



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

STATEMENT ON 39TH MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

24 March 2020

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work held its 39th meeting from 27 February to 28 February 2020 in Pretoria. The core business of the Professional Board and the progress made since its 38th meeting held in 2019 was discussed.

The Professional Board through its Professional Conduct Task team is currently reviewing the Fit and Proper Policy and the Practice Manual for child and youth care workers and will submit to Council for approval.

A presentation from Dr Reselokoane a representative from the University of Venda regarding the qualification in Youth Development to be registered with Council particularly on the Child and Youth Care Register was received. The Professional Board deliberated extensively on this request and came to a conclusion to do greater consultation with the sector regarding this and also inform Council about this request.

The Education, Training and Development Committee of the Professional Board conducted continuing professional development (CPD) training for panel members who will be responsible for CPD assessments on 12 December 2019. The CPD policy will be implemented as from 1 April 2020. The Professional Board noted the progress made on the amended Norms and standards for Child and Youth Care qualification and Quality assurance tool and amended documents with all comments will be finalised soon and be submitted to the Professional Board for approval before they are served to Council for final approval. During the remaining months of this Professional Board's tenure this Professional Board will also prioritise conducting quality assurance on institutions offering training to child and youth care workers

The Professional Board briefly discussed the granny clause of three years which was approved on 21 August 2018 for child and youth care workers to obtain qualification by 21 August 2022. The Professional Board is investigating implications this will have on the sector and the child and youth care sector will be informed soon

The term of office for the Council and the two Professional Boards is coming to an end next year in June; voter education and or awareness will take place prior to nominations and elections. The Professional Board also noted the intention to investigate the possibility of online voting.

The Professional Board concluded its meeting by expressing appreciation to the Members and staff for their contribution in preparation of this meeting fruitful meeting.

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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.