

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



### COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

#### **THE HANSARD**

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#### SECOND ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30 p.m.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu) in the Chair)

#### **PRAYERS**

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 32 (2), I want to request the Serjeant-at-Arms rings the quorum bell for five minutes.

*(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Honourable Deputy Leader of Majority, can you confirm if we have the quorum.

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ogendo): Mr. Speaker, we have quorum. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. Madam Clerk, kindly take us through the Order Paper of the day.

#### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Honourable Members, I have the following communications to make. First, that the Office of the Speaker received a letter from Sexual

Reproductive Health Rights on Universal Health Coverage Alliance, inviting all elected Members of the County Assembly to a breakfast meeting which will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at Victoria Comfort Hotel Inn from 8:00 a.m.

Honourable Members, the letter is attached and I will advise our Public Relations Officer to share this letter with Hon. Members on our official communication pages.

Secondly, as an Assembly today we want to take cognizance of our Broadcasting Unit that has been streaming live House proceedings and we want to appreciate the Members who are following our live proceedings through our Facebook platform. We have the following members given to me by the Hansard Department; O. J Oricho, Mwereza Junior Wambia, Nyakwar Ojwando Kanam, Asole General, George Otieno Aura, Sarafina, Lawin Owiti among others. We appreciate the contributions that they have been making towards the improvement our Broadcasting Unit. We are doing this to show that the Assembly is transparent in their transaction and appreciate and really value information sharing with the general public. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Next order!

## COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS

### RESUMPTION OF INTERRUPTED BUSINESS

#### MOTION

WELFARE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE REPORT ON LAPFUND AND GRATUITY CONTRIBUTIONS

BY

HON. PAMELA ODHIAMBO

CHAIRPERSON, WELFARE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Proceed Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

**Hon. Pamela Odhiambo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. May I call upon Hon. Philemon Ojuok to second my motion?.

**Hon. Ojuok:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I second.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. Honourable Members, A report by Welfare and Equal Opportunity Committee on LAPFUND and Gratuity Contributions has been brought before this House as a motion by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo and seconded by Hon. Philemon Ojuok. I now want to open it for debate.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Olga Aoko.

**Hon. Olga:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the report as brought by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo who is also the Chair of Welfare and Equal Opportunity Committee. I want to appreciate the committee Members for having worked on the report. I want to urge the Members to support and the House to adopt this report. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Chief Whip.

**Chief Whip** (Hon. Misachi): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have my report and I am wondering because I could not see the remittance of 2018. I am afraid because being a victim in the First Assembly, when we were denied our contributions because they were not remitted to the LAP FUND. I want to this committee to follow with the Finance Office to find out the status of contributions for Year ending 2018. I support the report.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Leader of Minority.

**Leader of Minority** (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Honourable Members, we should not take this report for granted because it is not like any other report. We should be keen to interrogate it and find out whether our contributions are remitted on monthly basis.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Leader of Minority, are you supporting or opposing this report?

**Hon. Oiko:** Mr. Speaker, I am giving my views and I have not finished.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Please continue.

**Leader of Minority** (Hon. Oiko): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members should be keen to ensure our contribution are remitted on monthly basis and when a report is brought to us, it should be a report that can be understood by even a layman. Figures should not be heaped together for us. Just as the Senior Member has stated that, she can't trace her 2018 LAPFUND contributions. This comes about because the figures are heaped together. They are not put on monthly basis so that we see. We need that kind of report. We have been warned here by LAPFUND that when the contributions are done late then, they don't attract interest. The office needs to address this so that we don't lose our benefits. It is the benefits that will accumulate and make our money big. This is an issue that Members need to pay attention to.

We know the salaries are ask in gross. When the salary is asked in gross and the statutory deductions are done in gross why do we again fail to remit the LAPFUND deduction in good time? That should be done so that Members benefit.

