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Pursuant to Standing Order 180 (6) I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly, today Tuesday 24th March, 2015.

**THE FOURTEENTH REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES
ON THE INSPECTION VISIT TO JERICHO HEALTH CENTRE.**

(The Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Health Services)

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FOURTEENTH REPORT
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SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES
INSPECTION VISIT TO JERICO HEALTH CENTRE

MARCH, 2015

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

- VCT.....Voluntary Counselling and Testing
- TBTuberculosis
- HIVHuman Immuno-deficiency Virus
- ARV'S..... Antiretroviral(drugs to maximally suppress the HIV virus and stop the progression of HIV disease)
- HSSF..... Health Sector Services Fund
- KEMSA..... Kenya Medical Supplies Authority

1.0 PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Members of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the Assembly, the Committee's Fourteenth Report on inspection site visit to Jericho Health Centre on 9th February 2015.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Jericho health centre is situated in Makadara Sub County.

The facility is approximately 8 km drive from the city centre along Jogoo road.

The Health Services Committee resolved to visit the Jericho Health Centre to inquire into the true state of affairs at the facility following a complaint by the area Member of County Assembly over the lack of drugs in the facility. The visit was thus conducted on 9th February 2015.

2.1 Committee Mandate

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee on Health Services is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order No. 191 (5) which provides that, the functions of a Sectoral Committee shall be to:-

- Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- Study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- Study and review all county legislation referred to it;
- Study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
- To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 185 (Committee on Appointments); and
- Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.
- **Mandate:** All matters related to county health services, including, in particular County health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession), cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria.

2.2 Committee Membership

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Sectoral Committee on Health Services was constituted by the Assembly on Tuesday, May 7th 2013 comprising of the following Members:-

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| 1. Hon. Manoah Karega Mboku,
MCA- Chairperson | 8. Hon. Peter Wahinya Kimuhu,
MCA |
| 2. Hon. Martin Mugo Kanyi, MCA-
Deputy Chairperson | 9. Hon. Charles Thuo Wakarindi,
MCA |
| 3. Hon. George Ochieng Ochola,
MCA | 10. Hon. Tabitha Juma, MCA |
| 4. Hon. Samwel Nyaberi
Nyang'wara, MCA | 11. Hon. Rose Nancy Luchiri, MCA |
| 5. Hon. Elizabeth Akinyi Manyala,
MCA | 12. Hon. Elizabeth Sang, MCA |
| 6. Hon. Peter Oweru Oluoch,
MCA | 13. Hon. Florence Athembo, MCA |
| 7. Hon. Erastus Muiruri Mburu,
MCA | 14. Hon. Susan Karimi Njue, MCA |
| | 15. Hon. Abdi Mohammed, MCA |
| | 16. Hon. Leah Mumo Mate, MCA |
| | 17. Hon. Karen Wanjiku, MCA |

2.3 Committee Meetings

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee held a series of meetings where in one of the meetings the Committee resolved to visit Jericho Health Centre. The objective of the visit was to inspect the status of the facility with a view to making recommendations for corrective action in regard to its operations in service delivery to the citizens of the County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Fourteenth Report of the Committee on the visit to Jericho Health Centre.

2.4 Acknowledgement

Mr. Speaker Sir, May I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the visit.

The Sectoral Committee on Health Services wishes to thank the office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Nairobi City County Assembly for the continuous maximum support and guidance extended to it in the execution of its mandate.

Mr. Speaker Sir, It is my pleasure, duty and privilege to present and recommend this report to the Assembly for adoption.

Thank you.

Signed

Hon. Manoah Karega Mboku, MCA, Chairperson of the Health Services Committee

3.0 INSPECTION OF JERICHO HEALTH CENTRE

The Committee visited Jericho Health Centre on 9th February 2015 at 11.30 am and was accompanied by a team from the County Health Services department.

The Committee was received by the Medical Officer of Health, Makadara. The delegation proceeded into a room where a meeting was held and several issues were discussed and noted.

After deliberations in the meeting the Committee was taken on a tour of the facility.

The observations and challenges noted by the Committee are highlighted in this report.

4.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The Committee observed several issues as noted below:-

i. On Operations

- The health centre is a 24 hour facility providing curative and maternal & child healthcare services.
- The facility has 47 staff and receives an estimated 300-400 patients in a day.
- The facility has 2 lab technicians and 5 clinical officers, one permanently stationed at the Comprehensive Care Clinic.
- The facility has got antenatal and postnatal care clinics. It offers cervical cancer screening tests, basic tests, VCT, TB diagnosis tests and has a pharmacy.
- They have insecurity issues as they have only 2 watchmen, one to guard during the day and the other at night.
- They do receive funds from Health Sector Services Fund (HSSF) for running the facility but not regularly.
- There are insufficient drugs. In an emergency they have to purchase important drugs elsewhere to attend the emergency. Patients are also referred to go and buy drugs from outside.
- With a view that this is a 24 hour operation facility, the Nurses are overworked due to understaffing. 23 Nurses are distributed to operate around the satellite clinics in the Sub County and this results in lack of effectiveness in service provision to the citizens.
- The facility has no ambulance. There is only one ambulance for Makadara sub-county which is not fully functional as it has got no tyres. There is also no utility vehicle to offer transport services.
- There is only one driver who is shared between Embakasi and Njiru districts.

ii. Patient waiting bay

-It is situated at the main entrance and serves as the main waiting bay for all patients visiting the centre.

