

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

GAUTENG DIVISION, PRETORIA

CASE NO: I001/2021

In the matter of:

THE LIFE ESIDIMENI INQUEST

SECTION 27 CHRONOLOGY

DATE	EVENT	PAGE
May 2014	Ms Mahlangu appointed as the MEC of Gauteng Department of Health.	1675
29 July 2014	Ms Mahlangu's first budget speech after appointment	32024
13 November 2014	Ms Mahlangu's presentation before the Premier's Budget Council	51995
November 2014	Invitation by MEC Creecy inviting Ms Mahlangu to present at the PBC meeting	31333
February 2015	Ms Mahlangu met with Life Esidimeni's Kamy Chetty and Dr Mkhathswa about the planned termination of the contract in 2017. Life Esidimeni warned about the risks involved in moving MHCUs out of Life Esidimeni given their unique vulnerability	2291

4 March 2015	Dr Manamela convened a meeting with senior psychiatrists, Life Esidimeni management and the Mental Health Directorate staff, and informed everyone that the contract with Life Esidimeni would be terminated by 31 March 2016	1492
11 March 2015	Letter from Dr Selebano to Dr Mkhathshwa - beds must be reduced by 20% by April 2015.	31580
16 March 2015	SASOP meeting with Dr Manamela and MHD	18307
21 April 2015	Letter from Clinical Managers to Dr. Manamela addressing the reduction of beds at Life Esidimeni.	37152
28 April 2015	Letter from Clinical Heads, Gauteng Psychiatric Hospitals and others to Dr Manamela, HoD Selebano and others about risks	30219
1 May 2015	Dr Selebano appointed as HOD (he had been acting since September 2014)	31275
23 June 2015	SASOP (per Dr Robertson) email to Ms Mahlangu with letter of 22 June 2015 regarding concerns about the reduction of beds at LE. The email details possible unforeseen consequences and the greater health care costs.	35164 and 18312
15 July 2015	Dr Manamela makes presentation to Ms Mahlangu and executive and presents 3 options	20587
September 2015	Life Esidimeni Witpoort closed - patients moved	31664
21 September 2015	Meeting between MHD, specialist hospitals and infrastructure	20647
22 September 2015	Dr Manamela draft plan of action for Life Esidimeni Termination Project	18512
30 September 2015	Project Plan: Termination of contract relationship between Gauteng Department of Health and Life Esidimeni and upscaling community based mental health services	31682
October 2015	SASOP further letter to Ms Mahlangu concerning risks	18319
5 October 2015	MHD feedback meeting	20650
21 October 2015	First announcement/media statement about termination by Ms Mahlangu	18099
26 October 2015	Meeting between MHD, specialist hospitals and infrastructure, chaired by Dr Manamela, listing concerns	20653
27 October 2015	Memorandum from clinical heads to Dr Manamela copying the CEO's of Gauteng Psychiatric & Central hospitals.	37670

30 October 2015	Dr Robertson sends a second post-termination email from SASOP to Ms Mahlangu requesting a meeting.	36765
5 November 2015	Mr Mosenogi asked by Ms Mahlangu in a meeting to be project leader	36000
9 November 2015	Meeting of MHD (including Dr Manamela), specialist hospitals and infrastructure noting issues with NGOs	20656
9 November 2015	Invitation to NGOs to discuss LE termination plan on 13 November 2015	30484
10 November 2015	Formal appointment of Mr Mosenogi and team to run the project.	40078
23 November 2015	Meeting between GDoH, SADAG, and families of MHCUs.	18102
26 November 2015	SADAG letter to Ms Mahlangu, Dr Manamela and Dr Mkhathshwa raising concerns with the termination of the LE contract. The letter also provided feedback on the inability of hospitals identified to accommodate MHCUs.	35213
30 November 2015	Ms Mahlangu presented at Gauteng Legislature on Life Esidimeni	52422
30 November 2015	Meeting between GDoH, SADAG and SASOP at which risks were identified. Letters to Dr Selebano and Dr Manamela	18112
2 December 2015	Meeting between GDoH and SADAG at which the GDoH presented a Project Plan to continue discharging patients.	18115
2 December 2015	Letter from SECTION27 to Dr Selebano, copying Ms Mahlangu about risks and process	18108
9 December 2015	Letter from SECTION27 to Ms Mahlangu, Dr Selebano and Dr Manamela proposing appointment of curators for MHCUs to prevent application to interdict move	18114
11 December 2015	Email from SADAG to Dr Manamela, copying Ms Mahlangu and Dr Selebano requesting confirmation that discharges will be halted	18119
16 December 2015	Urgent application to interdict discharges in which Ms Mahlangu was cited as a respondent	18023
22 December 2015	Settlement Agreement	18491

