



Dear Valued Practitioner

The **HPCSA** hosted a comprehensive induction programme for its newly appointed and re-appointed Professional Board members. The induction was held at the Accolades Boutique Hotel in Midrand from 27-28 October 2020. The induction was also conducted virtually to accommodate the Professional Board members who could not physically attend the sessions. The regulations relating to the nominations and appointments of members of a Professional Board state that the Minister of Health shall, on the recommendation of Council, establish a Professional Board with regard to any health profession in respect of which a register is kept in terms of the **Health Professions Act of 1974**, or with regard to two or more such health professions. The appointment of the members is on the basis of nominations made by the members of the health profession or professions.

The Professional Board members are appointed on a five-year term of office. As a statutory body, the HPCSA is entrusted to regulate the education and training and registration for the practising of health professions registered under the **Health Professions Act**. The term of the previous Board ended on 31 October 2020. The **King IV Report on Corporate Governance** requires the governing body to ensure that the incoming Board members are inducted to enable them to execute their duties in an effective and efficient manner.

The aim of the induction sessions was to provide an overview of the HPCSA and ensure that new members have the tools, understanding and are able to contribute meaningfully to their various Boards.

Board members were briefed by management on the vital issues facing the HPCSA, as well as familiarising themselves with the organisation's culture, processes and policies.

Dr Maggie Ravhengani commenting on her appointment to the Professional Board for Radiography and Clinical Technology said: "I look forward to being part of the Board and contribute to public service. My interest is to ensure that clinicians render quality service to our people and works with integrity and that

we have the right numbers and skills."



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She further stated that the induction process was outstanding. "The newly appointed Board members were informed of their responsibilities and expectations as well as the boundaries thereof. The induction bridges the gap so that we don't just jump in" she concluded.

Prof. Leanne Sykes, a member of the Medical and Dental Professions Board said; "I am very excited because I wanted to be part of this Board, I wanted to be seen working for the Board, and I want the profession to know who they can contact regarding the profession matters." She also expressed her satisfaction with the induction, having gained a better understanding of the HPCSA functions.

The inauguration and training of Board members took place at Protea Hotel O.R. Tambo, Kempton Park. The Council induction and inauguration will take place from 16-18 November 2020.

The occasion was capped by the Acting HPCSA Registrar/CEO, Dr Munyadziwa Kwindu, emphasising the importance of teamwork and commitment for a successful collaboration with HPCSA and its Professional Board members. He also thanked the outgoing Board members for their contribution.

“Thank you to all the HPCSA managers and officials for all your efforts in ensuring that this induction programme becomes a success” concluded Dr Kwinda.

The HPCSA will keep members updated on developments and wish the Board well in their new term.

All the best

The HPCSA Team



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