2011

The newly appointed MEC for Health, Ms Fezi Ngubentombi, will meet with the Local Governance Structures, i.e. District Health Councils, Hospital Boards, Clinic Committees, and Mental Health Review Boards.

Date and time: Wednesday, 18 February 2011, 09h30-10h00

Place: Auditorium, 1st Floor, Bophelo House, Bloemfontein

The purpose of the session is to re-launch/re-establish the governance structures of the Free State public hospitals and clinics for the effective operation of these facilities and institutions.

As per the draft program there is a short overview planned of the TB, HIV/HCT and PMTCT/Saving Mothers program. There will be 15 min presentations to inform the delegates about the overview of these priority programs especially relevant to their districts.

Program director

1. Opening and welcome
2. Overview of the Acts: HOD
3. Overview of the priority programs: Program Managers, HIV/HCT, Tb and Saving the Mothers
4. Introduction of the MEC by the HOD
5. MEC address
6. Handing over of appointment letters by MEC
7. Vote of thanks

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THE FREE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL BE HOSTING THE 2011 PROVINCIAL NURSING SUMMIT IN PREPARATION FOR THE NATIONAL NURSING SUMMIT WHICH WILL BE HELD EARLY IN APRIL AT PRETORIA

17 February 2011

Date: 22 to 23 February 2011

Venue: Kopano Nokeng, Near the Bloemfontein International Airport, Bloemfontein

The intention is to enable the participants from a broad spectrum of individual students, practicing and retired nurses, other health professionals, representatives of Nursing unions, associations, and other groupings in the Free State to contribute and capture the substance of discussions at the National Nursing Summit in April 2011.

Draft Program

22 February 2011 * provisional provincial consultations programme
programme director

09h00-10h00	Registration and morning tea
10h00-10h10	Opening and welcome Dr S Kabane, HOD
10h10- 10h40	Keynote address Ms F Ngubentombi MEC Health
10h40-11h15	Negotiated service delivery agreement overview: HOD / Mr STC Mohapi
11h15-12h00	Nursing strategy forSA
12h00 –13h00	Discussions
13h00-14h00	Lunch
14h00-14h30	State of Nursing services in the Free State Chairperson Nurse Managers Forum
14h30 -15h00	Quality of health services in the Free State, Mr SM Zuma
15h00 – 15h45	Proposal for revision of Nursing Skill Mix Model Consultant
15h45-16h45	Discussions
16h45	tea

23 February 2011: Programme director Mr Polelo acting EM CHS

08h30-08h50	Opening and welcome Executive Manager RM
08h50-09h00	Purpose of the consultations Ms Mafubelu Chairperson Nursing Summit Task Team
09h00-09h30	Theme, sub-themes, objectives and messages Ms Mafubelu
09h30-10h30	Presentations on Sub-themes
10h30-11h00	Tea and coffee break
11h00-13h00	Parallel group discussion sessions on the sub-themes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursing education• Nursing practice• Leadership, Governance, Legislation and Policy• Ethical and value systems of nursing• Planning, Resourcing and Financing Nursing and creating an

	enablingenvironment • The Role of the Nurse in the Achievement of Positive Health Outcomes
13h00-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h00	Plenary report back session
15h00-15h30	Tea and coffee break
15h30-16h30	Plenary report back session
16h30-17h00	Summary and closure

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NEW MEC FOR HEALTH MEETS WITH GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

15 February 2011

Who and what: The newly appointed MEC for Health, Ms Fezi Ngubentombi, will meet with the local governance structures, i.e. District Health Councils, Hospital Boards, Clinic Committees and Mental Health Review Boards.

When: Wednesday, 16 February 2011, 09h00
Where: Hall, Nurses Home, Bongani Hospital, Mthusi Road, Welkom

Why: The purpose of the session is to re-launch/re-establish the governance structures of the Free State public hospitals and clinics for the effective operation of these facilities and institutions.

How: Draft program

As per the draft program there is a short overview planned of the TB, HIV and HCT and Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) and saving mothers program. There will be 15 minutes presentations to inform the delegates about the overview of these priority programs especially relevant to their districts.

Program director:

- Opening and welcome
- Overview of the acts: Head of Department

- Overview of the priority programs: program managers, HIV and HCT, tuberculosis (TB) and saving the mothers
- Introduction of the MEC by the HOD
- MEC address
- Handing over of appointment letters by MEC
- Vote of thanks

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SERVICE DELIVERY IN ACTION: COMMUNITY SERVICE ORIENTATION WORKSHOP: CITY HALL, BLOEMFONTEIN

8 February 2011

Please take note that the below event is postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

The new dates will probably be 3 and 4 March 2011, but we will confirm it with you as soon as all the arrangements are finalised.

Who: The Free State Department of Health invites you to:
What: 2011 Community Service Professional Conference
When: 10 February 2011, 08h00 to 16h00 and 11 February 2011, 08h00–12h00
Where: City Hall, Bloemfontein

Why: The purpose of the conference is to orientate new Community Service Professional on health policies and procedures regarding their new working environment so as to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

The theme for the conference is “Service in Action”.

How: Programme

Day 1: Thursday, 10 February 2011

08h00: Opening and welcome

08h10: Keynote address by Head of Health: Dr. S Kabane

08h40: Human Resource and contracts Ms MA Mofubelu, Manager HR Provisioning

09h15: Referral System and service delivery package: Dr Nick van Zyl, Clinical Head Universitas Academic Hospital

10h00: Tea break

10h15: Use of Blood and blood products and lab tests ordering and costs, Dr C Barret, Principle Medical Officer Blood Products

11h00: Essential Drug List (EDL) drugs and legal prescriptions, Ms S Schoon Manager Pharmaceutical Training

12h00: HIV Counselling and Testing (HCT), new prevent mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) guidelines and ARVs, needle prick Prophylaxis; Ms P Santho Manager ARV Pharmaceuticals

Lunch: 13h00 to 14h00

14h00: Adverse event reporting and management Dr WL Nogela: Clinical Manager Audit
14h30: Interns and community service structure and Communication, Dr N Mofolo, Principle Family Physician, Department of Family Medicine

15h00: Tea Break

15h00: Breaking into different groups and workshops.

Day 2: Friday, 11 February 2011

08h00: New Resuscitation guidelines and management of multiple trauma patient: Dr E Esterhuizen, Principle Medical Officer Trauma Unit, Pelonomi Hospital

09h00: Practical demonstrations on Resuscitation and use of Academy for Educational Development (AED): CUT, Executive Management Committee (EMC) School; Dr. E Esterhuizen, Principle Medical Officer Trauma Unit, Pelonomi Hospital

10h00: Tea Break

10h15: Infection control: Dr D Steyn, Chief Medical Officer, Infection Control Universitas Academic Hospital

11h00: Documentation and medico-legal aspects: Advocate C Kruger, Manager, Legal Services

12h00: Closure: Mr SC Polelo Acting Executive Manager Clinical Health Services

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JANUARY 2011

FREE STATE MEC FOR HEALTH MS SISI MABE TO VISIT SURVIVORS OF THE BUS ACCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE NEAR FOURIESBURG

17 January 2011

The MEC for Health, Ms Sisi Mabe is to visit survivors of the buss accident which took place on Saturday near Fouriesburg.

Details of the visit are as follows:

Date: 18 January 2011

Venue: Dihlabeng Hospital in Bethlehem

Time:10:00.

She will meet with patients and family alike. Opportunity for interviews and photos is available.

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