-There is a patient registration records office.

iii. Registration records office

- There are no record cards and patient registration cards in the facility.
- Lack of adequate registration clerks, apparently they are 3 and yet the center is a 24 hour facility.
- Patients buy exercise books for keeping their medical records.
- There are no computers and stationary.

iv. Incinerator

- It's situated at the back of the facility and is meant for burning waste material at high temperatures until it is reduced to ash.
- It is not functional because the walls are cracking this is due to poor construction of the structure.
- It is not locked due to lack of a padlock.

v. Toilets

- The toilets are not fully functional due to lack of water. The sinks do not have flowing water and therefore they use buckets to fetch water.
- There is only one tank with water.
- There is no water pump for pumping water into the tanks that are positioned on the roofs.
- Staff toilet has been turned into a store.

vi. Laboratory

- Congested and has two (2) technicians. They need one more because the health centre is a 24 hour facility.
- No laboratory assistant as the one they had retired.
- There is a shortage of lab reagents.
- It has inadequate laboratory equipment.
- No dust coats from the County.
- It received the ISO 1598-2014 award in the year 2014.
- It was the best improved laboratory in Nairobi City County in 2014 and the second best in the Country. Aphia plus gives support to the facility in terms of trainings.

vii. Tuberculosis Clinic and Comprehensive Care Clinic (CCC)

- This is where HIV patients are taken care of.
- It doubles as the nurse's changing room due to lack of enough rooms.
- The room also functions as a TB treatment room.
- It also serves as the injection room due to lack of rooms.

viii. Pharmacy

- The pharmacy is depleted of medical supplies. The last supply from KEMSA was done in August 2014 and KEMSA has since then declined to supply further due to non-payment of previous supplies.
- Drugs were ordered in September 2014, no deliveries yet had been made.
- No gloves and dressing materials.

ix. Antenatal Room

- This is a clinic where medical care is given to expectant mothers.
- The facility is also used for family planning.
- It is also used for cervical cancer screening; this is because of inadequate rooms.

x. School Health Building

- All obsolete items are kept in this building which houses a couple of rooms. This is because the items have not been audited for disposal.

xi. Compound

- o The perimeter fence in place is not in good enough as it is made of barbed wire.
- o A perimeter wall should be erected. The specifications are that it should be of concrete up to a height of about one meter and the rest of the height be made of metal bars that can give a view of the facility from outside.
- o The facility land at the back has been grabbed and the land grabber has already dug a foundation.

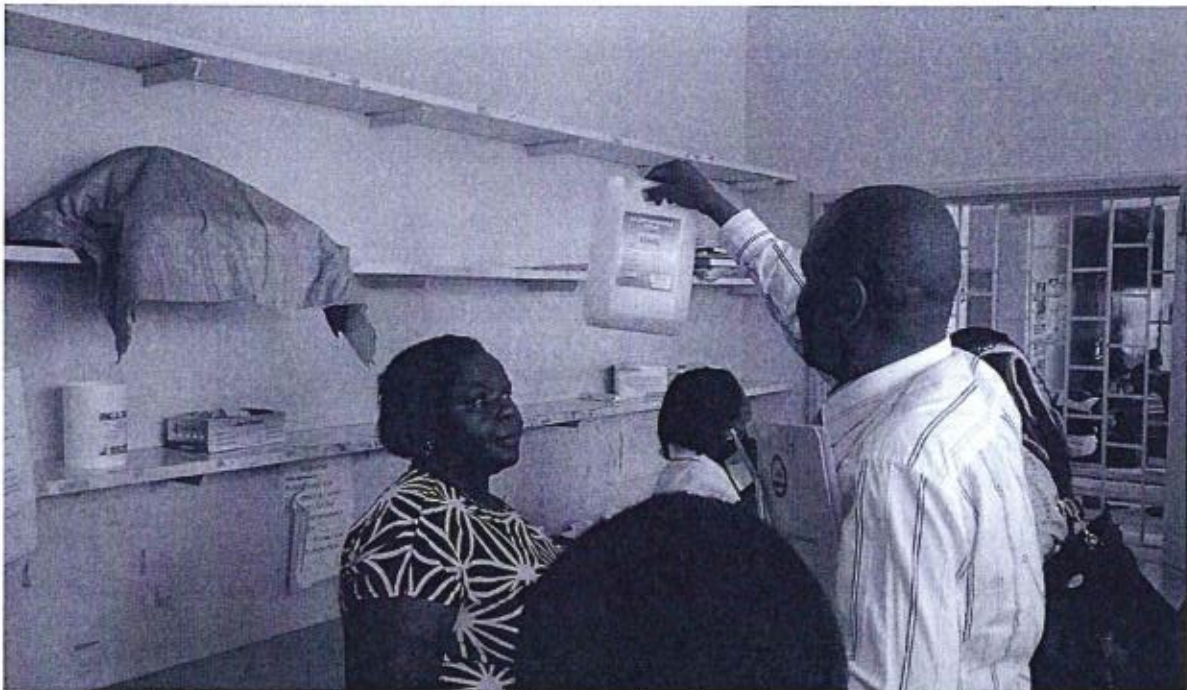
5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker following the visit, the Committee urges this Assembly to resolve as follows;

