



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

STATEMENT ON 32nd MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

16 May 2018

The South African Council for Social Professions' Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work held its 32nd meeting on from 14 to 15 May 2018 in Pretoria. The meeting focused on the core business of the Professional Board and progress made since its 31st meeting held in November 2017.

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work noted that the Welfare Forum invited Council to attend their meeting with senior government managers in Cape Town on 24 and 25 May 2018. During the meeting Members were nominated ([insert names]) to represent the Professional Board at this meeting and to assist in addressing matters pertaining to the child and youth care work profession.

The Professional Board noted with appreciation that Council agreed that the resolutions 1 to 16 of the 18 resolutions taken at the 21st Biennial Conference of the NACCW in Kimberley in July 2017 need to be supported by the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work. The Professional Board will develop an action plan on sector specific issues.

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work came to an agreement with the Health and Welfare SETA regarding the NQF Level 5 learning material for child and youth care workers. The Professional Board and three subject matter experts will review these materials to make sure it meets the minimum standards for the sector. It was also agreed that the Education Committee of the Professional Board to explore the development of a course regarding supervision for child and youth care workers in different settings.

The Professional Board established Committee for Preliminary Inquiry (CPI) and a Professional Conduct Committee (also known as the disciplinary committee) for child and youth care work as to give effect on the requirements of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978. Once working procedures are developed it will be gazetted and the sector will be informed.

The Professional Board agreed to prioritise the finalisation of continuing professional development (CPD) policy for child and youth care workers and details regarding this will be communicated as soon as the policy and related processes are approved.

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work received a presentation from the Department of Public Service Administration (DPSA) to obtain a better understanding regarding the design of staff establishments in the public service. This opportunity was used to discuss in particular matters pertaining to the child and youth care work profession employed in the Department of Social Development as well as in different settings like education, health, justice etc. other than Department of Social Development.

The Professional Board raised a concern that advertisements for child and youth care worker posts in government and non-governmental sectors do not indicate that registration with the South African Council for Social Service Professions is requirement. The Professional Board reiterated the importance that this requirement, is a legal prerequisite, must be included in advertisement and be a condition of employment. The Professional Board urges all employers of child and youth care workers to adhere to this requirement and requested that the Registrar communicate this to all director generals, heads of departments of various departments and organisations that are employing child and youth care workers as to ensure adherence to the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 and the regulations thereto.

The Professional Board agreed that there is a need to engage with Department of Social Development, Department of Public Service Administration and other government departments to facilitate a better understanding of the child and youth care work professions and the need to advance the employment and utilization of child and youth care workers at senior levels.

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work agreed to have roadshows in the Western Cape, North- West and Limpopo. More details about these road shows will be shared once they are available.

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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.