



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Hon. Speaker (Ms Beatrice Elachi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPER

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chair of Budget.

Hon. Robert Mbatia: Thank you, Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No.191 (6), I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly today, Wednesday 11th March 2020:

The report of the Select Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the enquiry on the Nairobi City County Revenue Collection Practices, Procedures and Accountability Frameworks. This is phase one of the report. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to lay.

(The Paper was laid on the Table of the Assembly)

NOTICES OF MOTION

ENQUIRY OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY REVENUE COLLECTION PRACTICES, PROCEDURES AND ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

Hon. Robert Mbatia: Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion:

THAT, this Assembly adopts the reports of the Select Committee on the County Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the enquiry of the Nairobi City County Revenue Collection Practices, Procedures and Accountability Framework phase one, laid on the table of Assembly today, Wednesday 11th March 2020.

MOTION

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Millicent Okatch

DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SECTOR STRATEGIC PLAN AND INVESTMENT

Hon. Millicent Okatch: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:

THAT, aware that Access to and provision of quality health care is a basic right guaranteed by the 2010 Constitution of Kenya; further aware that health is a devolved function under the Constitution, specially under the Fourth Schedule, Part II, which provides that the County shall be responsible for health services, including, in particular county health facilities and pharmacies; ambulance services; promotion of primary health care; observing that whereas the devolution of health services was intended to usher in a new dawn in health services management, recent experience from Nairobi residents in health facilities indicate a slowed realization of the same; recognizing that the County government has indeed invested heavily in its facilities, which investment has seen great improvements in provision of health services across County health facilities; deeply concerned that despite the foregoing, the sector is currently bedeviled with monumental challenges ranging from capacity gaps, human resource deficiency, lack of critical legal and institutional infrastructure, rampant corruption and a conflictual relationship with the national government; realizing that the net effect of these challenges is the stagnation of healthcare and even a reversal of some gains made over the past six years; acknowledging that the previous administration had a draft strategic plan and investment such challenges, this Assembly urges the County Executive to move with speed and finalize on the draft plan and/or develop a comprehensive Health Sector Strategic Plan and Investment that will address the various challenging bedeviling the health services in the County.

Hon. Speaker, the Constitution of 2010 ushered in devolution as the latest and the highest form of decentralization in Kenya. The Health Sector was the largest sector to be devolved under the new governance agreement. The rationale for devolving the sector was to allow the county governments to design innovative models and interventions that suited the unique health needs in the context, encourage effective citizen participation, make autonomous and quick decisions, and resource mobilization and management of possible issues.

However, the sector in nearly all counties is currently bedeviled with monumental challenges ranging from capacity gaps, human resource deficiency, lack of critical, legal and institution infrastructure, rampant corruption and conflictual relationship with the National Government. The net effect of these challenges is stagnation of healthcare and even reversal of some gains.

According to health indicators, no doubt on what is needed to guarantee an all-inclusive right based approach to health services delivery. It is pure institutionalization to ensure that there is good governance and effective community participation. This must however be accompanied by wider governance reforms in the Constitution for sustainable healthcare reforms.

Hon. Speaker, everyone has a right to good health and wellbeing, including getting medical treatment from qualified professionals, but this is not always the case not only in Nairobi City County but in the entire country where there are illegal clinics and fake medical dispensaries.

Hon. Speaker, the previous administration of the County Government was in the process of reversing the Nairobi City County Health Sector Strategic and Investment Plan 2013 - 2014 and 2018 - 2019 based on the experience of the first three years of the implementation plan. The objective was to align the content and strategies of the previous draft strategic and investment plan of the County Policy document particularly the County Strategic Plan, County Health Policy 2016 – 2020, and the Nairobi City County Human Resource for Health Policy 2016 – 2020 which was formalized after the First Draft Strategic Plan was completed. The

revision was also being informed greatly by the Kenya Health Policy 2014 - 2030 the Kenya Health Sector Strategic and Investment Plan 2014 – 2018 and the Nairobi Health Sector Medium Term Expenditure Framework 2014 – 2018. The proposed plan was focusing on the following health sector's objectives:

- a) Elimination of communal conditions;
- b) Halting and reversing the rising burden of non-communal conditions;
- c) Reducing the burden of violence and injuries;
- d) Provision of essential health care;
- e) Minimizing exposure to health risk factors;
- f) Strengthening collaborations with health related sectors; and the seventh objective that is specific to the county
- g) Improving emergency referral and rehabilitative services - This plan provides direction for Implementation, coordination and monitoring of health services delivery in Nairobi City County where the County Government was determined to improve access to quality health service with a special focus on urban slums through targeted interventions.

Hon. Speaker, the recent cases of poor health services delivery by the County Government and the private health centers to the residents of the county where hospitals are under staffed, poorly managed in some cases, mismanaged in others and lack of essential drugs almost throughout the year.

I request this Assembly to approve this very important motion. I also urge the County Executive to move with speed and finalize on the draft plan and or develop a comprehensive Health Sector Strategic Plan and Investment that will address the various challenges bedeviling the health service in the County.

I call upon Hon. Wanyoike to second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Wanyoike, Chair of Labour.

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: The mover?

Hon. Millicent Okatch: I beg to reply, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon Members, there being no any other business this House adjourns to Thursday 12th March 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.20 p.m.

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