- 1) The issue of drug supplies to the facility be resolved immediately and future supplies to all other County Health facilities be processed and delivered on time;
- 2) The County Health sector to deploy additional staff to curb the shortage of staff so as to improve on health service delivery to the citizens of Nairobi County as hereby proposed;
 - a) Nurses;
 - b) Laboratory Technician;
 - c) Records office Clerks;
 - d) Ambulance Drivers;
 - e) Security Personnel; and
 - f) Compound cleaning staff
- 3) The County health department to provide an ambulance to the facility;
- 4) The Tuberculosis Clinic and Comprehensive Care Clinic (CCC) that takes care of HIV patients be separated. This is because HIV patients are susceptible to viruses and infections due to compromised immunity;
- 5) A perimeter wall be erected around the facility so as to secure the premises and its property;
- 6) The solid waste management challenge be addressed by constructing a proper incinerator within the facility's compound;
- 7) A water Pump to be purchased to enable water pumping to the facility's tanks.
- 8) The County Health sector to revamp the facility i.e give a new and improved form or appearance to the facility by painting the buildings and the main entrance gate;
- 9) The County to construct one or two wards in future to help in admitting patients instead of referring them;
- 10) To improve on hygiene sanitation, it is recommended that the toilets be supplied with clean water, be kept clean and remain open for patients use;
- 11) All obsolete items kept in the **School Health Building** be audited for disposal to allow the building to be used in day to day operations of the facility.
- 12) The increased number of expectant women who cannot afford private healthcare services within the target population calls for a future consideration of a maternity wing within the facility; and
- 13) The County to investigate with a view of stopping the alleged grabbing of part of the Health Centre's land.

PICTURE GALLERY

A tour of the facility by the Health Services Committee Members



Picture of the pharmacy that is out of drug stocks. The Committee Chairman holding an empty piriton jerrican. Note the empty shelves



Waste stored in the incinerator awaiting to be burned



Obsolete items in the School Health Building awaiting auditing before disposal



Members at the alleged grabbed land belonging to the Jericho health facility



The alleged grabbed land. Note the foundation construction started by the grabber(s)

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MINUTES OF THE SITTING 037/2015 OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES HELD ON MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2015 IN
CHARTER HALL AT 11.30AM

PRESENT

1. Hon. Karen Wanjiku Githaiga (Chairing);
2. Hon. George Ochieng Ochola;
3. Hon. Samwel Nyaberi Nyangwara;
4. Hon. Peter Oweru Oluoch;
5. Hon. Erastus Muiruri Mburu;
6. Hon. Peter Wahinya Kimuhu;
7. Hon. Charles Thuo Wakarindi;
8. Hon. Elizabeth Sang;
9. Hon. Leah Mumo Mate;
10. Hon. Rose Nancy Luchiri;
11. Hon. Manoah Karega Mboku;
12. Hon. Abdi Mohammed;
13. Hon. Tabitha Akinyi Juma;
14. Hon. Susan Karemi Njue.
15. Hon. Catherine Okoth.

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

1. Joshua Mbila

Clerk Assistant

MIN.164/2015 – PRELIMINARIES

- Hon Karen opened meeting with a word of prayer at 11.50 am.
- Meeting agenda was adopted, proposer being Hon.Mumo and seconder Hon Juma.

MIN.165/2015 – ADOPTION OF REPORTS

- ✱ Report on Inspection visit to Jericho Health Centre on 9th February,2015
- Read by Hon.Karen. Report was adopted.
- Proposer was Hon Ochola being seconded by Hon Nyang'wara

MIN 166/2015- MATTERS ARISING

None

MIN.167/2015 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

-Member of Mowlem ward who had attended the sitting requested HSC to visit his ward which has no permanent health facility. He informed the meeting that he had initiated construction of a makeshift structure that offers health services to residents of his ward. Members agreed to his request, however a date is yet to be set for the visit.

MIN.168/2015 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12.10 noon. Next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd March at 2.00 pm in Charter Hall.

Confirmed as true record of the proceedings.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE

HON MANOAH MBOKU, MCA

