



**THIRD MEETING OF SEYCHELLES MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016 AT 2PM  
IN THE TELE-RADIOLOGY ROOM AT THE DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE AT THE SEYCHELLES HOSPITAL**

**Members Present**

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| 1. Dr Bernard Valentin    | Chairman  |
| 2. Dr Susan Fock-tave     | Registrar |
| 3. Dr Velmurugan Chetty   | Member    |
| 4. Dr Joachim Bistoquet   | Member    |
| 5. Mr Victor Pool         | Member    |
| 6. Dr Valentina Seth      | Member    |
| 7. Dr Harold Pothin       | Member    |
| 8. Dr Derick Samsoodin    | Member    |
| 9. Father Danny Elizabeth | Member    |
| 10. Ms Josie Chetty       | Member    |

**Member Absent with apology**

Dr Winnie Low-Wah	Member
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1.	<p><b><u>Death of DR Jose Souyave and Dr Heather Shamlaye</u></b></p> <p>The Council was informed of the death of Dr Heather Shamlaye and Dr Jose Souyave. A moment of silence was observed in respect of the two doctors.</p> <p>DR Harold Pothin, who had known Dr Souyave for quite some time, spoke about his memories of him.</p> <p>The Meeting also learnt about the work that Dr Shamlaye had done for the Ministry of Health, especially in the domain of Adolescent Health and Family Planning.</p>	All
2.	<p><b><u>Adoption of the agenda</u></b></p> <p>The Agenda of the Third Meeting was amended and adopted</p>	Chairman
3.	<p><b><u>Matters Arising from the Second Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Update on the issue of the complaints against doctors and dentists</u></b></p> <p><b><u>3.1 Disciplinary action against SCH-96-20-2-M-5</u></b></p> <p>The meeting was informed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The document pertaining to the disciplinary action against Dr. SCH-96-20-2-M-5 was circulated after the last meeting and members proposed minor amendments.</li> <li>2. Following the circulation and agreement on the wording of the disciplinary decision, a disciplinary letter was written to Dr. SCH-96-20-2-M-5 conveying the decision of the Council</li> <li>3. The Council had decided to issue the dentist with a letter of reprimand and impose a penalty fee of SCR 1000.00</li> <li>4. The dentist accepted the decision and payment of the penalty fee was made immediately.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>3.2 Complaint against PIL-12-10-1-F-2</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Council considered the complaint lodged against PIL-12-10-1-F-2 and the response of PIL-12-10-1-F-2 to the complaint</li> <li>ii. After due consideration of the complaint and the response to the complaint, the Council found that the substance of the complaint had <b>not</b> been established and subsequently <b>dismissed the complaint.</b></li> <li>iii. The Registrar was directed to write a letter to inform <b>PIL-12-10-1-F-2</b> of the decision.</li> </ol>	ALL

	<p>iv. The full extent of the complaint and findings are contained in Decision- <b>PIL-12-10-1-F-2</b></p> <p><b><u>3.3 Complaint against SUB-15-20-1-M-16</u></b></p> <p>i. The Council considered the complaint lodged against <b>SUB-15-20-1-M-16</b> and the response of <b>SUB-15-20-1-M-16</b> to the complaint</p> <p>ii. After due consideration of the complaint and the response to the complaint, the Council found that the substance of the complaint had <b>decided to issue a reprimand to SUB-15-20-1-M-16</b></p> <p>iii. The Registrar was directed to write a letter to inform <b>SUB-15-20-1-M-16</b> of the decision.</p> <p>iv. The full extent of the complaint and findings are contained in Decision_ <b>SUB-15-20-1-M-16-24.03.2016</b></p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b><u>Remuneration of Board Members</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman informed the Board that the Accounts Officer at the Ministry of Finance has informed him that as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 by Decision of the Ministry of Finance, the Board Members will be receiving an allowance of SR 2000 per month.</p> <p>Any discrepancy from payments already made for previous months from the time the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 or from the time of appointment of the member after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 (whichever applies) will be adjusted.</p> <p>The proposal to pay Board Members as per attendance at the meetings was not approved by the Ministry of Finance because of the complications of administering this.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b><u>SMDC annual continuous professional development (CPD) event</u></b></p> <p>The annual CPD events will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMDC will be collaborating with WHO, Health Professionals Council (HPC), Seychelles Nurses and Midwives Council and others</li> <li>• WHO (World Health Organization) will be financing the participation of four persons</li> <li>• Local cost will be shared by SMDC, HPC , SNMC and other local sponsors</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>

6.	<p><b><u>Subcommittees</u></b></p> <p>The council endorsed the following Sub-Committee</p> <p>Education And Training</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Dr Bernard Valentin</li><li>2. Dr Susan Fock-Tave</li><li>3. Dr Harold Pothin</li><li>4. Dr Joachim Bistoquet</li><li>5. Dr Velmurugan Chetty</li><li>6. Mr Victor Pool</li><li>7. Dr Kenneth Henriette</li></ol> <p>Finance Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Dr Bernard Valentin</li><li>2. Dr Valentina Seth</li><li>3. Father Danny Elizabeth</li><li>4. Dr Derick Samsoodin</li><li>5. Dr Winnie Low-Wah</li><li>6. Ms Josie Chetty</li></ol> <p><b><u>Terms and reference</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The terms of reference of the above two committees are as per SMDC document in the records.</li></ul>	<b>Chairman</b>
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<p>7.</p>	<p><b><u>The registration of a Dr Nimmo</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dr Nimmo is a dentist who is not currently practicing dentistry</li> <li>• For his last registration he gave SMDC the impression that he was registered in UK.</li> <li>• His registration has expired less than a year (<b>six months</b>)</li> <li>• The council has done a back-ground check to verify with the GDC_UK but Dr Nimmo was not found on the previous and current registers</li> <li>• The council had received information that the mentioned dentist had had some issue with the law in Dubai but there has not been any evidence for that</li> <li>• Since there is no proof the council that cannot operate on the basis that the information is true.</li> <li>• Some members of the Council opined that since Dr Nimmo had not been truthful 100%, Character issue may be a reason for not registering him</li> <li>• The council decide to look to further investigate the matter and contact the General Dental Council of UK and other reliable sources.</li> </ul>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b><u>Professional Misconduct Regulation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council has a certain “<b>ghost</b>” code of conduct – a code of conduct which exists but was never formalized as a legally binding document.</li> <li>• A new Professional Misconduct Regulation together with Amendments to the Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Disciplinary Inquiries) Regulation has been sent to Cabinet for approval and Cabinet has approved the document in principle.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Health will now forward the document to the Attorney General to formalize the regulation</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Administrative</b></p> <p><b>The Council endorsed the appointment of Miss May Paule Gallante as the second Assistant Registrar.</b></p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>The meeting was adjourned around 4pm</b></p>	

