



11/4/1/1/2

Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement Western Cape Provincial Parliament IPalamente yePhondo leNtshona Koloni

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Tuesday, 31 July 2019, (at 09:00) Committee Room 1

PRESENT

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Allen, RI

Botha, LJ

Philander, WF (Chairperson)

African National Congress

Windvogel, R

Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)

Xego, M

Additional Members

Bosman, G (DA)

Bans, AP (ANC)

Persons in attendance

See the attached register

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

She outlined the purpose of the meeting which was to familiarise the Committee with the programmes of the Department and to formally meet the department as the new Committee. The meeting also aimed to assist the committee in formulating its programme for the current financial year which ends on 31 March 2020.

Dr. Engelbrecht, Head of the Department of Health gave a brief overview on the overall performance of the Department. The HOD reported that the Department allocated budget for the current financial year is R24.billion. The Department continue to operate under pressure due to budget constraints.

The demand for healthcare services continues to grow and this is unlikely to change given the trends in the social determinants of health and wellbeing. The quadruple burden of disease places an enormous strain on the health system and an increasing number of people visiting health facilities with multiple health problems. Furthermore, the burden of psychiatric patients in general hospitals is a significant ongoing challenge for the Department.

Dr. Engelbrecht reported that the Department has received an unqualified and clean audit for the past three years.

2. Briefing by the Department of Health on the Department's Annual Performance Plan for the 2019/2020 financial year

Dr. Vallabhjee, Chief Director Strategy briefed the Committee on the Annual Performance Plan of the Department for 2019/2020. He informed the Committee that the Department provides health services to approximately 75% of the 6.6 million total population of the Western Cape. He highlighted that non-communicable diseases, injuries, infectious diseases, and maternal and child health are the four largest burdens of diseases in the province, whilst the injuries, such as the road traffic and interpersonal violence, and infectious diseases such as HIV and TB were the leading causes of death among young people in the province.

Dr. Vallabhjee informed the Committee that 88% of the Department's budget is committed to service delivery. The total 24.billion budget allocation of the Department is allocated as follows, 3.4% is allocated to Programme 1: administration, 40% of the budget to Programme 2: District Health Services, 4.7% allocated to Programme 3: Emergency Medical Services, 15.8% budget allocation to Programme 4: Provincial Hospital Services, 28.0% allocated to Programme 5: Central Hospital Services, 1.4% is allocated to Programme 6: Health Care Support, 2.0% allocated to Programme 7: Health Sciences and Training, whilst 4.7% is allocated to Programme 8: Health Facility Management.

In the 2019/2020 financial year, the target for broadband access is 100% for hospitals and 95.5% for the clinics, while the target for the Primary Health Care utilisation rate is 2.2 visits per person. The target for the ideal clinic status rate in 2019/2020 is 90.5%, whilst the Department has a target of 98% complaint resolution within 25 working days rate in 2019/2020.

In the current financial year, the target for the ART retention in care after 12 months is 63% and was 59.6% in 2018/2019. The Department raised a concern that 40% of patients fall off the system, while the 2019/2020 target is 9.6% for TB clients lost to follow-up rate. The Department mentioned that it was 11.1% in 2018/2019, this is also a concern. Patients stop the treatment due to a number of reasons namely, migration, farm seasoned work and change of patients address.

The target for the number of roasted ambulances in 2019/2020 financial year is 249 while it was 254 in 2018/2019. The Department reported that there are few ambulances on the road due to attacks on the EMS officials, violence in communities and red zone areas.

In programme 7: Healthcare Support Services, in 2019/2020, the Department has set a target of R4.33 for the average cost per item laundered in house and was R4.15 in 2018/2019.

Minister Mbombo tendered an apology for arriving late. She indicated that the 5 year Strategic Plan and the Annual Performance Plan of the Department are guided by the legislative planning framework. In the planning phase, the Department takes to account the Global and National Policy Frameworks that covers the Sustainable Development Goals, Chapter 10 of the National Development Plan 2030, National Health Insurance and the Universal Health Coverage. She indicated that the

Strategic Goals of the Department between 2014 -2019 were focused on promoting health and wellness, and embedded good governance and value-driven leadership practices.

The Department's Healthcare 2030 vision is a road to wellness, access to person-centred quality care. It aims to shift focus from illness to wellness by motivating the population to take responsibility for their health. The Departmental Transformation Strategy towards Healthcare 2030 has a service, governance and cultural change and dispersed leadership as the three priority areas.

The Minister indicated that the approach of the Department to Universal Health is an alternative which a Universal Health Care (UHC). The NHI does not talk to service and the private sector is not supportive of it, however, the private sector is very keen to the provincial UHC due to the economic crises. Part of the Department's 5 year strategy is focusing on health system strengthening towards improving the Universal Health Care. The provincial Universal Health Care is focused on strengthening the healthcare, policy response, bottom-up approach to the Universal Health Care, stewardship role and engage with relevant stakeholders.

The service transformation towards the Universal Health Care aims to bend the curve of disease coming to the Department, dampen demand on the services and redesign the service delivery models and platform. The Department also reported that it is planning to partner and collaborate stewardship with other provinces such as Eastern Cape, KZN, and Gauteng.

The Department is collaborating with other Departments and Municipalities on the Whole of Society Approach (WoSA) to give dignity and change the quality of life along the life course for the vulnerable group between the 0-18 years, the providers between 18-60 years and wise between 60 years and older. The WoSA advocate for broader change to address the social, spatial and economic determinates. The learning sites for the WoSA are in Saldanha, Drakenstein, Manenberg and Hanover Park and Khayelitsha.

The Minister emphasised that the Department operate within a fragile environment that is bedded between intractable service pressures and reducing budget allocations. The Department is the process of developing its strategy and the next- five year plan.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation.

3. Resolution

3.1 The Committee RESOLVED to visit the WoSA learning sites in Manenberg and Hanover Park.

4. Information requested by the Committee

The Committee requested that the Department by Friday, 30 August 2019, provides the Committee with detailed information on the outsourcing and insourcing of laundry services in the province. This should include comparison in terms of budget allocation to the outsourced and insourced laundry.

5. Consideration and adoption of the following draft Committee documents:

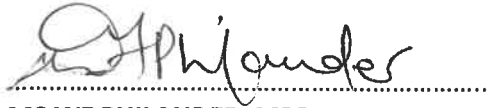
5.1 The Chairperson tabled the Minutes of 4 June 2019 which were considered and adopted.

5.2 The Chairperson tabled the draft Committee Programme for consideration during the meeting.

6. Other Matters for discussion

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the Office of the Health Standing Compliance is planning a meeting with the Committee and Health Stakeholders. The date of the meeting will be communicated once the Committee receives a formal communication letter.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WF Philander', written over a dotted line.

MS WF PHILANDER, MPP

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT**

DATE: