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Shape up or ship out.

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This is what MEC for Health and Social Development Mme Dikeledi Magadzi said to Helena Franz hospital board members following reports that the group was antagonistic towards hospital management.

Magadzi was speaking at a ceremony held at Bolivia lodge, east of the capital Polokwane, where she was inaugurating new hospital board members across the province.

"I am told that hospital board members at Helena Franz are antagonistic towards hospital management," she said before ordering the group to stand up so that everyone could see them.

She went on: "My predecessor disbanded them. I am going to do the same... You better shape up or ship out."

Magadzi who is revered for her good leadership skills, salutary wit and legendary abhorrence for idleness also urged hospital CEOs to ensure that they have a good working relationship with the communities they service.

"CEOs who can't work with our communities must also get out," she said, sending the packed hall into a crack of ovations.



MEC, Mme Dikeledi Magadzi during her address to newly appointed board members

The MEC praised the newly- installed board members and urged them to work hard in assisting the department to better manage the hospitals.

"You are a distinguished lot. I know that I am working with men and women of honour who volunteered their time and skills in making sure that we achieve our mandate of delivering quality healthcare for our people".

The MEC concluded her address by giving her cell-phone number to all hospital board members urging them to communicate directly with her where there is a need.

We bring to you the event in pictures...



The leadership...



District execs in attentive mode



New brooms...



I officially declare you board members...

EDITORIAL COLUMN

BY NTHELE MOTSEPE

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Monday symbolizes the launch of the department's new website.

Special thanks go to the newly-appointed website team, especially Melodi Moeti, Koos Joseph Mpyana and their band for burning the midnight oil in a quest to come up with this new look and feel.

Congratulations are also in order for colleagues and units for contributing images, text and information ranging from updated lists of our hospitals to updated lists of senior management etc.

Since this is a new baby, chances of the website being devoid of slip-ups and omissions are in the last degree. The success or even miscarriage of this website hinges critically on criticism and contributions of all staff members.

Let us all join hands in a joint effort of portraying our department positively in the eyes of our clientele and in the estimation of sister-departments – both here at home and abroad.

Just like any other communication platform, a website require never-ending updating, for example; staff members vacate their posts and new people come in and certain information loses its newsworthiness. The department relies on all of us to spot such and bring them to the attention of communications if we are to have a vibrant and timely website.

Suggestions and feedback can be directed to Communications.

Check us out next week on www.dhsd.limpopo.gov.za...

Upcoming activities...

By Phaladi Seakgwe (Editor)

MEC Mme, Dikeledi Magadzi together with Deputy Minister of health Dr GM Ramokgopa in partnership with ZZ2 will launch the farm HCT Campaign this Sunday 21 August 2011 at Boekenhoutbult, Moeketsi in the District municipality of Mopani.

The theme for this campaign is “We are responsible...”

The time for the main event is 11h00
Lots of information, education, services and entertainment to be provided!



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