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Council@NACCW Conference

"*Child and youth care workers: Champions of hope in challenging times*" was the theme that brought together child and youth care workers for the National Association of Child Care Workers (NACCW) 23rd Biennial 1st Virtual Conference from 5 to 6 October 2021. The key note addressed by the Minister of Social Development, *Honourable Ms Lindiwe Zulu*, reflected on the innovative ways in which child and youth care workers executed their duties and rendered services to children especially during this time when the country deals with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The SACSSP President, *Dr Maria Mabetoa*, congratulated the NACCW as part of her message of support for bringing child and youth care workers together through its first virtual biennial conference. Members of Council made interesting presentations on community-based child and youth care work (*Mr Donald Nghonyama*), ecometric assessment in child and youth care work (*Professor Rika Swanzen*) and a toolbox for child and youth care worker (*Mr Elwin Gallant*). Members of the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work shared thought provoking presentations on integrated patterns of practice (*Dr Zeni Thumbadoo*), systematic career pathways for child and youth care workers (*Dr Lesiba Molepo*) and residential care programmes for children amidst a world health crisis (*Mr Francisco Cornelius*).

The Registrar, *Ms Malamba*, presented on the mandates and roles of Council and the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work as well as the role differentiation between professional statutory bodies, professional associations and labour unions. The SACSSP's Professional Conduct Manager, *Mr Hitler Sekhitla*, gave a presentation on the content and practical application of the Code of Ethics for child and youth care workers.

The 21 proposed conference resolutions will be voted for and approved for circulation at the NACCW BGM to be held on 26 October 2021.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work will host a follow-up to the Summit hosted earlier this year on **9 November 2021**. More details will be shared closer to the date.

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