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**SPEECH OF THE FREE STATE MEC FOR HEALTH, MRS OUMA TSOPO, ON THE OCCASION
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Programme Director
Honoured Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

Introduction

As we approach the first decade of our democracy and freedom there is no shadow of doubt about the fact that we need to accelerate change in general and service delivery in particular. On the 27th of April 2003 we celebrated the 9th year of these hard won freedoms and democracy. Ladies and gentlemen, the historical process in this country is unfolding and no one can stop it. History is inevitable and no one can stop it.

We meet today in Maluti a Phofung to forge ahead with one of the key and fundamental historical mission, which is also at the centre-core of the transformation agenda of the ANC-led government. This transformational programme has to do with the changing of names of some of our institutions that are indeed public institutions that must reflect the aspirations of communities that they serve. We cannot bit about the bush, ladies and gentlemen, about the fact that the history of this country is an unhappy and painful one. Although we cannot keep on harping on this issue until eternity we certainly need to embrace this historical fact so that we can be able to march forward into the future.

Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi, ho fetolwa ha mabitso a tse ding tsa dibaka tsa tshebeletso ka hara profensi ya rona ya Free State ke tsela e nngwe ya ho ntlafatsa nalane ya South Africa hore e be e phethahetseng. Ha re kena dilemong tse leshome tsa tokoloho ya rona re le South Africa, re kena jwalo ka moya oo e saleng re le ho wona re le ANC. Oo ke moya o reng "South Africa ke naha ya bohle bao ba phelang ho yona, ba batsho le ba basweu". Re tla dula re tsamaya ka maikutlo le tumelo ena. Le ho fetolweng a mabitso a dibaka tse re dutse hodima maikutlo ana. Ke ka hoo re itseng mabitso ana a matjha a thehwe hodima maikutlo le ditabatabelo tsa baahi ba Free State ho ya ka dibaka tseo dibaka tse tsa tshebeletso di leng ho tsona, ho sa natse hore na mabitso ana ke a fe. Re kopana kajeno lena mona Maluti a Phofung ho tlo thakgola mabitso ana a matjha hobane baahi ba Free State ba buile mme ba beile maikutlo a bona pepeneneng. Ke le Letona La Bophelo Bo Botle ka hara profensi ena ke batla ho hlalosa hore ke motlotlo ka tsela eo dintho di tsamaileng ka teng.

Background and Context:

Programme director, indeed the people of the Free State have spoken! It is one of the sweetest fruits of our democracy that the will of the majority and the desires of the people will occupy the centre-stage and guide us all. This process of the renaming of institutions in the province was given a political blessing by the Free State Executive Council resolution number 118/2001 of the 19 September 2001. The resolution was implemented by the Free State Department of Health as follows:

- The team was established during February 2002 tasked with the responsibility of ensuring that the process of renaming unfolds

- On the 4th of April 2002 the launch of this process took place as part of the celebrations of the April Health Focus month. It must be noted therefore that it is now a year since this process was launched and it is also after a year that we converge to announce new names again during the April Health Focus month
- The process unfolded with the hosting of various activities in the districts to popularise the campaign for changing of names and to ensure community participation. These activities included mass meetings, local stakeholder meetings and various other campaigns
- By June 2002 all regions had finalised their renaming reports
- On the 19th of July 2002 a Provincial workshop was convened where a consolidated document was compiled giving 2-3 names with the motivations for the names
- The report on this process was then tabled at the Clinical Health Services meeting in July 2002 and at the Top Management meeting in August 2002
- A name was ultimately proposed for each facility by the Department of Health for consideration by the Free State Executive Council
- When the Executive Council adopted resolution 118/2001 it further referred the matter of the renaming of health facilities to the People Development Committee. During its meeting of the 6th of March 2003 the People Development Committee resolved that it supports the recommendations of the Department of Health.

Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi, bomme le bontate, jwalo ka ha ke se ke hlalositse ke motlotlo ka mokgwa oo dintho di tsamaileng ka teng malebana le ho fetolwa ha mabitso a tse ding tsa dibaka tsa rona tsa tshebeletso. Ke taba ya bohlokwa hore re be re latelletse tsela ena ya ho kenyelletsa setjhaba tabeng ya ho fetolwa ha mabitso a dibaka tsa tshebeletso. Tabeng e kang ena e etsang nalane, ho bohlokwa hore setjhaba se ngke karolo ya bohlokwa hobane setjhaba ke sona se etsang nalane.

Announcement of New Names:

Ladies and gentlemen, I now want to take this opportunity to announce the new names of the health facilities in the Free State. As I have already said the people of the Free State have spoken and thus these are the names that they have put forward to us and these names will be adorning the institutions of the Free State for years and decades to come.

In the first place I want to state that there are three institutions that were not involved in the renaming process due to their historical significance. These are Pelonomi, Moroka and Manapo hospitals. Let me however, note that in terms of Manapo hospital this hospital is still Manapo but will be now called Mofumahadi Manapo Mopeli to give the necessary respect to this name of the chieftency. This name belongs to the mother of Chief Ntsane Mopeli. The same applies to Moroka hospital. This institution will now be called Dr. J.S. Moroka to also accord the necessary respect to the person after whom it was named, Dr. J.S. Moroka. It must be noted that in terms of the African tradition people who belong to the chieftancy are not just referred to by their names, which will be out of sink with the respect that must be given to these people. As the Free State Department of Health we are thus correcting that. Pelonomi hospital remains with this name, as it is due to the profound meaning that this name has which literally means a caring Heart.

