

## Health Professionals Council sensitize members on Praslin

To kick start the year 2015, members of the Health Professionals Council hopped on a plane on Friday, 23rd January, en route to Praslin, with the aim of sensitizing the Praslin and La Digue registrants on its purpose, roles and responsibilities. This was also the opportunity for the registrants to meet with the new members of the Council and asked questions on the Council's overall function. The participants were informed that it is important for health professionals to get registered to HPC as they not only receive a certificate but also obtain recognition as professionals working in the health industry and benefit from support through means of thorough investigations when faced with professional related allegations. Members were reminded that it is a serious offence under the Health Professional Act for health professionals suitable for registration not to register. Offenders could face a **penalty of up to Rs. 25,000 or 3 years imprisonment.**

Overall the Council members were satisfied with the turn out and the level of participation obtained from the participants. They look forward to meeting and hearing from the health professionals of Praslin and La Digue.



Members busily prepping over breakfast.

Office is now open

## HPC has a New Registrar

Monday to Friday : 8 am to 4 pm

- HPC office, located at Dockland, is now open on weekdays for HPC transactions.
- Council registrants are kindly invited to visit the HPC office within working hours.
- Please don't hesitate to contact **Ms. Petra Almaze** with any queries.

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### FORWARD FROM CHAIRPERSON



Dear Readers,  
Welcome to the **first edition** of the **HPC newsletter**. Let it be an opportunity for all registrants and the general public to learn more on the Council. The Health Professionals Council caters for Health Professionals working in health fields excluding Doctors and Nurses, in some instances they are also referred to as Allied Health Professionals. We are valuable assets to the Health Care Team, and play vital roles in the delivery of holistic care to our patients, our clients. Together let's ensure high standards of practice and protect our professions.

**Happy reading.**

## Health Professionals Council holds first AGM

Health professionals registered with the Health Professionals Council (HPC) gathered on the 1st August, 2014, at the ICCS, to attend the Council's first ever Annual General Meeting (AGM) organized since its official launching in 2012. Registrants comprised of a number of health professionals from diverse disciplines across Mahé.

During the meeting, Ms. Anna-Lisa Labiche, the outgoing chairperson highlighted some of the constraints faced by the Council as well as the achievements attained throughout the 2 year mandate. New Council members were also elected and registration certificates were distributed to those registered with the Councils.

The AGM ended with members mingling amongst themselves while enjoying some refreshments.



Newly elected members lining up while they were called upon.

### HPC Info



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# Meet HPC New Council Members

## HPC INFO

- Officially launched in **2012**.
- New members were elected in **August 2014**.
- **HPC aims to:**
  - ⇒ Register and monitor competencies.
  - ⇒ Regulate the performance of Health Professionals in Seychelles.
  - ⇒ Promote and uphold the highest standards of Health Professional practices.
  - ⇒ Inquire into allegations of serious professional misconduct and malpractice by Health Professionals.
  - ⇒ Take appropriate action.
- HPC's overall function is dictated by the Health Professionals **Act 2006**.
- Potential members are reminded to get registered. Failing to register may bring about a penalty of **Rs 25,000** or **3 years imprisonment**.



**Chairperson**  
Patricia Rene  
**Physiotherapist**  
Ministry of Health



**Vice Chair**  
Daniel Belmont  
**Laboratory Technologist**  
Ministry of Health



**Member**  
Bernard Adonis  
**Legal Consultant**



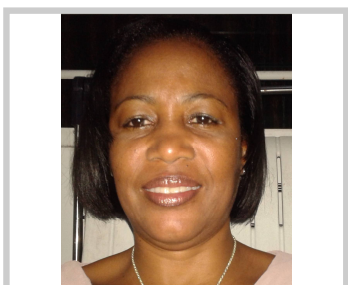
**Member**  
Joanne Fred  
**Laboratory Technologist**  
Ministry of Health



**Member**  
Doreen Hotive  
**Health Promotion Officer**  
WHO



**Member**  
Anna-Lisa Labiche  
**Clinical Psychologist**  
Ministry of Health



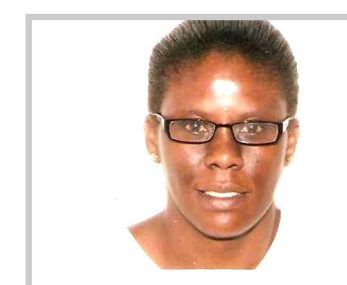
**Member**  
Naddy Morel  
**Dental Therapist / