



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

STATEMENT ON 38th MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

15 November 2019

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work (PBCYCW) held its 38th meeting from 16 to 17 October 2019 in Pretoria. The Professional Board welcomed Ms Maleboheng Moiloa who is the new secretary of the Professional Board.

Good news for Council and the child and youth care sector was the announcement that the University of Western Cape is planning to offer Bachelor's degree qualification child and youth care from 2021. The content for this qualification has been developed and the university is busy with the internal quality assurance processes. Further, the Durban University of Technology's application to provide a Master's degree in child and youth care was approved by the Professional Board.

The Professional Board received feedback that the continuing professional development (CPD) policy and CPD standard operating procedures had been approved by Council. The Education, Training and Development Committee (ETD) of the Professional Board is busy with the recruitment of CPD panel members who will be responsible for CPD assessments.

The Professional Board received 15 applications for the assessment of NQF Level 5 material and only one training provider was approved. The ETD committee of the PBCYCW is busy with the development of the Quality assurance tool for monitoring of training providers which will be presented to the Professional Board in their next meeting in February 2020.

At the Professional Board meeting in February 2019, a representative from UNICEF presented and shared samples of how case management tools can assist child and youth care workers and social workers working together in managing cases, and the Professional Board is currently reviewing the case logging forms to be used by child and youth care workers in all settings.

The Professional Board noted progress on professional conduct matters. The Professional Board through its Professional Conduct Task Team is reviewing the Fit and Proper Policy which will be submitted to Council for approval at its November 2019 meeting. On 27 September 2019, the Professional Conduct task team met to discuss and revised the draft Policy Guideline for Course of Conduct, Code of Ethics and the Rules for Child and Youth Care Workers, Auxiliary Child and Youth Care Workers and Student Child and Youth Care Workers. This document will be titled "Practice Manual for Child and Youth Care Workers" and is being reviewed by the Professional Board and will be submitted to Council for approval.

The Professional Board took note of the formation of the Registration Committee of Council. This task team will look at all matters relating to registration of social service professionals. It was reported to the Professional Board that 8636 child and youth care workers are currently registered. From July to September 2019, 509 registration applications were received and 159 applications have been processed. The Registration division is appealing to applicants who received communication regarding their outstanding documents to act on that communication.

The Professional Board concluded its 38th meeting by expressing appreciation to the members for a productive meeting and staff for their hard work.

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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.