Mr. Speaker, on page 7 of the report, we are being told of overpayment of Kshs. 379,323.58 in the month of September, 2018. This is captured as an overpayment. How did the payroll balance

if they overpaid to the tune of Kshs. 379,323.58? What message are they passing to us? At what level did they realize that there is an overpayment? Then they go ahead to say that the overpayment was to be used to settle payment of the month of April 2018. At this level, they should have already reconciled the records so that the overpayment doesn't look like an overpayment. The Committee needs to interrogate this and I plead with the Members that the statutory deductions in Kenya have become a thorny issues. They are been deducted by employers but hardly remit thus making the employees suffer, let us therefore open our eyes on voluntary contribution and the mandatory service paid by the Assembly so that at the end of the term, we should be given the money, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Oiko I want to take you back to my earlier question to you before you began your submission. Are you supporting the report or not?

**Leader of Minority** (Hon. Oiko): Yes Mr. Speaker, I am supporting the report because we have to highlight omissions as well.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Thank you for that Leader of Minority.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Samson Ameso.

**Hon. Ameso:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the Committee of Welfare and Equal Opportunities for finding time to do such kind of inquiry and report back to the House. I want to support the report but also noticed with concern on the findings of the committee whereby money isn't being remitted in good time which I believe that this will affect the benefits of money earned by Members. I want to urge my Chairperson Hon. Pamela Odhiambo that a lot of emphasis needs to be put to make sure of reasons for not remitting these funds on time so that each Member eventually feels happy with their contribution when time elapses. The same issue affects the partisan staff as I have also noticed. I am grateful for being a contributor of this scheme so that at the end of my term, I will have something to take home. I would like to urge the chairperson to try and ensure the Hon. Members are furnished with quarterly report on same, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Rashid Miruka.

**Hon. Miruka:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Please allow me to appreciate the efforts by the Standing Committee of Welfare and Equal Opportunities to come up with a comprehensive report that helps us read and know of the safety of our contributions which we will receive when our term elapses. I rise to support the report because they were able to highlight both issues that were done right and those that were wrongly done. This opens the eyes of the forces that were acting on them to improve. I do not want to highlight a situation that we saw when we came in as Members of the County Assembly. Some members were complaining of not having received their contributions on time. I want to encourage the committee through the chairperson who presented

the report that they need to work extra hard to ascertain that every amount that was saved is remitted, reflected and nobody complains later.

Mr. Speaker, I would also want to encourage Members to look entirely into the issues of Ward staff because what they earn is meager and if they take their time to remit to the scheme then that should not be taken for granted. Kindly work with the Department of Finance because they are bestowed the authority to handle the issues of the scheme to ensure that the funds are put in safe hands and accounted for so that nobody cries of foul. Finally, I want to call upon the committee to work with the Department of Finance such that we be getting the quarterly reports because I saw that in the report, this did not capture up to the time we requested. We want you to work with the team to ascertain that every quarter we get this report so that can compare with the facts we have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support the report.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Sergeant-at-Arms, could you please help Hon. Ollows with the microphone. Please provide her with wireless microphone.

**Hon. Ollows:** Going by the mod of the House may I call the mover to reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

**Hon. Pamela Odhiambo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank all Members who have contributed to our motion. Most of the time we are concerned about the people who elected us; but today we were discussing issues that touch on our welfare especially when our term in the Assembly will expire. The LAPFUND will assist us to get our money after our term in the Assembly comes to an end. We found out that if monies are not remitted in time, we do not get interest. We are supposed to get interest because they do business with our money. We also recommended that the Assembly pays interest in the event the money is not remitted in time.

