

New council to take nursing back to former glory

PRETORIA: The new council for the North West College of Nursing is expected to take the nursing profession back to its former glory, says provincial Health MEC Magome Masike.



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Speaking during the inauguration of the new council on Tuesday, 7 July 2015, in Mahikeng, MEC Masike said it should play a prominent role in promoting and advising the department on any matter related to nursing education and promoting access of students to nursing education.

"I want you to understand that our common role should be to assist the college to produce nurses who will add value to the health care system and take the nursing profession back to its former glory.

"I have full confidence in your ability as individuals and as a council, and I believe your expertise and skills will add immense contribution to a successful running of the Multi-Campus College and ultimately improve the value of nursing in our province," said MEC Masike.

The new council will serve in two government nursing campuses based in Mahikeng and Klerksdorp.

The college is tasked with training and producing nurses for the public health facilities.

The council, which comprises representatives from communities, unions, student councils and managers from the Department of Health, will amongst others, advise the MEC on nursing education policies and ensure effective management of campuses.

The MEC also expressed his gratitude to the outgoing interim council for the work done.

Speaking on behalf of the council, the newly elected chairperson, Abbey Tlaetsi, thanked the department and committed the council that it will do everything needed to assist the department, particularly the college, in achieving its goals.

"As the new council we accept the nomination and responsibilities given to us with much appreciation. We will do our best to put the college at its rightful place and ensure there is harmony in different structures of the college to conquer challenges before us," Tlaetsi said.

Vice Chancellor of the North West University, Professor Dan Kgwadi, congratulated the newly appointed council. He also pledged the university's support, adding that the university will continue to work together with the college.

"We as the university are honoured to work with the Department of Health in the province. I believe that you will guide the college and instil excellence as a culture in the college," said Professor Kgwadi.

The members of the council will serve for a period of three years.

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