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The Assembly met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 A.M

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Wambugu King'ori, in the Chair

Prayer

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

Speaker: Clerk, confirm that there is quorum.

(The clerk- at -the table confirms that there is no quorum)

Speaker: There being no quorum, I invoke the provisions of the standing order 34 and direct that the division bell be rang for an initial ten minutes or until such time, within the ten minutes, that the quorum will be achieved.

(The division bell rings for 7 minutes)

(Quorum is attained as confirmed by the clerk- at -the table)

Speaker: Quorum having been achieved, the bell may be disengaged and we can proceed with the business of today. First order.

PAPERS

Speaker: Yes member for Kipipiri and deputy leader of the majority, Hon. Michael Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the vice chairperson, House Business Committee, Hon. Edinald Wambugu King'ori, I beg to table the

report of the committee, on the Harmonization of Committees' membership- third edition. I table.

Speaker: Very well. The report by the house business committee on the harmonization of committees' membership third edition is duly tabled. Next order.

Speaker: Yes member for Kipipiri and deputy leader of the majority, Hon. Michael Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the vice chairperson, House Business Committee, Hon. Edinald Wambugu King'ori, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this House adopts the motion on the report on Harmonization of Committees' Membership- Third Edition, as a report of this House and the recommendations therein as resolutions of this House.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kirumba. The notice is duly given, awaiting to be moved.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: It is important to bring to your attention that the papers have not found their way into the members' files but it will soon be done. I was trying to pre-empt any member who would have risen on a point of order that the papers are not in their files, but the office of the clerk is going to do that as soon as possible. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Actually, Hon Kirumba, I was expecting the same to be done by the office of the clerk. Next order

MOTIONS

Speaker: Yes Hon. Peter Kairu Chairperson Health Committee

Hon. Peter Kairu: Thank you Mr. speaker sir, I beg to move the following motion that this House adopts the motion of the Report of Health Services Committee on the status of Rwanyambo Dispensary in regard to the equipment supplied as a report of this House and the recommendations therein as resolutions of this House thank you Mr. speaker Sir.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Health Committee was given this mandate through a statement by Hon Joshua who wanted to know the condition of Rwanyambo dispensary and the equipment that were given to them and on 7th June 2016 the committee members and the secretariat visited Rwanyambo dispensary, Nyakio ward. The committee met the nurse in charge Mr. Simon Waigi who took the committee around the facility.

Pursuant to article 185: 1 which states that a County Assembly or its committees has power to sermon any person to appear before it, the committee went on and visited Rwanyambo dispensary and as for the members you had the whole report, you have gone through the report and recommendations and what was being done through it. Mr. speaker Sir I find it to have a humble time that we have to discuss this matter without wasting much time Mr. speaker allow me to go direct to the recommendations of the committee because I believe every member has gone through the report and to sum it up, the committee unanimously came up with the following recommendations: That the health department should consider renovating the laboratory facilities and also purchase the remaining laboratory equipment; that the health department upon equipping the laboratory with the right equipment should consider employing a laboratory technician to the facility, that the health department does contract someone to dig a placenta pit now that the dispensary maternity is operational, that the health department does deploy an additional nurse to supplement the efforts of the two nurses for faster, effective and efficient service delivery in the dispensary;

That the health department should consider providing the facility with furniture. This includes: out-patient, waiting bay benches, chairs and working tables,

That since the maternity is now operational the health department should consider installing 10,000 liters water tank since the current 3,000 liters water tank is inadequate.

That the department of health services does contract an electrician to connect other rooms to electricity

That in future, the Health Services department does conduct social and economic viability and impact of purchasing equipment or implementing their policies.

Rwanyambo is one of the busiest health facilities we have in this county and when we went there, we found that the dispensary has been supplied with most of the requisite equipment but they have no place to keep them. They have the laboratory equipment but the laboratory is still not operational. Mr. Speaker, we all know the importance of a laboratory in a health centre. It is not prudent to have people treated without having undertaken the relevant tests. When our people go to this facility, they are referred to either Naivasha or North Kinangop because these facilities are not operational. Mr. Speaker, this report speaks for itself and is self explanatory. I only wish to urge the members to support it and call Hon. Suleiman to second. Thank you mr. Speaker

Thank you mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion as brought by our chair. He has explained that the equipment was actually bought but the problem is the equipment has not been put to use. I do not want to belabor much because the report is quite short and self-explanatory. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I second.

