

## Social Service Practitioners Advocacy Network Newsletter

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### 1. SA COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONALS ELECTIONS UPDATE

The Minister of Social Development published two notices in the *Government Gazette* on 23 November 2010:

- Government Notice (R171 in Government Gazette 33791) constitutes the new South African Council for Social Service Professionals.
- Government Notice (R170 in Government Gazette 33790) constitutes the new Professional Board for Social Work

Both bodies were officially constituted from the day the notices appeared (23 November 2010). The inauguration and first meetings will be held in the second week of December. Members will go through an induction process and begin their duties in early 2011.

Please see the table below for the names of the new members of Council and the Professional Board for Social Work.

<b>ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS</b>	
<i>NAME &amp; SURNAME</i>	<i>CATEGORY they represent</i>
1. Jacques Herman Botes	Social Worker
2. Eleanor Ross	Social Work
3. Susanna Louw	Social Work
4. Alani Esterhuysen	Social Work
5. Winnie Grove	Social Work
6. Laetitia Petersen	Social Work

<b>MINISTERIAL APPOINTEES OF SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS</b>	
<i>NAME AND SURNAME</i>	<i>CATEGORY they represent</i>
1. Ms Dorothy-Anne Howitson	Disability Sector
2. Dr. Tumelo Amanda Lobelo-Ratefane	Community
3. Dr. M Mabetoa	National Government Representative
4. Mr M Mabizela	Minister of Education Representative
5. Mr C M Malaka	Provincial Representative
6. Ms Langanane Lucy Catherine Malamba	Community
7. Ms Cecilia Phyllis Mazibuko	Trade Unions
8. Dr. Zethu Mkhize	Training Institutions
9. Dr. Mosimanegape Mercutio Motshedi	Training Institutions
10. Mr Donald Muchchi Nghonyama	Community Representative
11. Mr Ashley Theron	National Forums
12. Mr Fani Amon Xaba	Business

<b>ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK</b>	
<i>NAME AND SURNAME</i>	<i>CATEGORY they represent</i>
1. Noelene Blekkenhorst	Social work
2. Carol Lynn Du Toit	Social work
3. Marieta Lemecia Kemp	Social work
4. Marie Elizabeth Kruger	Social work
1. Jan Willem Roestenburg	Education and Training institution
1. Elaine Sonet Harrison	Private practice
<b>MINISTERIAL APPOINTEES FOR THE PROFESSIONAL BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK</b>	
<i>NAME</i>	<i>CATEGORY they represent</i>
1. Ms. Keitumetse Stella Mahlangu	Community
2. Mr. Kgathole Bernard Mogadime	Community
3. Ms. Thobi Mhlongo	Ministerial Appointee Provincial Sphere of Government
4. Ms. Joan Miriam van Niekerk	Community

The Social Service Practitioners Advocacy Network wishes to congratulate all of the new members on their appointment to the SACSSP and the PBSW and hopes their term of office will bear fruit for all social service practitioners.

## **2. WORKING GROUP MEETING**

The SSPAN Working Group meeting was held in Cape Town on 8 and 9 November 2010. Representatives from the following sectors attended: child and youth care, community care work, early childhood development, probation, and social work. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the draft Social Service Professions Policy and to devise a strategy of ensuring that the different sectors write submissions.

Although an unofficial draft of the policy is available, participants agreed that everyone should draft suggestions for the policy based on their own ideas of what should ideally

be in the policy, and not respond to the draft ideas in the unofficial draft. Working Group members are busy drafting discussion documents that will be circulated to each sector in the new year. The Department is likely to call for public comment after March 2011.

### **3. HAPPY NEWS**

SSPAN's administrator Bee Williams gave birth to a baby boy Noah on the 28th of October 2010. Bee is currently on maternity leave and will return to work in March 2011.

### **4. SUBSCRIBE TO THE NETWORK**

If you subscribe to SSPAN you will receive policy briefs and progress updates. You will also become part of the broader network of organisations and individuals from civil society and government interested in participating in the making of the Social Service Professions Bill and the new policy development process.

A subscription form is available on the Children's Institute website: [http://ci.org.za/depts/ci/plr/pdf/bills/SSPAN\\_SUBSCRIBER\\_FORM.doc](http://ci.org.za/depts/ci/plr/pdf/bills/SSPAN_SUBSCRIBER_FORM.doc)

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