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COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS**

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On 18 May 2021, Council convened a special meeting of the *Professional Conduct Committee* to consider the final inputs on the review of the *Code of ethics for social workers and social auxiliary workers*. The final draft document is due to be presented at the *Professional Board for Social Work* for discussion and approval.

On 19 May 2021, Council held a disciplinary inquiry against a social worker (*Respondent*) who is facing two charges relating to the rendering of play therapy services to children without the consent of their biological mother and the disclosure of confidential information without the consent of the client. The *Respondent* was found guilty on all the charges. The *Professional Conduct Committee* will reconvene in due course to consider the appropriate penalty(ies) in terms of section 22 of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978.

On 20 and 21 May 2021, Council conducted a presentation on the *Code of Ethics* for social workers and social auxiliary workers at the webinar hosted by the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Department of Social Development attended by more than 100 social workers and social auxiliary workers.

The Department of Social Work and Criminology of the University of Pretoria hosted the first-ever virtual pledge ceremony for their 126 second and third year social work students on 21 May 2021. The Registrar gave a message of support and made a presentation on ethics.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORIAM: It is with great sadness to inform you of the sudden passing of the 2nd President of the SACSSP, **Prof Marilyn Setlalentoa** (10-11581), on 20 May 2021. The SACSSP is organising a virtual memorial service to be streamed live on 7 June 2021 from 10h00 to 12h00. A *YouTube* link will be shared on the SACSSP's communication platforms before the event.

Please share this news with your networks as well

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