Mr. Speaker, in April 2018, the Assembly had not remitted gratuity for members. We invited the Finance Officer, Mr. Felix to clarify. He clarified that the money had been put in the budget and it would be paid. We are waiting for the Supplementary Budget so that the unremitted arrears can be paid in full. It is from 18th June that we have not been earning interest. I want to believe that they will give us the interest because money has been in the Assembly and we don't understand why they are not remitting this money for that long. I beg to reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Pamela Odhiambo. Hon. Members, a report from the Committee of Welfare and Equal Opportunities on LAPFUND and Gratuity Contributions has been brought as a motion in this Assembly by the Chair Hon. Pamela Odhiambo, seconded by Hon. Philemon Ojuok, debated by Hon. Members and now I want to propose that we put a question for its adoption?

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Members, the Report on LAPFUND and Gratuity Contribution by Hon. Members from the Standing Committee of Welfare and Equal Opportunity is hereby adopted today Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at 1509 hours.

I therefore direct that, the recommendations from the said report be communicated to LAPFUND and the Finance and the Human Resource Departments of the County Assembly of Kisumu to enable the implementations of issues highlighted in the report. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Next Order!

## MOTION

HEALTH, HOUSING AND SANITATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE  
BENCHMARKING EXERCISE AT MOI TEACHING AND REFERAL HOPSITAL

BY

HON. VINCENT JAGONGO, CHAIRPERSON

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Vincent Jagongo.

**Hon. Jagongo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 191 read together with Standing Orders No. 194(2) which mandates the House Committees to prepare programs and activities to be undertaken in each Fiscal Year, the Committee on Health, Housing and Sanitation prepared its Annual Work Plan for FY 2020/2021 detailing errands to be transacted which amongst them, was a benchmarking activity.

Following the approval of the Liaison Committee, the Speaker of the Kisumu County Assembly permitted the Committee to carry out the benchmarking exercise in attempt to achieve its mandate.

Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

The Committee derives its mandate from the provisions of County Assembly Standing Orders No. 193 which stipulates as follows:

*The Committee shall investigate all matters relating to County health services, including, in particular County health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, cemeteries, funeral parlors and crematoria and refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal; housing; and sanitation.*

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### Composition

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Standing Committee on Health, Housing and Sanitation is constituted as follows;

### Committee Members.

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|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. Hon. Vincent Jagongo  | - | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. John Atieno      | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Seth Okumu       | - | Member           |
| 4. Hon. Nancy Owiti      | - | Member           |
| 5. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo | - | Member           |
| 6. Hon. Pst. David Arao  | - | Member           |
| 7. Hon. Joachim Oketch   | - | Member           |
| 8. Hon, Florence Olang'o | - | Member           |
| 9. Hon, Jacktone Ogendo  | - | Member           |
| 10. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo | - | Member           |
| 11. Hon, Vitalis Otura   | - | Member           |
| 12. Hon. Maureen Otiang  | - | Member           |
| 13. Hon. Olga Aoko       | - | Member           |
| 14. Hon. Rashid Miruka   | - | Member           |
| 15. Hon. Gard Olima      | - | Member           |

### Committee Secretariats.

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| 1. Angelyne Akinyi | - | Committee Clerk. |
| 2. Edward Odanga   | - | Hansard.         |
| 3. Abraham Odegi   | - | Sergeant-at-arm. |
| 4. Lilian Nyamita  | - | Secretariat.     |
| 5. Oliver Radet    | - | Secretariat.     |
| 6. Grace Kung'a    | - | Secretariat.     |

### Acknowledgement

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, may I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Health Housing and Sanitation committee for their valuable input and contribution during the entire benchmarking exercise which took place at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) in Uasin Gishu County.

Equally, the Committee wishes to convey its utmost and sincere gratitude to the entire MTRH fraternity for their amiable welcome and full cooperation throughout this exercise.

The Committee also applauds Offices of the Speaker and Clerk of the Assembly for offering extreme support and a show of goodwill that made this a success.

It is therefore my honor and privilege on behalf of the members of the Committee to present to this Honourable House, report on benchmarking exercise at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital for consideration and adoption.

Thank You.

