



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

STATEMENT ON 43RD MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

22 June 2021

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work (PBCYCW) held its 43rd meeting on 25 May 2021 using Microsoft Teams. The chairperson welcomed everyone on the 43rd meeting of the Professional Board and acknowledged the success of the Summit, which was held on 6 May 2021 under the theme “*The crisis in the child and youth care sector in South Africa and its impact on the welfare of children and youth*”. This meeting focused also on the purpose of each work streams and its thematic problem statement. All organisations /representatives who during the Summit expressed interest to join any of the work streams received invites to participate in these work streams. They are listed below:

- OSD-which include the Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC), NEHAWU, PSA, DPSSA, DSD, and QCTO to address the issues for child and youth care workers employed in the public sector (and NGO sector). This include the development of a business case to enable changes to job descriptions, grades and employment requirements while the OSD revision process is underway.
- Access to higher education- DHET, HWSETA, universities, UNICEF, QCTO, DSD, and SAQA will look at options for activating opportunities to increase child and youth care workers’ access to higher education learning and to bursaries.
- District Development Model - COGTA, UNICEF, HWSETA, DSD and Department of Basic Education to look at the integration of child and youth care workers appropriately within the concept of district development.

The Summit elevated and brought to the fore the challenges faced by the Professional Board in executing its mandate. The Summit report has been prepared and approved by the Professional Board and has been shared with the sector. It is attached again for your attention [https://www.sacssp.co.za/2021/SACSSP%20-%20CYC%20SUMMIT%20Report%202021%20\(final\).pdf](https://www.sacssp.co.za/2021/SACSSP%20-%20CYC%20SUMMIT%20Report%202021%20(final).pdf).

The Professional Board noted the developments made this far with the universities wishing to offer Child and Youth Care level 8 qualifications. The University of South Africa (UNISA) is working towards a 2023 launch of the new Child and Youth Care qualification.

As part of the global workforce strengthening agenda, the Professional Board has extended its hand to its counterparts in Zambia, the Zambian Association for Child and Youth Care Workers (ZACCW) who will receive the PBCYW COVID-19 training material to train Zambian child and youth care workers.

PBCYCW noted the Board Notice for nominations for members to serve on the 5th Council, 5th Professional Board for Social Work and 4th Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work to be published on the Government Gazette. The update on nominations received is also making a call for nominations in the category for auxiliary child and youth care workers as there were no nominations. Please look out for that.

The PBCYC congratulated two members of this Professional Board, Dr Merle Allsopp and Dr Zeni Thumbadoo on their PhD achievements from the Durban University of Technology.

The Professional Board chairperson, Dr Thumbadoo thanked all members for their participation and enthusiasm during this 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.