

Moghaka LDAC Launch

The Substance Abuse Unit embarked on a long journey which finally saw them launch the much anticipated Local Drug Action Committee in the Moghaka Local Municipality. The establishment of this Committee together with others in various Municipalities are in line with the Honourable Premier, Ace Magashule's Programme of Action for the 2014/15 financial year.



The event started with a presentation by Mr. Charles Makappa, which outlined the purpose of the establishment of these committees. It was also intended to provide members with an idea of the requirements of the Programme. He highlighted that the new Substance Abuse act requires local drug action committees to be established in each

Municipality area. This is done to control as well as to fight the unending scourge of drug abuse.

The established committees will work hand in hand with organizations related to substance abuse issues. Other focus areas will be on assisting children addicted to drugs and other substances which are detrimental to their overall health and well-being. These committee members will be required to come up with an action plan on how to address challenges in their various communities.

The launch was attended by Councilors, the Executive Manager for Social Welfare Services, Me Bessie Kgasane as well as Mr. Gert Kruger from Central Drug Authority. He urged the guests to come together in unity by starting at the grass roots level. He also stated that 43% of people admitted to rehab centers were for alcohol addiction. The local drug action committees will help in reducing demand for drugs, by going to the communities to teach them about prevention methods.

Members were advised to be ready to work hard, and that "success is not always guaranteed, if it fails, go back to the drawing board and start afresh" In closing, he offered his full support from all sectors of Government.



The newly appointed members signed a pledge of commitment to be fully fledged committee members and will be officially sworn in as members by receiving certificates which will be handed out once the date has been confirmed.