Ladies and gentlemen, I now take this opportunity to outline to you the names that have emerged following the process I have outlined above. These are the names:

Southern Free State Health Complex:

In terms of the Southern Free State Health Complex the following is the outcome of the renaming process as regard hospitals:

- National hospital changes to Dr. Nelson Mandela hospital (This name is subject to approval of the Nelson Mandela Foundation and is thus still tentative)
- Botshabelo hospital remains Botshabelo hospital
- Ladybrand hospital changes to Mantsopa hospital
- Zastron hospital changes to Embekweni hospital
- Smithfield hospital changes to Stoffel Coetzee hospital
- Jagersfontein hospital changes to Diamond/Diamant hospital

As regard the Community Health Centres (CHC) in the Southern Free State Health Complex the following is the outcome of the process:

- MUCPP changes to MUCPP Mangaung
- Heidedal CHC remains Heidedal CHC
- Petrusburg CHC changes to Bophelong CHC

In terms of the Northern Free State Health Complex the following is the outcome of the process:

- Boitumelo hospital remains Boitumelo hospital
- Goldfields hospital changes to Bongani hospital
- Heibron hospital changes to Tokollo hospital
- Frankfort hospital changes to Mafube hospital
- Sasolburg hospital changes to Metsimaholo hospital
- Parys hospital remains Parys hospital
- Odendaalsrus hospital changes to Thusanong hospital
- Bothaville hospital changes to Nala hospital
- Hoopstad hospital changes to Mohau hospital
- Virginia hospital changes to Katleho hospital
- Winburg hospital remains Winburg hospital

As regard the CHCs in the Northern Free State the following is the outcome of this process:

- * Zamdela CHC remains Zamdela CHC
- * Vredefort CHC changes to Kananelo CHC
- * PAX CHC remains PAX CHC
- * Kroonstad CHC changes to Lesedi CHC
- * Ventersburg CHC changes to Hope CHC

In terms of the Eastern Free State Health Complex the following is the outcome of the process of the renaming on health facilities:

- * Bethlehem hospital now becomes Dihlabeng hospital
- * Elizabeth Ross hospital remains Elizabeth Ross hospital
- * Harrismith hospital now becomes Thebe hospital
- * Vrede hospital now becomes Phumelela hospital
- * Phekolong hospital remains Phekolong hospital
- * Reitz hospital now becomes Nketoana hospital
- * Ficksburg hospital now becomes Phuthuloha hospital
- * Senekal hospital now becomes Itemoheng hospital
- * Clocolan hospital now becomes John Daniel Newsberry

As regard the CHCs in the Eastern Free State the following is the outcome of this process:

* Marquard CHC changes to Mamello CHC

Regarding the Academic Health Complex following is the outcome of the process:

* Oranje hospital changes to Free State Psychiatric Complex

* Universitas hospital remains Universitas hospital.

Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi, ana he ke ona mabitso ao re tla qalang ho a sebedisa ho tloha ka ona motsotso. Ke batla ho toboketsa ntlha ya hore ha ho na phehisano ya puo e se tla ba teng ka mabitso ana. Sebaka le motsotso di bile teng bakeng la phehisano malebana le mabitso ana. Ke sa phetha hape, setjhaba sa Free State se buile mme lentswe la sona le ahetswe le saka. Mang kapa mang ya tla rata ho kena diphehisano ka mabitso ana a tsebe hore terene e se e fetile.

E re ke tsebise malebana le ditleliniki ka hara profense hore re sa le motjheng wa ho fetola le mabitso a ditleliniki tse teng. Ka ona motsotso mabitso a seng a phethahetse a matjha a ditleliniki ka hara profensi ka a Botshabelo kahoo mosebetsi ona ha o so ka o phethahala dibakeng tse ding. Mosebetsi ona o ntse o tla tswella pele re shebile le ho kenywa tshebetso ka ho phethahala ha moralo wa rona wa phano ya ditshebetso tsa bophelo bo botle boemong ba setereke (DHS). Ka ona motsotso ditleliniki tse ding entse e le tsa bo-Mmasepala mme ho latela moralo ona wa ditshebetso tsa bophelo bo botle boemong ba setereke ditleliniki tse di tshwanela ho wela ka tlasa ditereke. Mosebetsi ona wa ho fetolwa ha mabitso a ditleliniki o tla tswella pele ho latela morero ona.

Conclusion:

Programme director, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen, this programme of the renaming of health facilities goes hand in hand with our Corporate Identity programme. As we launch these new names today we are also launching our logo, which will go hand in hand with these names as they are crafted on the walls of our hospitals. I want to take this opportunity to call upon the Acting Head of the Department, Mr. Shadrack Shuping, to give you a full view of this Corporate Identity programme.

Before Mr. Shuping comes, let me take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a role in this process to ensure that its outcomes become a resounding success. I thank everyone from the Free State Executive Council, the Task Team that was given the responsibility of co-ordinating the process and, most of all, the people of the Free State.

We are all shaped by history and we all shape history and thus let history be of our own making.

I thank you.