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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Social Development)

Tuesday, 17 February 2015, (at 08:30), Committee Room 2

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Botha LJ

Marais AJD (Chairperson)

Wenger MM

African National Congress

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Additional Members

Lekker P (ANC)

Makeleni P (ANC)

Officials in attendance

Department of Social Development:

Dr R Macdonald: Head of Department

Ms M Johnson: Chief Director

Mr C Jordan: Chief Director

Mr MJ Hewu: Chief Director

Mr J Smith: Chief Director

- 1. Briefing by the Department of Social Development on the Department's Quarterly Performance report for the period July – December 2014, using the format of reporting contained in the National Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (PDME) guidelines for the implementation of Provincially quarterly performance reports, including both Nationally and Provincially determined indicators**

The Committee proceeded to the briefing by Ms. M Johnson on the Department's Quarterly Performance Report for the period July – December 2014.

She informed the Committee that where the Department achieved the desired performance of 95%- 100% as far as ability of people to access the services is concerned, it means that the target has been achieved. The rationale is that, the Department offers demand driven services, where the output is between 50 -99% means the output is partially achieved, and 0 -49% means the output has not been achieved.

The Department indicated that their presentation on Quarterly Performance Reporting contains 49 indicators which the Department currently uses to measure its performance and the budget allocated to these sub-programmes to deliver the services measured by the indicators. Due to the length of the presentation, the Department requested to focus only on those indicators that have either been partially achieved or not achieved in the first and second quarters.

The Department informed the Committee that the following indicators were not or partially achieved it also gave an in-depth explanation on the reasons:

1. On Sub Programme: Care and Services to Older Persons accessing funded residential facilities during the first and second quarter, the Department indicated that for both quarters, the targets were partially achieved because one of the service providers cancelled its contract with the Department and the residential facility clients were transferred to a Catholic facility not funded the Department.
2. Sub Programme: Service to Persons with Disabilities, in the first and second quarters, the targets were not achieved under Persons with Disabilities community based day care programmes, reasons being, transporting of clients to the NGOs is always a challenge and some NGOs struggle to appoint qualified Social Workers as required by the Department. Department indicated that they fund the vacancies to appoint Social Workers in these NGOs; The NGOs received funds upfront and are required to appoint a qualified social worker within four months failing which, the Department withdraws its funding.
3. Sub Programme: Care and Support Services to Families participating in the parenting programme. This programme runs for six weeks and the Department reports on families who completed the programme not just by participating.
4. Sub Programme: Child Care and Protection Service of children reunited with their families or alternative caregivers. The Department mentioned that it finds it challenging to achieve the targets set in this programme due to complex situations that are associated with ensuring compliance of the *Children's Act 38 of 2005*. Members were also informed that the other contributing factor was the fact that all foster care extensions needed to be approved by the Courts and due to backlog, courts took time to approve applications, the Department further informed the Committee that they are hoping for improvement on this programme because all foster care extensions are now conducted by Social Workers.
5. Sub Programme: Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Partial Care of children between 0 -5 years accessing Early Childhood Development services: The Department informed Members that currently they are funding 84 000 children in ECD's across the province and the reason why the targets were not achieved in the first and second quarter was owing to the zoning of ECDs by the City of Cape. The Department indicated that the numbers are going to improve as the zoning issue has been resolved by the City, currently ECD's that are operating from informal settlements are getting temporary registration but the safety of children is always a priority.
6. Sub Programme: Social Crime Prevention and Support of children in conflict with the law who completed diversion programmes. The Department indicated that some of the contributing factors for not achieving the targets are, transporting the children to the diversion programme and the Non Profit Organisations that provides the programme often cannot get a big group of children at once because referrals to the programmes are made by courts.
7. Sub Programme: Victim Empowerment of youth completing gender based violence prevention programme, during the second quarter the target was not achieved, the

Department mentioned that one of the funded NGOs that was providing the services cancel its contract with the Department.

8. Sub Programme: Substance Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation, the targets sets by the Department were not achieved in both quarters the Committee was informed that the NGO that was rendering the services requested termination of its contract with the Department due to lack of Social Workers on the NGO's side.
9. Sub Programme: Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods of qualifying beneficiaries receiving meals at Department funded feeding sites and of MOD Centres supported with meals by DSD. The Department said that currently the programme has been confronted by many challenges resulting in targets not being achieved in both quarters. The Department informed the Committee that it has provided feeding in 138 schools instead of 140 due to the fact that two schools did not have coaches and MOD Centre coordinators and another reason was that an NPO that was feeding in 32 sites served rotten food and the contract was terminated. The Department acknowledged that the MOD Centre programme is not working within the Department of Social Development and as a result the Department is planning to incorporate it and shifting the funds for this programme to the Department of Education's feeding scheme. Members emphasized that they are not happy with the way the Department was handling the MOD Centre programme, they mentioned that during the Annual Report 2013/2014 the Department indicated that R30 million was transferred to the MOD Centre programme and now targets have not been achieved, Members said this was unacceptable, the funds could have been used better.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation by the Department.

The Committee RESOLVED that the Department briefs the Committee on:

1. The Substance Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation sub-programme.
2. The Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable livelihoods.
3. The impact studies of families participating in parenting programme.

The Committee requested the Department to provide the following information:

1. A List of funded Non-Governmental Organisations that provide services to Persons with Disabilities in the Metro sub - district.
2. A List of special schools in the province with criteria of children that can be referred to such schools.
3. A List and a detailed process followed to appoint service providers in MOD Centers.
4. A Progress report on the amalgamation of special schools from Department of Social Development to Department of Education.

The meeting adjourned at 10h30.

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CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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