



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

STATEMENT ON 35th MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

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The South African Council for Social Professions' Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work held its 35th meeting from 19 to 20 February 2019 in Pretoria. The meeting focused on a variety of matters related to the core mandate of the Professional Board and a program for the year with some tight timeframes to see some turnaround was also discussed.

During this meeting, the Professional Board came up with a list of activities that need to be documented for the sector and responsibilities with time frames were set.

- Status of the Professional Board, the mandate and its responsibilities
- Status of child and youth care workers
- Clarification of scope of practice for child and youth care workers
- Job opportunities for child and youth care workers; where child and youth care workers can be employed and how opportunities can be created
- QCTO and HWSETA; documenting parameters
- Criteria, approach and process when assessing a learning material
- Analysis and alignment of policy documents

It was reported that 7553 child and youth care workers are currently registered with Council but some registrants are not paying their annual fees. The Professional Board is appealing to child and youth care workers to honour their obligation and pay annual fees by 31 March 2019 and always remember to use their unique registration number when making a payment. Failure in paying annual fees will result in deregistration of a registrant from the register. Since 2016, 1391 certificates have returned unclaimed. The Professional Board is urging all child and youth care workers to update their contact details and those who have applied and have received communication from Council to collect their certificates at the South African Post Office to urgently act on that request.

In reaching out to the sector and stressing out the importance of professional registration, the Professional Board has identified three provinces Limpopo, North West and Free State to conduct registration roadshows. These road shows will also be graced by the presence of an international guest speaker Mr Jack Phelan. More developments about these roadshows will be communicated once they are available.

Child and Youth Care Week which is celebrated internationally every first week in May was also discussed by the Professional Board. "Ubuntu", I am because you are, was decided as this year's theme. During this week child and youth care workers will be celebrated and the Professional Board is requesting the sector to share their celebrations or events with Council at communications@sacssp.co.za. These celebrations and best stories of the work of child and youth care workers will be shared in various networks throughout May month.

From 2-4 July 2019 it's the 22nd NACCW Biennial Conference and the 4th CYC-Net World Conference to be held at ICC Durban, South Africa. The Professional Board unanimously nominated its chairperson Ms Aziwe Magida to represent the Professional Board at this conference and the Professional Board further requested the National Association of Child Care Workers (NACCW) to invite the President of Council, Dr

Maria Mabetoa, the chairperson of the Professional Board for Social Work Dr Marie Kruger and the Registrar Ms Langi Malamba to attend the conference and update the delegates at this conference about the developments at Council.

Conference delegates can look forward to a spirited professional experience blending diverse child and youth care work experiences from across the globe in engagements on practice, programs and child and youth care work policy in a city renowned for summer days all year round! For more information about this conference click on this link: <http://www.naccw.org.za/biennial-conference>.

On the July 2018 statement by the Professional Board, the Professional Board reported that it had an opportunity to review the HWSETA NQF Level 5 learning material for child and youth care workers and the outcome was unsatisfactory as the learning material did not reflect child and youth care accurately. The Professional Board is pleased to announce that a new service provider, National Association of Child Care Workers (NACCW) has been appointed by HWSETA to rewrite the NQF level 5 learning material.

The Professional Board took note of the developments from National Department of Social Development workshop in offering Post Graduate Diploma in Supervision on NQF level 8 for social service professionals where four universities presented their plans and the Professional Board has requested to see the learning material.

During this meeting a representative from UNICEF presented and shared samples of how case management tools will assist child and youth care workers and social workers working together in managing a case and further developments regarding this project will be communicated to the sector.

Policy Guidelines for Course of Conduct and Code of Ethics for Child and Youth Care workers has been reviewed by the Professional Board and sectoral consultations will take place soon, be on the lookout for that.

The Professional Board further noted the concerns rose on social media regarding various issues affecting the sector and a communique regarding trends which are coming through will be constantly responded to by Council.

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ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SERVICE PROFESSIONS

The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP/ Council) is a statutory body established in terms of section 2 of the Social Service Professions Act No. 110 of 1978 (the Act). Council has two professional boards under its auspices: the Professional Board for Social Work and the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work. Council, in conjunction with its two professional boards, guides and regulates the professions of social work and child youth care work in aspects pertaining to registration; education and training; professional conduct and ethical behaviour; ensuring continuing professional development; and fostering compliance with professional standards. It protects the integrity of the social service professions as well as the interest of the public at large. In order to safeguard the public and indirectly the professions, registration with Council in terms of the Act is a prerequisite before practising social work and child and youth care work. Registration is mandatory for social workers, social auxiliary workers, student social workers, student social auxiliary workers, child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers, student child and youth care workers, and student auxiliary child and youth care workers.