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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Wednesday, 22 July 2020 (13h00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

THEME: Citizen Engagement (1)

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Dugmore, C
Lekker, P

Economic Freedom Fighters

Xego, M

GOOD

Herron, B

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, F

Alternate Members

Botha, L (DA)

MacKenzie, R (DA)
Nkondlo, N (ANC)

Apologies:

Bosman, G (DA)
Sayed, K (ANC)
Marais, P (FFPlus)
Nkondlo, N (ANC)

Absent:

Windvogel, R (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

Hospital Association of South Africa (HASA):

Dr B Valodia	Chairperson: HASA Board
Mr D Bomela	Chief Executive Officer: HASA
Mr J Mtolo	Operations and Support Manager: HASA
Mr G De Villiers	Group General Manager: Clinical Performance/Services: Mediclinic
Dr A Laubscher	Netcare Clinic: HASA
Dr N Patel	Group Chief Medical Officer: Lenmed
Mr C Heyns,	Chief Strategic Officer: Mediclinic
Mr T Frankish	Life Healthcare
Mr A Joseph	General Manager: Funder Relations - Life Healthcare
Ms M Da Costa	Director: Strategy & Health Policy – Mediclinic
Mr N Nair	CEO: National Hospital Network
Ms A Padayachee	Manager: Community and External Affairs - Life Healthcare
Mr M Prior	Funder Relations and Health Policy Executive: Life Healthcare
Mr S Smuts	Chief Clinical Officer: Mediclinic
Mr A Chohan	Chief Operations Officer: Melomed

Provincial Hospital Board Chairpersons:

Mr D Forbes	Chairperson: Metro TB Hospital Complex, Brooklyn Chest
Ms L Du Toit	Chairperson: Otto Du Plessis Hospital Board
Ms A Theron	Helderberg Hospital
Mr A Arnold	Chairperson: Helderberg Hospital Board
Mr L Jones	Chairperson: Victoria Hospital Facility Board
Dr W Willies	Chairperson: Clanwilliam Hospital Facility Board
Ms J Gous	Matron (representing Chairperson of Prince Albert Hospital Board)

COVID-19 Survivors:

Chief E Galada
Ms N Jacobs
Mr D Olyn

Members of the public:

Mr C August Reporter: SABC
Mr G Van Tonder
Mr K Pretorius
Ms S Leo
Mr A Viljoen
Ms T Bennetts

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

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, representatives of the Hospital Association of South Africa (HASA), Provincial Hospital Board Chairpersons, the three COVID-19 survivors and the public. The Chairperson noted apologies from Members G Bosman (DA), K Sayed (ANC)(Alternate), P Marais (FFP) and N Nkondlo (ANC). The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement to Members and officials in respect of virtual meetings and then proceeded to the presentations.

2. Briefing by the HASA on the following matters:

- 2.1 Readiness and responses of Private Hospitals in the Western Cape to COVID-19.**
- 2.2 Intermediate and acute bed capacity in the Western Cape for COVID-19 patients.**
- 2.3 Testing data and challenges.**
- 2.4 Cooperation with the Department of Health (provincial).**
- 2.5 The “new normal” health system post the peak.**

Dr B Valodia led the presentation by HASA and briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee proceeded to the discussion of the presentation.

The various members of HASA responded to questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee thanked HASA for its presentation and hard work in managing the pandemic.

3. Briefing by Chairpersons of the Hospital Boards on the responsiveness of the management of health facilities to the community and the needs of patients and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic and community support for, and involvement in, health facilities and their programmes.

The Chairpersons of various hospital boards across the Province briefed the Committee on the management of health facilities and the needs of the patients and families during the pandemic.

The Committee thanked the hospital board chairpersons for their continued support to the communities and respective hospitals.

4. Engagement with survivors of COVID-19 and their journey through the health system.

The Committee heard testimonies from three COVID-19 survivors in respect of their experiences with the health system as they recovered from the virus.

(a) Chief Eric Galada

Chief Eric Galada is a Traditional Leader in Langa, who has always been active in the community with HIV/AIDS and TB awareness and was involved in helping with community screening. He tested positive for COVID-19 in May and spent 14 days in isolation, which he completed on 11 June 2020. He wants to speak out to remove the stigma attached to contracting the virus.

(b) Nosisi Jacobs

Nosisi Jacobs a 33-year-old mother of three from Langa who tested positive for COVID-19. Nosisi required medical treatment in hospital at New Somerset Hospital and then isolated at a Western Cape Government Isolation facility. Her doctor at Langa CHC and the doctors at NSH arranged for her children to isolate with their mother at the Lagoon Beach Isolation Facility.

(c) Danny Olyn

Mr Danny Olyn is a 44 year old married with six children. Danny fell very ill with flu and was struggling to breathe, he did not know he had COVID-19. His condition worsened but he couldn't get an available ambulance until eventually an ambulance volunteer from his community took him to hospital in her car. He was stabilised at Retreat Clinic and then transferred to Victoria. His condition was so bad that they had to transfer him to Groote Schuur for specialised treatment. He was in ICU and on a ventilator over the period of 2-3 weeks in a very serious condition. He kept fighting and survived.

The Committee thanked the three COVID-19 survivors for having the courage to speak to the Committee regarding their experiences.

5. Consideration and adoption of draft Committee Minutes of 15 July 2020.

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Minutes of 15 July 2020 without amendments.

6. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee were informed to forward any additional questions, resolutions and requests for information stemming from the meeting to the Procedural Officer by 12h00 on Monday, 27 July 2020.

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The meeting adjourned at 15h22.



MS M WENGER, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

DATE: 9 September 2020