



NPSWU STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR A NURSES SUSPENDED AT MODIMDO CLINIC

Just a day after Women's month we are again witnessing the harassment of a woman worker by the callous authorities. It has come to our attention that Limpopo department of health suspended a nurses on allegation that she failed to treat a pregnant patient who visited the facility at night.

Community should note that Modimbo Clinic does not operate 24 hours, but they do calls, that is to say a Nurse who was working from 06h45 and knock off at 19h00 ,after knocking off should still be called to attend emergency during the night and the following day should be on duty. Firstly this is the failure of department to employ enough staff to operate 24 hours. On 1st of September 2021.

1 a security personnel call a nurse in question to attend to pregnant women, that was at 06h30, already a nurse in question was preparing for work ,as she was expected to clock in at 06H45 . After being called she said she's coming because like any other human she had prepare herself amongst other is to dress first. At 06h40 she arrived at the gate and already the women had delivered and she ask them to come in and she helped them, and both mother and a child is safe. Then how can that be the fault of nurse in question? This is equal to women who delivers at home or patients who died on they way to hospital, you cannot hold nurses liable. In this case Employer should be applauding this nurse for job well done since both the mother and child is safe.

A Nurse does not work at the gate but at the hospital facility/ clinic facility. Department knows these very well but as usual is using employees as scapegoat for their failure. It is for this reason NPSWU condemn department stunt and call for immediate withdrawal of this illogical suspension. NPSWU has already spoken to the victim and willing to offer any support necessary until the end, we cannot fold hands and let the Employer do as they wish just to save they skin . Employees cannot be a scapegoat under our watch.

Department should unconditional withdraw the suspension, apologies for this nurses. Ours is to remember against forgetting. Amaaandla

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