



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

STATEMENT ON 48th MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

7 November 2022

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work (PBCYCW) held its 48th meeting on 20 October 2022 using Microsoft Teams. The meeting focused on a variety of matters related to the core mandate and its priorities for the 100 days in office. In his opening remarks, the acting chairperson acknowledged the work completed by the 3rd PBCYCW, the well compiled handover report which the current Professional Board has to take forward and the Summit report which sums up all the challenges that are faced by the Child and Youth Care sector.

The Professional Board confirmed the following appointments:

Adv Lulamile Peter - elected chairperson of the Professional Conduct Committee.

Mr Donald Nghonyama- deputy chairperson on the Restorations panel,

Adv Lulamile Peter and Ms Samantha Baron members of the Fit and Proper Panel.

The top 5 priorities identified by the Professional Board for the 1st 100 days were confirmed as follows:

- Unpaid registration fees and possible deregistration of some of the child and youth care workers
- Improved access- follow-up with universities for provision of new qualifications in CYCW
- Engagement with non- compliant employers who continue to employ unregistered practitioners
- 2 Roadshows in two provinces
- Quality assurance visits of at least two higher education institutions.

The Professional Board noted the progress made regarding the verification of child and youth care workers at risk of being de-registered. The HWSETA made an offer at the May Child and Youth Care Summit to pay for the child and youth care workers who were not able to renew their registrations due to financial challenges as a result of unemployment, delayed or minimal stipend. Out of 8931 child and youth care workers that are on the database 4756 are verified to be deregistered and 4175 are to be verified. Letters to affected child and youth care workers will be sent out soon.

On Education Training and Development, the Professional Board's Education Training and Development Committee will engage with SAQA, QCTO and HWSETA regarding the status of NQF Level 4 child and youth care training.

The PBCYC appreciated the following developments on progress made with institutions of higher learning willing to offer Child and Youth Care degrees;

- University of Johannesburg- they are requesting for a letter of endorsement to continue with the development of the child and youth care degree.

- ETD committee of the Professional Boards' meeting with the Durban University of Technology in support of further training for child and youth care work, a follow-up meeting with the Head of Department and other key stakeholders was scheduled for 31 October 2022.
- Engagements with UNISA; a task team has been formed to take the process forward.
- On Communications, a General Notice will be issued for unemployed social service professionals to inform them on how to apply for exemption from paying annual fees. It further noted the promotional material to be developed for Professional Conduct and the frequently asked questions for child and youth care workers which the Professional Board will review.

The Professional Board concluded its meeting by thanking all members and secretariat for their participation.

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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.