6 January 2016	Meeting between GDoH (including Dr Manamela), SADAG and Life Esidimeni	18550
15 January 2016	Letter from SADAG to Dr Selebano and Mr Mosenogi with minutes re 6 January meeting	18545
20 January 2016	Meeting between SADAG and GDoH Letter from SADAG to Dr Selebano, Mr Mosenogi and Dr Manamela re 20 January meeting and GDoH minutes of Meeting of Life Esidimeni Termination Project between GDOH and Stakeholders	18557 18560
26 January 2016	Progress report by project team to Ms Mahlangu and senior managers. In this meeting it was made clear that the termination of the LE contract. All beds to be ready by 15 March 2016	20687
29 January 2016	Volatile family meeting with Ms Mahlangu at Waverley where families begged her not to terminate the contract.	1436
9 February 2016	Meeting between SADAG, Dr Manamela and team and SASOP GDoH recordal of the Resolutions of 9 February 2016 meeting Email from Dr Talatala to Dr Selebano concerning 9 February 2016 meeting Letter and minutes from SADAG to Dr Selebano, Mr Mosenogi and Dr Manamela re 9 February meeting Minutes substantially confirmed by Mr Mosenogi	18572 18580 18582 18564 18578
12 February 2016	Email and letter from Mr Mosenogi to Ms Mahlangu, suggesting an extension of time periods. He states that there are 474 patients without ID books.	30205
16 February 2016	First march by families - memorandum received by Ms Mahlangu	31173
17 February 2016	Progress report presented by Dr Manamela to Ms Mahlangu	30907
22 February 2016	Meeting between Dr Manamela and team and NGOs - reflects that Precious Angels has no beds	20694
22 February 2016	SADAG letter to Dr Selebano, Mr Mosenogi and Dr Manamela re extension of contact with Life Esidimeni	18584

3 March 2016	SADAG letter to Dr Selebano, Mr Mosenogi and Dr Manamela re lack of information, lack of clarity on discharges and offers from SASOP and the Federation	18592
4 March 2016	Response from Dr Manamela requesting that the parties “clarify issues” at the next meeting	18598
4 March 2016	Response from Mr Mosenogi suggesting SASOP and Federation offers be discussed at next meeting	18599
7 March 2016	SADAG letter to Dr Selebano, Dr Manamela and Mr Mosenogi re the outstanding information required before 8 March meeting	18600
7 March 2016	Letter by Dr Selebano but signed by Mr Mosenogi in response to families’ march	31178
10 March 2016	SADAG Letter to Department about movement of MHCUs to Takalani, warning that harm will be considerable, imminent, and irreparable	18604
11 March 2016	Letter of Demand addressed to Ms Mahlangu and others	18622
12 March 2016	Urgent application to interdict discharges to Takalani	18440
15 March 2016	Email to Dr Manamela from Prof Freeman. He was informed by SECTION27 of the court case and since last communication has not received the plan.	30203
15 March 2016	Judgment by Vally J in urgent application	18916
15 March 2016	Ms Mahlangu presented at Gauteng Legislature on Life Esidimeni	52427
26 March 2016	Deborah Phehla dies	6569
1 April 2016	All NGO licenses signed by Dr Manamela, were dated 1 April 2016	26653
1 April 2016	Prof Friedman email to Dr Manamela requesting updated plan and court judgment	30202
7 April 2016	Presentation by Dr Manamela to Ms Mahlangu and senior managers	30877
8 April 2016	Resolutions of meeting with senior management re Life Esidimeni termination	20698
11 April 2016	MHD officials Sennelo, Lenkwane, Mashile and Sennelo are seconded to Life Esidimeni to speed up the placement process (less than two months before all MHCUs are to be out of Life Esidimeni)	36344

13 April 2016	Meeting between GDoH (including Dr Manamela) and Life Esidimeni following visit to Life Esidimeni Randfontein on 6 April 2016	37344
22 April 2016	Presentation by Dr Manamela to MEC and senior managers	30862
26 April 2016	Dr Manamela's placement and discharge plan indicates that as of 26 April 2016, 1442, MHCUs had to be placed in a seven-week period	30861
3 May 2016	Dr Robertson email to Dr Manamela, where she repeated several concerns about the placement of the MHCUs in NGOs with insufficient community mental health care services to support them	36776
4 May 2016	Dr Robertson second email to Dr Manamela regarding the placement of Life Esidimeni MHCUs in NGOs	36779
10 May 2016	Email from Prof Friedman to Dr Manamela. He has still not received an answer to email of 1 April 2016 and needs to brief the Minister. Dr Manamela says she thought from the discussion at the Forensic Conference that Prof Friedman will request the report from the HOA. She will write a report by 15 May.	30202
12 May 2016	Tshepong receives 85 MHCUs	40671
13 May 2016	Presentation of progress report by Dr Manamela to Ms Mahlangu	30902
26 May 2016	Ms Mahlangu delivers Gauteng Health Provincial Budget Vote 2016/2017 - No mention of LE plan	
26 May 2016	Rebafenyi receives 61 MHCUs	12956
28 May 2016	Tshepong receives 92 MHCUs	8695
29 May 2016	Solomon Moatshe dies	14496
2 June 2016	Letter from SADAG to Dr Selebano, Mr Mosenogi, Dr Manamela, about rapid move, moving adults to Baneng. States MHCUs not getting proper care, supervision, medication, food, accommodation, security, and other needs. "An extremely high risk of negative outcomes, including relapse and death"	18953
6 June 2016	Rahab Mangena dies	15198
9 June 2016	Families march with list of demands.	31174

