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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

Wednesday, 31 March 2021 (14:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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
Windvogel, R

African Christian Democratic Party

Christians, F

Apologies

Herron, B (GOOD)
Sayed, K (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

Department of Health:

Professor N Mbombo, Minister of Health

Dr K Cloete, Head of Department

Dr K Vallabhjee, Chief Director: Strategy and Health Support

South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA)

Dr B Semete-Makokotlela: Chief Executive Officer

Western Cape Provincial Parliament

Ms S Jones, Procedural Officer

Ms W Hassan Mossa, Procedural Officer

Mr B Daza, Senior Procedural Officer

The Chairperson acknowledged apologies from Members B Herron (GOOD) and K Sayed (ANC)

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, Minister Mbombo and officials from the Department of Health, members of the public and media.

The Chairperson explained the rules of engagement to Members and officials in respect of virtual meetings and then proceeded to the presentations.

Minister opened the briefing and provided an overview of the current matters pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Briefing by Head of the Department of Health

Dr Cloete and Minister Mbombo briefed the Committee on the situational analysis, health update and the results of the seroprevalence study. Further discussions were held on the projections of a possible third wave and an update was provided on the vaccine roll-out in the Western Cape.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation.

The Chairperson thanked the Minister and Dr Cloete for the briefing.

3. Briefing by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA)

Dr Semete briefed the Committee on the regulatory environment regarding vaccines in general. She elaborated on how pharmaceutical companies apply for and obtain approvals for COVID-19 vaccines, the expected timelines for COVID-19 vaccine approvals and information on the recent emergency-use approval of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in South Africa. Further discussions were held on other COVID-19 vaccine applications.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation.

The Chairperson thanked Dr Semete for her presentation.

4. Consideration and Adoption of Draft Committee Minutes dated 4 March 2021

The Chairperson tabled the draft minutes which were considered and adopted.

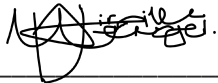
5. Resolutions

5.1 The Committee RESOLVED to:

5.1.1 Submit any additional questions, resolutions, requests for information and recommendations to the Procedural Officer by 12h00 on Monday, 6 April 2021; and

5.1.2 Request the Department of Health to provide the Committee with the statistics of trauma cases admitted to Western Cape public hospitals during peak holiday periods and long weekends for the period of three years, in order for the Committee to comprehend the impact of the regulations regarding a) limitations placed on the sale of alcohol and b) curfews on the health system.

The meeting adjourned at 16:15.



MS M WENGER, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19

DATE: