FEDERATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE TRADE UNIONS OF KENYA (PUSETU-K)

All correspondence through the General Secretary.

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PUSETU/KMPDU PRESS STATEMENT

THE ON-GOING CRISIS IN THE HEALTH SECTOR: MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS & HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS' NATIONWIDE WITHDRAWAL OF LABOUR

Following a request made by the Kenya Medical Practitioners & Dentist Union (KMPDU) other trade unions representing health care workers in all public hospitals/ dispensaries in Kenya, the Federation of Public Service Trade Unions of Kenya (PUSETU-K) has, after extensive consultations with the unions concerned, agreed to immediately intervene in the current stand-off pitting the County Governments against the unions.

Consequently, PUSETU-K has taken over the matter and joined hands with the trade unions and wish to state as follows:-

1. That, having studied in depth the genesis of the dispute between the parties, PUSETU-K fully and firmly supports the action taken by health care providers in all public health facilities across the country.

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2. That, PUSETU-K calls upon the County Governments to immediately pay all the said workers their delayed July 2014 salaries and other outstanding emoluments, to avert continued withdrawal of labour and subsequently alleviate the suffering that Kenyans seeking health care services are currently facing.

3. That, moving forward PUSETU-K wishes to advice that just like the key sectors of education and security among others, health sector should be centrally managed by the National Government.

4. That, PUSETU-K now demands that to effectively and professionally run a sound national health care program, administration and management of health sector should be included in the agenda of the proposed national referendum with a view of establishing a National Health Service Commission.

5. That, PUSETU-K implores the National Government to immediately convene a joint meeting of all parties to the dispute with a view to resolving the impasse through a mutual Return to Work Formula.

6. That PUSETU-K also demands that management of Human Resources for all county staff in relation to remuneration, promotions, training should be done centrally to avoid inconveniences that have been witnessed in the last two months.

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