**Ministry of Health**

**Central Public Health Laboratories/Uganda National Health Laboratory Services**

## Minutes of the study visit by the students of Karolinska Institute Sweden

***Held on Wednesday10th January 2018 at 11:00AM to 01:30pm in the outside Boardroom Executive wing***

**Agenda**

1. Prayer, recording of membership, and self introductions
2. Communication from the Chair, the Head CPHL/UNHLS
3. Debrief from the students of Karolinska institute
4. Discussions
5. Facility tour
6. Closure

**MIN 1: Call meeting to order and opening prayer**

* The National Quality Assurance Coordinator Mr. Ogwok Patrick, called the meeting to order at 11:50am.
* Prayer was led by Ms. Lunyolo Sarah, the P/ A for CPHL/UNHLS, and the agenda was adopted.

**Min 2: Introductions.**

The meeting was attended by the head CPHL/UNHLS, the National Quality Assurance Coordinator, Lab Manager , SLA, PA and the Swedish students of Medicine, Dental, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy from Karolinska Institute Global Health team/ Uganda Christian University.

**MIN 3: Communication from the Chair, the Head CPHL/UNHLS**

Dr. Susan Nabadda, the Head CPHL:

* Welcomed the students and other UNHLS senior officers who were in the meeting. She informed the Swedish students that she was also once a medical student but later did masters in pathology and kept on advancing to where she qualified as a consultant pathologist.
* The head was very glad to host the Clinicians and Medical students and she informed the meeting that, as a lab sector they are strengthening the clinicians and she encouraged cooperation.
* She went ahead and informed the Swedish students that CPHL is the technical arm under Ministry of Health that coordinates lab services in the country . It is national reference lab and we have other lab services such as Sample transport, logistics management, quality management, reference testing and several directorates. CPHL manages over 1500 labs.

**MIN 3: Expectations from the students of Karolinska Institute Sweden**

1. To know which kind of tests are done on the site

2. To know how the institution manages their resources

**Remarks from Isaac**

* The lab manager informed the students that CPHL over sees lab services in the country, does tests that cannot easily be done by other health regions in the country, We build capacity to different levels and Sample transport network.

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* He further informed the meeting that hubs are at HCIV and Districts and they do lab tests like hematology, CD4 and samples are transported by the hub riders to different facilities. Some tests cannot be done at the hub and they are referred to CPHL.
* He informed the students that we have EID for HIV and it is a highly specialized test, VL to monitor patients on ART and how they perform on medication and investigate on out breaks in the public. The primary link between the hub is the sample transporter and they use a motor bike and they pick samples.

**How resources are managed?**

The head CPHL informed the students that CPHL is under Ministry of Health(MoH) and we have a budget allocation by the MoH.

MoH does not have enough resources and also donors do not give enough funds , it is due to this that as CPHL we are coming up with the bill so that we can be autonomous and see how we can increase the funding.

Mr. Aisu informed the meeting that we are sponsored by the government and the donors pay most of the staff though we have volunteers.

**Minute 4: Closure**

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting ended at 02:00pm.

**Chair Person: Secretariat**

Dr. Susan Nabadda Lunyolo Sarah