MOMBASA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

HANSARD REPORT

Wednesday, 31st August, 2016

The House met at 2.30pm.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Have your seats. Yes Clerk?

PAPER

Yes Hon, Kibwana?

Hon. Kibwana Swaleh: Thank you Hon. Speaker; as the Chair of the Health Committee Mr. Speaker today I would like to give this Motion on emergency of health services....

(Interruption)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Hon. Kibwana we are on Order number five; laying of Paper; a matter concerning Maweni health dispensary...

(Interruption)

Yes what is it Hon. Dan?

Hon. Onyango: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa, ningependa kujulisha Nyumba hili kuwa hakuna *quorum*...

(Laughter)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): I am sure the register will confirm first if the Members are roaming around; what is the status of the register, before we ring the bell...

(Sergeant-At-Arms handed over the County Assembly attendance register to the Temporary Speaker Hon. Mwalimu)

I can see there is quorum as per our register; as I stated yesterday if there is a matter that needs voting we will consider ringing the bell for quorum.

Hon. Onyango: Mr. Speaker this is a House of rules and procedures, and I have confirmed.....

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): I have ruled that in the register it clearly states that there is quorum in this Hon. House, yes Hon. Kibwana do you have the paper...

(Applause)

Hon. Kibwana Swaleh: Thank you Hon. Speaker I am very happy to lay the Paper before this Hon. House; the Paper on emergency treatment...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): It is not emergency treatment Hon. Kibwana we are in order number five; Paper concerning lack of medicine at Maweni....

Hon. Kibwana Swaleh: Hon. Speaker according to the record of the House you gave me two weeks when this matter as raised in this Hon. House on the issue of Maweni and you granted me two weeks.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): The two weeks are over.

Hon. Kibwana Swaleh: Not yet Hon. Speaker. It was last week.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Ok permission granted. Yes Clerk.

MOTION

Hon. Kibwana.

Hon. Kibwana Swaleh: Thank you Hon. Speaker once again, as the Chair of the Health Committee there was a report before this Hon. House on the issue of emergency at the Coast General Provincial Hospital which was raised by Hon. Sheillah Mumba; the issue of emergency at the Coast Provincial Hospital.

It is clear that the issue of the meaning of emergency most of us or most of the people do not know the meaning, but Hon. Speaker when we went to the...

(Interruption)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Move the Motion; look for a seconder and then we will start then we will discuss the Motion, when you start discussing the Motion before you move.

Hon. Kibwana Swaleh: Hon. Speaker, I would like to move this Motion on emergency treatment at the Coast General Hospital and I would like my friend and colleague to second the Motion.

Hon. (Ms.) Chireri: Thank you Hon. Speaker I second the motion.

(Question proposed and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Yes Hon. Kibwana, continue.

Hon. Kibwana Swaleh: Thank you Hon. Speaker for your guidance. Hon. Speaker as I had stated before the issue of emergency has a lot of theories and to go straight to the point; Mr. Speaker we found that emergency is something that must be determined....

(Interruption)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Hon. Kibwana as a point of correction as the Motion states, it's the adoption of this report so read your report for the House to adopt, duly signed by all Members.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this report is necessitated by the direction of the Speaker following a statement which was raised in the Assembly by Hon. Prischillah Mumba on 24th July, 2016 during plenary session on the issue on Emergency treatment at Coast Provincial General Hospital.

Hon. Speaker, observations and findings;

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee thereafter embarked on establishing the true position on the ground.

Hon. Speaker, on Monday, 15th August, 2016 the Committee visited Coast Provincial General Hospital and came up with the following:-

Hon. Speaker, the Committee arrived at CPGH at 10.40am and were received by the following officers:-

- (i) Deputy Chief Administrator Dr. Njomo
- (ii) Human Resource Manager Dr. Bebora
- (iii) Director of Nursing Elizabeth Kivuva

Hon. Speaker Members were taken to Casualty unit where emergency cases are being handled; Members observed that at Casualty unit there is triaging desk where emergency cases are being identified.

Hon. Speaker this was necessitated by the fact that what everybody is calling emergency case could not be one, also many patients prefer to go to Casualty unit because of short queue compared to out-patient unit.

Members also observed that at emergency/casual unit there are emergency drugs to cater for emergency cases. Casualty doctors are supposed to stabilize the patient condition while waiting for specialists to attend particular cases; drugs which casualty patients are being asked to purchase from the pharmacy are not for emergency cases but rather when the patient is out of danger.

Hon. Speaker at the Radiology Unit there is a big challenge in terms of staff; there is only one Radiologist and a Radiographer only, while the hospital is fully equipped with x-ray machines.

This Unit also makes an effort to identify urgent cases and fast track them but also there is a risk in it since there is inadequate staff at different levels then there is a possibility of affecting service delivery.

Most patients avoid following rightful procedures and seek for shortcuts by claiming that their cases are of an emergency nature.

Members also noted that there is a massive improvement in service delivery at CPGH as compared to some years back.

Hon. Speaker my Committee recommended the following;

The County government should employ more staff where necessary to further improve service delivery.

Hon. Speaker the last conclusion is for the County Assembly to consider and adopt this report.

Thank you, that is the report Hon. Speaker and I request this Hon. House to adopt this report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mwalimu): Having no other considerations I agree with you that you are satisfied with the reports and I propose the question that this House adopts this report on emergency treatment from the Health Committee at Coast General Hospital.

(Question put and agreed to)

The House stands adjourned till tomorrow at 2.30 pm.

The House rose at 2.45pm.