



PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NURSING ACT, 2005

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Introduction

- Almost 20 yrs ago the process of transforming the Nursing Council began following attainment of democracy 1994
- Abolishment of all Nursing Councils to establish an Interim Council
- The mandate of the Interim Council was among others draft an enabling legislation to establish a more representative Council
- The Nursing Council was the first professional council to establish a more representative Council in 1998
- The first democratic Council identified the need to repeal the whole Act
- The current Act was signed into law in December 2006



Background

- The whole Nursing Act, 2005 was proclaimed in March 2008.
- The 14th Council whose term of Office was 2008 and 2013 was the first Council to be appointed under the new mandate
- The process of implementation started around 2010/2011
- It was possible to achieve some of the provisions but also took some time to implement others
- The presentation will highlight some of the achievements



What is new and implemented

- The protection of the title “Nurse” or “Midwife”. No person is allowed to use this title unless she/he has satisfied SANC that minimum requirements have been met. If one deliver nursing/midwifery without being licensed do so illegally
- Establishment and strengthen corporate governance
 - One can only serve for two terms only
 - Council members sign a covenant on inauguration
 - Establishment of standing Committees, the new one is the Impairment Committee(health committee) and ICT Governance
 - Council meetings are open to the public check schedule
- Scope of Practice for nurses and midwives
 - Based on a competency framework not activity based
 - Yet to be promulgated



What is new and implemented

- The new categories : Professional Nurse; Midwife; Staff Nurse and Auxiliary Nurse
- The promulgation of the Specialist nurse and Midwife
- The drafting of new nursing qualifications leading to registration in the above mentions categories
- The establishment of CPD
 - The process is at an advanced stage
 - Pilot study to end in February 2016
 - Pilot study conducted in Gauteng and Mpumalanga
- Community Service was introduced in 2008
- Nurses are able to apply for duplicate certificate



Provisions still to be finalised

- Promulgation of the new scopes of practice, process at an advanced stage
- Implementation of section 56, a provision whereby nurses are able to carryout certain functions
- Translation from the current categories to the new categories as outlined in section 31
- Drafting of several Regulations



Improvement Service delivery Plans

- Provincial outreach Project
 - Since January 2016 there is a team of 5 staff members who have been to the following provinces for a period of 5 days and providing the following services : SANC general information; Payment of annual fees and selling of Distinguishing devices
 - Western Cape : 18th to 22nd January 2016
 - Kwazulu Natal : 25th to 30th January 2016
 - North West : 1st to 5th February 2016
 - Limpopo : 8th to 12th February 2016
 - Northern Cape : 15th to 19th February 2016
 - Eastern Cape : 22nd to 26th February 2016 (this week)
 - Mpumalanga : 29th/ Free State : 7th and Gauteng : 14th March



Improvement Service delivery Plans

- Provincial outreach Project cont...**
 - Mpumalanga : 29th Feb to 4th March 2016
 - Free State : 7th to 11th March 2016/Gauteng : 14th to 18th Marc
 - SANC will conduct a feasibility study to determine the establishment of Provincial offices/Service points FY 2016/2017
- Improvement of payment facilities at the Cecilia Makiwane Building**
 - Additional cashiers at the counters from 4 to 13
 - Additional staff at the Call Centre
- Extension of closing date for payment is 30 April 2016, there is a circular and the new date has been gazette
- SANC wants to thank nurses to have waited patiently until Dec. .



Improvement Service delivery Plans

eBusiness Transformation Project

- The aim of the project is to improve efficiency, effectiveness and accuracy.
- The project include among others : improving and modernizing our IT System, automation of a number of activities such as registration of students, submission of programme for accreditation etc
- Nurses will in future have access to the SANC system through a pin number. Enable to update details for example
- eRegistrar where the limited details can be verified



Conclusion

- ❑ Thank DENOSA for this Opportunity of sharing information with the nurses
- ❑ Encourage nurses to carry on with the good work of providing preventive, promotive curative and rehabilitation care to our people

Thankyou/ Inkomu