#### INTRODUCTION.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, access to quality and affordable healthcare being among the pledges to the people, it is with this in mind that the Committee embarked on a benchmarking visit to Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Uasin Gishu County on matters of Health and how we as a county can emulate their strife and success to better our own health system. The committee during the benchmarking exercise that took place on 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 was received by Ms. Rita Wahome on behalf of the Hospital CEO Dr. Wilson K. Aruasa who was on another pressing engagement.

The Hospital being the second largest National Teaching and Referral Hospital (level 6 Public Hospital) in the country is the sole reason why the committee earmarked it as a place to benchmark on.

#### Terms of Reference

The committee prepared a program to guide their activities at the Hospital and below is the action plan for the study tour.

Date:	Activity/Objective	Responsible Person/s	Comments
October, 2020			
1st	✓ Arrival and an overview orientation of the hospital departments.	Mr. Frankie Akute – MTRH  HHS Committee	Excellent.
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	✓ Dental Department.	Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital,  HHS Committee.	Excellent.
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	✓ Chandaria Cancer and Chronic Diseases Centre (CCCDC).		
6 <sup>th</sup>	✓ Shoe4Africa Children's Hospital. ✓ Departure.		

Preliminary Session.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the benchmarking exchange, there was an orientation session whereby Members and Staff after a brief introduction together with the hospital representation, were taken through an overview of the departments of interest. The committee had planned to visit the hospital's ENT department but was unable to. This is because the department was in the process of relocating to another part of the hospital and was not yet in a state that could be visited.

#### OBSERVATIONS.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the committee had the following observations to note:

- i. In line with the COVID-19 directives, MTRH has set various precautionary measures at the entrance such as a state of art hand washing facility and a screening station just at the gate such that anyone who walks through the gate has to first wash their hands and get screened for temperature before further directions.
- ii. With the current COVID-19 pandemic, to improve their work place and client safety through emergency aerosolizing dental procedures the unit has in place a portable Vacuum Station that absorbs any liquid discharged during the earlier mentioned processes as well as frequent surfaces disinfection.
- iii. The hospital has set up a Social Work office at the casualty area with attempts to immediately vet potential indigents. This information is then fed into a credit management system for patients unable to immediately pay for services.

#### FINDINGS.

##### Departmental Findings.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Unit is located on the first floor of MTRH main Outpatient building. Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital's (MTRH) Directorate of Dental Services is embracing new technologies while working on continuous improvement in line with global dental standards.

The Directorate offers a raft of surgical and non-surgical therapies comprising general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, orthodontic therapy and treatment, restorative and prosthetic services, oral and maxillofacial surgery. There is also a fully- equipped Dental Laboratory that helps in fabricating a vast array of dental prosthesis (replacements).

As part of the support to the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda, the Unit offers Community Oral Health function by providing dental primary clinical care including; screening of oral conditions investigations and diagnosis.

The department offers outpatient clinical services at the school in collaboration with the Department of Dental Clinical Services. They also offer dental radiography services within the school. Laboratory diagnosis and inpatient clinical services are provided by the staff within the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH).

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, MTRH is the first hospital to introduce dental implantation treatment.

Chandaria Cancer and Chronic Diseases Centre (CCCCDC).

Here, the committee was informed that there are various specialized services offered ranging from Oncology services, Intensive Care Unit Services (ICU, Kidney transplants, Alcohol and Drug Abuse rehabilitative services, Spine and Neurosurgical operations, Cardiology and Cardiothoracic services, open heart surgery, corneal transplants and Arthroscopic (Shoulder and Knee) Surgeries. Others are Postpartum Intrauterine Devices (PPIUD) and 24 hours Training Surgeries. These specialized services are in line with Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Kenya's pledge to make better and advanced healthcare accessible to all.

The Shoe4Africa Children's Hospital.

This is the only general and public Children's Hospital in Eastern Africa that is aimed at being a teaching hospital that will help empower, educate and enable the future of a healthy East Africa. It is a complete Hospital with theatre, ICU, and Oncology Unit among others that address all childhood diseases.

