



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement  
Western Cape Provincial Parliament  
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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19**

**Friday, 14 August 2020 (14h00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

**THEME: Citizen Engagement (2)**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members:**

**Democratic Alliance**

Allen, R  
America, D  
Bartman, D  
Bosman, G  
Mitchell, D  
Philander, W  
Van der Westhuizen, A  
Wenger, M (Chairperson)

**African National Congress**

Dugmore, C  
Lekker, P  
Windvogel, R

**GOOD**

Herron, B

**Freedom Front Plus**

Marais, P

**Alternate Members**

Botha, L (DA)  
MacKenzie, R (DA)

Nkondlo, N (ANC)

Sayed, K (ANC)

**Apology**

Christians, F (ACDP)

**Absent:**

Xego, M (EFF)

**The following persons were in attendance:**

**Ministry – Social Development**

Ms S Fernandes, Minister of Social Development

Ms A Nel, Head of Ministry

Mr J Chigome, Media Liaison Officer

**Western Cape Department of Social Development**

Dr R Macdonald, Head of Department

Mr D Cowley, Director

Ms D Fortuin, Director

Ms P Momoza, Deputy Director

**Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport**

Ms J Boule, Acting Head of Department

Dr L Bouah, Chief Director: Sport and Recreation

Mr G Redman, Chief Director: Cultural Affairs

Mr D Burger, Head of Office

**BADISA**

Ms C Quickfall, Chief Executive Officer

**Cape Peninsula Organisation for the Aged**

Sr L Nix, Nursing Service Manager

Ms Y Adams, Human Resources Manager

**Age-in-Action Western Cape**

Ms I Snell-Carroll, Provincial Director

**ACVV**

Ms R Abel, Chairperson

Ms M Koornhof, Vice Chairperson

Ms L Smuts, National Manager: Older Persons

Ms H Kriel, Regional Manager: West Coast/Cape Winelands  
Ms I Nel, Regional Manager: Cape Metropole/Overberg

#### **Western Cape Older Persons Forum**

Ms A Kleinhans, Board Member  
Mr V Hendricks, Chairperson  
Mr V Groepe, Treasurer  
Ms M Blanckenberg, Coordinator: Active Ageing  
Ms J Joshua, Coordinator: Ward Committees  
Ms S Darries, Provincial Coordinator

#### **Western Cape Association for Persons with Disabilities**

Ms E Du Toit, Coordinator: Awareness and Sanitisation  
Ms E Grobbelaar, Director  
Ms C Gerber, Regional Manager: Chief Social Worker

#### **Lifeline Western Cape**

Ms G Depper, Counselling Consultant

#### **Jelly-Beanz**

Ms E Kriel, Executive Director

#### **Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer  
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

### **1. Welcome**

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, departmental officials, representatives from umbrella organisations involved with homes for older persons, homes for persons with disabilities and organisations involved in bereavement counselling and psychosocial support.

The Chairperson noted an apology from Hon F Christians (ACDP).

### **2. Briefing by the Western Cape Department of Social Development on the guidelines for prevention and management of COVID-19 infections in long term care facilities**

Mr Cowley, Ms Fortuin and Ms Momoza briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee proceeded to the next presentation.

### **3. Briefing by BADISA, the Western Cape Older Persons Forum, Age-in-Action Western Cape, Cape Peninsula Organisation for the Aged and ACVV**

The presenters of the various entities briefed the Committee on their work during the COVID-19 pandemic, how they are managing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within these facilities and the challenges they have encountered so far during the pandemic.

The Committee thanked the organisations for their hard work and dedication during the pandemic. The Committee proceeded to the next presentation.

#### **4. Briefing by the Western Cape Association for Persons with Disabilities**

Ms Du Toit briefed the Committee on the efforts the organisation has made to support COVID-19 management and awareness for persons with disabilities.

The Committee deliberated on the presentations made by the Department of Social Development, the organisations for older persons and the Western Cape Association for Persons with Disabilities.

#### **5. Briefing by the Department of Social Development and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport on the bereavement counselling and psychosocial support initiatives for individuals and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic**

Dr MacDonald briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee proceeded to the next presentations.

#### **6. Briefing by the Lifeline Western Cape and Jelly Beanz**

The presenters briefed the Committee on the bereavement counselling and psychosocial support offered to individuals and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic

The Committee engaged on the presentation from the Departments, Lifeline Western Cape and Jelly Beanz.

The Committee thanked the Departments and organisations for their presentations, and it extended its gratitude for the work that these organisations did in such a difficult space during extremely difficult times.

#### **7. Consideration and adoption of draft Committee Minutes of 17 and 22 July 2020.**

The Committee agreed that the draft Committee Minutes of 17 and 22 July would stand over until the next meeting as there was not enough time remaining to consider the draft minutes.

#### **8. Resolutions/Actions**

The Committee RESOLVED that:

- 8.1 Members would forward any additional questions to the procedural Officer by 12h00 on Monday, 17 August 2020;
- 8.2 The Department of Social Development should provide the Committee with a list of organisations that received additional funding during the pandemic, and the specific amounts that were allocated to those organisations;

- 8.3 The Department of Social Development provide the Committee with a report on any other support provided to organisations during the pandemic;
- 8.4 The Department of Social Development should provide the Committee with a report showing the breakdown of debriefing sessions held with families in the metro and in rural areas, including telephonic counselling;
- 8.5 The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport should provide the Committee with the details of the Faith-based Organisations participating in the Ministry's faith-based forum, as well as the humanitarian sub-committee;
- 8.6 The organisations representing older persons should provide the Committee with a list of clients who were affected when applying for grants from SASSA;
- 8.7 The Western Cape Association for Persons with Disabilities should provide the Committee with a list of clients who are still trying to access the temporary disability grant or the normal disability grant; and
- 8.8 The Department of Social Development and organisations dealing with children should provide the Committee with a report on challenges related to children during the pandemic, especially in hot spot areas.

The meeting adjourned at 17h00.



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**MS M WENGER, MPP**  
**CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19**  
**DATE: 9 September 2020**