



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

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UNLOCKING NEW WAYS UNDER LOCKDOWN

On 13 August 2020, Council convened the 53rd ordinary Executive Committee meeting. The meeting took stock of the quarter 1 organisational report for the 2020/21 financial year and an assessment on the impact of the national lockdown on operations of Council was done.

On 14 August 2020, the *Professional Board for Social Work* delegation held a virtual meeting with the *Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions* (ASASWEI) and all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) providing training in social work. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the challenges faced by 4th year student social workers, of whom majority are unable to undertake compulsory practicums, due to the national lockdown. The *Professional Board for Social Work* agreed that they will respond in writing to both ASASWEI and HEIs regarding these challenges.

On 17 August 2020, Council's senior staff attended the inaugural *Ministry of Social Development oversight forum* meeting led by the Acting Director General, Mr Linton Mchunu. The meeting laid a strong foundation for regular oversight meetings and paved way for the development of a stakeholder compact and identified areas of work for the benefit of the social service sector and the public at large.

On 19 and 20 August 2020, the *National Association of Child Care Workers* (NACCW) in partnership with the *South African Council for Social Service Professions*, *Quality Council for Trades and Occupations* (QCTO) and the *Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority* (HWSETA) rolled out virtual workshops with 32 accredited Skills Development Providers (SDPs) on Child and Youth Care NQF level 5 generic learning material.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SACSSP mourns the sudden passing of **Ms Constance Glerah Nxumalo**, Deputy Director-General: Welfare Services at the National Department of Social Development 22 August 2020 and expresses condolences to Ms Nxumalo's family, friends and colleagues.



There is a **FREE CPD accredited in-service training programme** designed for all child and youth care workers in South Africa to enable them to safely serve children, families and communities during the COVID-19 crisis. Please see the SACSSP's website or contact the Secretary of the *Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work* at MolebohengM@sacssp.co.za or more details.

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