The hospital offers a wide range of services for vast types of ailments and conditions. Currently the hospital is in the process of developing a 'children's health village' within the hospital.

The mission of the hospital is to attain highest level of advanced pediatric safe and effective medical and surgical care.

General Findings.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the committee found that:

- i. The management of MTRH is constantly working towards ensuring that the hospital has a super effective referral management system in place to enable them track the status of all patients' referrals and ensure that the patients are scheduled to be seen in a timely fashion and in a first come first serve basis. With this system, the doctors are notified in good time when the receiving provider schedules appointment for them and also when that provider actually sees the patient.
- ii. The Hospital's Key strategic focus areas are: Customer Centric. Excellent Clinical Outcomes, Operational Excellence: Strategic Partnerships and Sustainability. Due to non-

existence of a fully functional County Referral Hospital, MTRH provides services from primary level to tertiary level. The services range from preventive, curative, rehabilitative, diagnostic and specialized services across all medical disciplines. MTRH also provides services in its two Private Wings to augment the Income flow to support Operations and Maintenance.

- iii. Apart from providing training facilities for teaching Institutions, particularly Moi University College of Health Sciences as per the Legal Notice, the Hospital also runs a fully accredited MTRH College of Health Sciences. The hospital runs a tripartite collaborative programme with a consortium of North American Institutions and Moi University College of Health Sciences (AMPATH).
- iv. The hospital derives its success through their dire strive to put patients and their needs first by making population healthy a starting point to take action for transformations that work to tackle the root causes of health problems.
- v. A number of centers of excellence such as; Chandaria Cancer and Chronic Diseases Centre (CCCDC), Shoe4Africa Children Hospital, Cardiac Care Unit (CCU), Riley Mother and Baby Hospital (RMBH with Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH which happens to be the largest single HIV/AIDS treatment Centre in Africa with over 180,000 patients enrolled for HIV care) are all results of Strategic Partnerships and Alliances with the Ministry of Health and various development partners.
- vi. The committee learnt that recognition of employees through motivation, teaching and coaching, coupled with bosses'/supervisors' respect and celebration of individual contribution, together with provision of opportunities for identification of needs and capabilities of these employees is a staircase to better productivity.

#### CHALLENGES FACED BY THE HOSPITAL

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,

- i. The hospital strives at offering healthcare to a vast catchment area, the entire East Africa region to be precise and this means it is constantly running at over-capacity.
- ii. Small space leading to overpopulation. Compared to the area that MTRH serves, this is a current challenge despite the fact that the Hospital has acquired a bigger land that will help solve this problem.
- iii. Inadequate budget allocation and subsequent delayed disbursements of funds by the National Treasury.
- iv. Authorization of National Hospital Insurance Fund is prolonged hence delay during registration of patients which can be harmful during extreme emergency situations. Also, sometimes authorizations of such payment come late and sometimes not done in full.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, having had the opportunity to visit our own referral hospital in the County sometime back, the committee has the following recommendations:-

- i. The Kisumu County CECM for Health Services and Sanitation should organize and conduct benchmarking with MTRH to share knowledge and gain experiences on how to manage operational efficiency. Also, there is absolute need for these systems and health system crisis preparedness to be subjected to various and even international benchmark scrutiny in pursuit of attainment of best international standards.
- ii. JOOTRH should emulate the kind referral management system that MTRH uses as this will help save time on administrative processes so that there is more time for what matters most: the actual medical visit. Eliminating time-consuming administrative tasks and processes allows for increased time spent with the patient. Improve the patient experience for the growth of healthcare practice will grow and increased referrals.
- iii. There is need for recognition and celebration of employee performance to better productivity, teaching and training of staff. There should be an environment in which supervisors (Not only in hospitals) respect and celebrate individual contribution and provide opportunities for identification of needs and capabilities of others. Also there should be considered influence of intellectual stimulation on employee performance. There is absolutely high productivity when staffs' (not just health service providers) feel that their creativity and innovation are celebrated. This kind of attitude will encourage these staffs to rethink ideas that have never been questioned.
- iv. That support for the development of human resources for health should be highly taken into consideration by taking them to relevant trainings and opportunities for professional development to support a competent workforce who are able to respond to clinical, social and other needs.
- v. Finally, something should be done when it comes to these issues surrounding release of funds to hospitals by the treasury. These delays experienced can be detrimental in matters of Health during cases of emergencies.