Question proposed

Speaker: Hon. Dorcas Nyambura

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support this motion bearing in mind that health care is everyone's right. For one to be confident in treatment, one needs to be tested and therefore laboratory equipment are necessary in all health facilities.

The constitution of Kenya has a good spirit of devolution because it brought services closer to the people. Health Services were devolved and therefore any issue concerning health is solved at the county level. It is our role to ensure that all our health facilities have the required equipment so that our people can get the right treatment.

Mr. Speaker, it is sad that people from Nyakio seek laboratory services at Naivasha or North Kinangop Mission Hospital. They do not know the use for Rwanyambo dispensary. It would be unfair to them if we do not provide the lab equipment and a technician.

Mr. Speaker, there is this issue of departments saying that they have no money...

Loud consultations

I know that members are excited because of the ruling that was made yesterday... I was saying that it is good for us to ensure that people get the equipment in the health facilities so that they will not have to travel far away to seek medical services.

We allocate money for development to each department. Today if we report that Rwanyambo dispensary needs lab equipment the health department is likely to say that there is no money. I know that the department saves a lot of money because during the tendering process they award tenders to the lowest bidders according to procurement rules. From the saved money they can procure lab equipment for Rwanyambo dispensary. I wish the health services department would inform the house the amount of money it saves after awarding tenders. This is the money they could use during emergencies. Health care is a fundamental right of every person and the people in Nyandarua are safe guarded by the constitution. We shall be judged by God if we do not speak for the people we represent here. We swore that we would safeguard the constitution. We should therefore ensure that the rights are implemented.

I support that Rwanyambo dispensary is funded so that it is equipped and it be given a lab technician either by employing or contracting. We cannot afford to have fuel guzzlers (vehicles) moving here and there within the county carrying only one person while our people are suffering for lack of health services. I wish they would reciprocate the movement of their vehicles with the services they provide to the people. I support.

Speaker: Hon. Mumba. Member for Wanjohi

Hon. Mumba Gichini: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the motion. It is our mandate to ensure that people are given good services. Health service is one of the mandate of the county government since this department was devolved. I wonder why we have to buy these equipment and we do not use them. We are fuelling vehicles to transport people that are not delivering services

and then keep on saying that there is no money to give services to the people. We need to prioritize service delivery.

Health service department should recruit lab technician for this dispensary. There are so many people that seek medical services from the dispensary but they are told to go to the lab in the nearest laboratory which is in Naivasha in this case. How many of them can do this? Not department that should give excuses that there is no money. Each department is allocated money during the budget. We expect the health department to equip the lab in Rwanyambo dispensary and bring a lab technician. I support. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Kimani Njiraini

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I thank the committee for coming up with this report and the member for Nyakio for the concern of his people. Health services have been devolved to the counties. The county government needs to consider the electorates and ensure that they have the best health facilities.

Member for Nyakio is not requesting for these services on behalf of his people. This is a right of the people of Nyakio. In recommendation number 4

That the health department does deploy an additional nurse to supplement the efforts of the two nurses for faster, effective and efficient service delivery in the dispensary.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Mr. Speaker this has been a quagmire embroiling the health sector in our county. Even the dispensary in my ward has been affected; actually the nurse who works there is almost retiring. Sometimes she attend to patients once in a week. It is matter of concern for our county government to employ more nurses. I do not know to which medical facilities those nurses that were recruited were deployed. I think the recommendation (no. 4) should have included employment of nurses not only at Rwanyambo but also at other health facilities within the county.

Consultations

Mr. Speaker, my fellow members are consulting; and I think they are doing so because the case that embattled the specially elected MCAs was concluded in their favour. But remember we are mourning the death of the former first lady, Her Excellency Lucy Kibaki.

