**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF EPIHACK TEAM WITH UNHLS HELD ON 18TH 04 2018 IN THE BOARDROOM**

**AGENDA**

1. Prayer
2. Introductions
3. Remarks from chair
4. Over view of UNHLS/CPHL
5. Brief from LIMS lab nature
6. Discussions and way forward

**MIN 1 Prayer**

Prayer was led by Miss Prossy Nambuya

**Min 2Brief over view was given by Mr. Patrick Ogwok.**

The chairman welcomed members in the meeting and thanked them for honoring the invitation to discuss the very important issues concerning strengthening the lab systems since the sub-sector’s mandate is to offer quality services in the country.

He appreciated the support rendered by the IPs. She reiterated that our emphasis is to have all the labs accredited and so far the V L and EID labs at CPHL have been accredited and other five have applied for accreditation and are going through the process despite having some challenges

**Min 3Brief over view from EPIHACK**

EPIHACK means epidemiology and hacking. It is a workshop where people are gathered together to work on the epidemics in the country disease surveillance and outbreaks.

The group is more interested in:

* Outbreak inventory management
* How data flows for decision making
* How to manage outbreaks in real time
* How to strengthen digital data collection from contact
* What could be done to improve capability
* How samples are moving from the time of collection back to the facility
* What systems could be used for tracing samples at the national level
* Tracking samples
* How samples are tracked from the facility to the hub up to the final testing lab and transmission of results back to the facility
* Transparency and accountability of samples

**Min 4 presentation from Prossy (*power point presentation*)**

* She pointed out the challenges faced by the ERD
* Monitoring results from the hub back to the facility
* Tracking results from CPHL back to the facility
* Tracking samples from the hub to the testing ground
* There is need for data ware house for all the lab information
* Information technology should be included in planning and budgeting

**Min 5 Reactions from the EPIHACK team**

* How have the HLIMS been utilized to improve the lab system?
* How is case management handled?
* How are emergency samples tracked in the hub transport system?
* How are private labs operating?
* In terms of One Heath approach, how is CPHL connecting with other reference labs (MAAIF, NADDEC and zoonotics)

**Prossy**

* Samples first come to CPHL before they are dispatched to other labs.
* Private labs should be monitored by CPHL (discussions are going on)
* Open MRS is going to be used to integrate patient results and case files

The meeting ended at 1:29 pm.