## CONCLUSION.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, it is now my pleasure, on behalf of the Health and Sanitation Committee to present this report to this Honorable House for adoption. I call upon Hon. Miruka to second. Thank You.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Rashid Miruka.

**Hon. Miruka:** Thank you Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. I stand to second the report. I happen to be a Member of the team that visited MTRH. I want to plead with fellow Members to help us adapt the recommendations that we have put here. Why do I say so? In any other facility, what people need is value for money. If you look at what is happening at MTRH versus what we have

seen at our County Hospital, we realized that we are still far from attaining the status we deserve. Starting from Human Resource Development; in any other institution, if our human resource is not capacity built, then we are doomed to fail. If you look at the Human Resource Development, we realized that Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) have done excellent work in that facility. That is why it is crowned as one of the best in East and Central Africa.

On the Staff performance and motivation, I want to say that in any other organization, if your performance is not valued, you are not motivated in any way, I tell you even performance of that facility would go down. But, we realized that in MTRH, that one is given a priority. The staffs are given indexes and are motivated. When they get to the individual department that each of them operates on, you will see a different change.

In addition, I want to talk about the focused strategic areas that are adopted in that facility right from; the customer care, the clinic, the theatre and even to the partnership. The system that is adopted there in every place makes every other departments run independently, fast and very efficiently. And there are many departments there. They include: Dental; Ear, Nose and Throat, etc.

Nevertheless, if you look at the speed at which one patient is referred to other departments, it is sporadic. If that is adopted and brought here into our County Hospital here, I believe that it would even increase the level of income that we will one given time attain.

We also realized that it is not only a place for people to go and treat themselves, but people also come from other countries to learn on the best practices. They also do training to the people from across the Country. At some time, the Kisumu people go for training in that facility and come back here. In that manner, they add value to their training and at the same time add economic power to the MTRH.

If we emulate what we realized there, the slow learning process that we experience here would not be there and we will be able to improve. I second and thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. Hon. Members, a report from Health Housing and Sanitation Committee on their Benchmarking Exercise at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital has been brought as a motion by Hon. Vincent Jagongo, seconded by Hon. Rashid Miruka, and now I want to propose that we open the report for debate.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Deputy Leader of Majority, Hon. Ogendo.

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ogendo): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support this wonderful report from the Health Housing and Sanitation Committee. We as Kisumu County need to take health matters seriously.

Referring to the challenges facing both Counties such as; inadequate budget allocation and subsequent delay of disbursement of funds from the Treasury, that one is being experienced across the Country. The MTRH has managed to fight it by partnering with some other organizations. As you can see, with the delayance of the disbursement, these organizations help them financially to be able treat their people effectively and efficiently.

There is another idea of the provision of services ranging from preventive measures. What mode are they using to curb their people from being affected by the diseases? You realize that these people go up to the village level, organize medical camps and treat their people at the grass root level.

If the County can adopt that strategy here, then we will be able to do a lot of preventive measures so that we will not wait for our people to get sick in order to do something for them.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we have also noticed land issue. We have adequate land at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH). It is high time we as a County do a follow up on some of the grabbed land. That is because it is very important for the future expansion of our hospitals. It is very important for the Ministry of Land in collaboration with the Ministry of Health within our County in ensuring that they reclaim lands that have been grabbed at the JOOTRH.