15 June 2016	Dr Manamela answers memorandum handed over at family march. She says does not know of relapses and only two sick MHCUs had died	31182
15 June 2016	Christopher Mogoerane dies	12957
21 June 2016	Dr Manamela presented a progress report to Ms Mahlangu, which notes highlights and lowlights.	20640
23 June 2016	Anchor Home receives 30 MHCUs from CCRC	360
23 June 2016	Precious Angels receives 22 MHCUs.	1467
28 June 2016	Precious Angels receives 11 MHCUs.	1468
29 June 2016	Precious Angels receives 20 MHCUs.	1469
29 June 2016	Anchor received 40 MHCUs from Life Esidimeni	360
31 June 2016	Termination date	18484
1 July 2016	Happy Makhubela dies	37772
1 July 2016	Bernika Mokaneng dies	17654
3 July 2016	Christopher Makhoba dies	7597
8 July 2016	Caswell Mosiane dies	17729
11 July 2016	Charity Ratsotso dies	6261
12 July 2016	Julia Tshawe dies	7877
18 July 2016	Eric Mashiloane dies	3000
18 July 2016	Sinah Mosalo dies	9128
18 July 2016	Bhekumuzi Sithole dies	13440
20 July 2016	Ms Sennelo called Dr. Manamela urging her to shut down Precious Angels following inspection	40581
22 July 2016	Seipati Pilane dies	7744
24 July 2016	Joseph Gumede dies	3819
24 July 2016	Jeremiah Modise dies	8092
25 July 2016	Francois Badenhorst dies	10077
25 July 2016	Busisiwe Shabalala dies	10850
5 August 2016	Final report on termination between LE and GDOH compiled by Dr Manamela	31659
6 August 2016	Solly Mashego dies	8148
7 August 2016	Fredrick Colitz dies	15677
8 August 2016	Daniel Josiah dies	3295
13 August 2016	Thembisile Lilian Dlamini dies	17890
15 August 2016	Terrence Chaba dies	2792

15 August 2016	Virginia Machpelah dies	2672
15 August 2016	Leroabe Mthofela dies	11329
20 August 2016	Adopt an NGO strategy	637
26 August 2016	Matlakala Motsoahae dies	8087
30 August 2016	Ms Mahlangu presented at Gauteng Legislature on Life Esidimeni Further questions in Legislature debate about moves.	
1 September 2016	Letter from SECTION27 to Ms Mahlangu about death of Ms Machpelah at Precious Angels	18961
1 September 2016	Response from Ms Mahlangu to SECTION27	18963
9 September 2016	Siyabulela Msimanga dies	13198
10 September 2016	Sizwe Hlatswayo dies	48250
13 September 2016	In response to a question in the Provincial Legislature, Ms Mahlangu announces that 36 MHCUs have died	524367
16 September 2016	Letter from SECTION27 to SAPS requesting a joint inquest	19040
21 September 2016	Emily Mthembu dies	12936
4 October 2016	Harold Nkosi dies	3646
15 October 2016	Jabulani Mnisi dies	9347
24 October 2016	Cathelia Kunjwa dies	15156
1 November 2016	Anchor Home closes down	361
7 November 2016	Frans Dekker dies	4597
8 November 2016	Ms Mahlangu presents at Gauteng legislature on Life Esidimeni	
11 November 2016	John Mahloko dies	15483
13 November 2016	Siphiwe Thabethe dies	7840
15 November 2016	Ms Mahlangu presents at Gauteng legislature on Life Esidimeni	54239
17 November 2016	Joy Simamane dies	16686
29 November 2016	Ms Mahlangu presents at Gauteng legislature on Life Esidimeni	52440
6 December 2016	Julian Peterson dies	8034
January 2017	Precious Angels closes down	23322

12 January 2017	Rudolph Botha dies	13050
29 January 2017	Maria Maretele dies	16300
1 February 2017	Ombud's report released	31581 - 31582
1 February 2017	MEC Mahlangu resigns	31581 – 31582
7 February 2017	Vuyo Aaron Nqgondwane dies	6056
12 February 2017	Michael Tlholwe dies	12964
5 April 2017	Sibusiso Mthomboni dies	3511
12 April 2017	Cindy Van Rooyen dies	15563
9 October 2017	Arbitration proceedings commenced	22367