Recommendation no. 8 is very critical. It states that:

That in future the Health Services Department does assess social and economic viability and impact of purchasing equipment or implementing their policies

If this recommendation is implemented the health needs of the people in all the counties in our county would be known. Even the people would appreciate that the county government has their health interests at heart.

I would say that Kaimbaga Ward is marginalized because it has no fully functional health centre.

It is also so unfortunate that some of the health facilities in our county have no power connectivity. A story is told of a health facility where torches are used to light the delivery room when women are being delivered of the babies. It should be resolved that all the health facilities in our ward should be connected with power. They should also be supplied with water.

That all the health facilities in Nyandarua County from Karampton to Kenton should be supplied with equal resources is a recommendation that should have been included in the report at hand.

I beg to support. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes member for Mirangine, Hon. David Ndirangu

Hon. David Ndirangu (Mirangine): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion moved by the chairperson of the Health Services Committee.

I also wish to thank the member for Nyakio for seeking for a statement that led to the compilation of this report.

I wish to raise some concerns on the health sector in our county. Mirangine Ward has three health facilities. The Health Services Committee has visited these three facilities. Two of them are incomplete. In addition, none of them is fully equipped. The chairperson of the Health Services Committee should bring a progressive report on the status of said health facilities.

Kamuchege Dispensary is almost complete. Even a nurse was deployed there though she has not started working. Additionally, equipment for the facility were procured yet they have never been brought there since the facility has not been completed. The chairperson of the Health Services Committee should follow up the matter to ensure that the dispensary is completed.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes member for Nyakio, Hon. Joshua Mureithi

Hon. Joshua Mureithi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank the Health Services Committee for bringing this report. They did a commendable job by going all the way to Nyakio ward to look at the status of Rwanyambo Dispensary. The dispensary, which was started in 2004, was allocated money for purchase of laboratory and maternity equipment. The equipment were bought yet a technical expert was not recruited to handle them; what then was the need for buying the equipment? In fact that is one reason why I sought a statement on the status of the dispensary.

I acknowledge the health Services Committee recommendation that:

That the Health Services Department does deploy an additional nurse to supplement the efforts of the two nurses for faster, effective and efficient service delivery in the dispensary.

Actually, people from my ward mostly seek medical services in Magumu since Rwanyambo Dispensary has no technical expert especially to handle equipment therein. So it is my request that a technical expert as well as another nurse be deployed to Rwanyambo Dispensary.

I thank the Committee for stating that people of Nyakio Ward has been side-lined with regard to provision of Health Services.

Karangatha Health Centre, which is in my ward, was started in 1967. This implies that it is one of the oldest health centres in our county. J. M. Memorial Hospital itself was started in 1974.

I will not dwell so much on the issues in the motion Mr. Speaker. Consequently, I call the mover to respond.

Speaker: Yes the mover, Hon. Peter Kairu

Hon. Peter Kairu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank all the members who have contributed in the motion.

Health services are very essential; if, for example, a member here experiences abdominal pains they would only visit a laboratory for diagnosis.

The Department of Health Services should ensure that the health centre in our county have adequate supply of laboratory reagents among other resources. All the medical facilities in the county should have laboratory services.

I wish also to thank the late former First Lady, Her Excellency Lucy Kibaki, for being instrumental in the development of health services in the country. She ensured establishment of hospitals in the country. May her soul rest in eternal peace and may God grant her family comfort and peace through these trying moments and we pray that the devil does not trick the deceased minds.

I also thank the Department of Health Services for ensure supply of drugs to our health facilities. Remember there are medial facilities in some areas that do not benefit with adequate supply of drugs.

There are other counties where health workers have never been promoted; but in our county promotion of health workers has been considered. I hope those health workers who have not been promoted in our county will be promoted.

With those remarks Mr. Speaker, I beg to move.

Question put and agreed to

Speaker: Next order

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Hon. Members, having exhausted the business as appearing in today's order paper, this House stands adjourned until the next sitting today, the 28th day of April, 2016 at 2:30p.m.

The House rose at 9:51a.m.