The recommendations laid by this committee are of great importance and we should urge our Health Department to do a benchmarking with this facility so that we can be able to improve the health matters within our County. With those few remarks, I beg to support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Seth): Yes, Leader of Minority.

**Leader of Minority** (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The benchmarking done at MTRH and the report brought to this Assembly so that we can see and learn from Best Practices happening there. What comparisons are we expected to make? Or are we simply expected to learn from them? Probably we have one with the JOOTRH. It has been echoed that JOOTRH should also go the MTRH way. Are there efforts towards that direction? When the Minister for Health (Mr. Kagwe) was here and was addressing the public at the facility, he echoed that. That JOOTRH should be elevated to Level Six (6) Health Facility.

Mr. Speaker, I remember one day Hon. James Nyikal so came with the National Assembly Health Committee and they visited JOOTRH and the same was echoed. It is my hope that there is a move towards that direction. Internally, it has also been echoed that Kisumu County should do something so that we ask the National Government to elevate JOOTRH to the status of Moi and Kenyatta. The question now comes; are these just mere rhetorics or they are moves to the right direction because we have learned that for JOOTRH to be at the level of Moi then good resources are needed and these resources can only come from the National Government.

Now that our House Committee has gone to Eldoret and benchmarked. Let us now find out from the Health Department if there is serious move towards this direction so that Kisumu County is able to get the kind of resources that the other facilities also get to improve the services, facilities, payment of the wages at JOOTRH and Kisumu County Government will feel a relief on this. I hope that if we go towards this direction then we shall make a good move. That is the contribution that I wanted to put across.

Mr. Speaker, I am seeing a trend that is not good where a Member stands to contribute and he/she is forced to state whether he/she is supporting or not supporting. From my contribution people understand where it is headed to. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Leader of Minority.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

**Hon. Pamela Odhiambo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to call the mover to reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Jagongo.

**Hon. Jagongo:** Let me take this opportunity to thank Hon. Members who have contributed to this motion. Mr. Speaker there are key issues that we realize in this report. One; for a hospital to work better, there must be sponsors/partners that are supporting the hospital. We also need to have a stable school that is inter-twinned to the hospital. There was an idea that was put across some time back of Maseno University School of Medicine to come in to work closely with JOOTRH; that was a good idea and I think we need to encourage that so that we can work together and ensure that the hospital grows bigger.

Mr. Speaker, the idea of the facilities that are there within MTRH; the issue of Cancer Center, another facility like the Dental Unit was so developed compared to what we have at our facility here. I would also like to urge the Department of Health to do the same for them to go for a benchmarking to learn more on the health that is there in Eldoret as opposed to what we have as a County.

Mr. Speaker, let me end there by saying that we really need JOOTRH to be a Level Six Hospital but I would only want to ask the Governor to continue pursuing this matter as we also push for the elevation of JOOTRH to level six hospital. I believe that this will also help us sort some of the issues regarding Human Resource, Medical and Management of the hospital at large. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Seth Okumu): Thank you. Hon. Members a report from the Committee of Health, Housing and Sanitation on their Benchmarking Exercise at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital has been brought as a motion by Hon. Jagongo, seconded by Hon. Rashid Miruka and debated upon. I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Therefore, Hon. Members the report from the Committee of Health, Housing and Sanitation on their Benchmarking Exercise at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital is hereby adopted today Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 1543 hours.

I direct that the recommendations made on this report should reach the officers concerned in the next one week. Pursuant to the provisions of our Standing Orders I direct that this report be part of the County Assembly and be published on our website. Hon. Members, before we proceed to the next Order, I have the following communication to make. MCAs are supposed to pick cards for our tomorrow's Third Annual State of the County Address by the Governor Kisumu County that will take place at Mama Grace Onyango Social Centre. The cards are at the front office of the Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Next Order!

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to tomorrow Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

*(House rose at 3.51 p.m.)*

*Addendum*

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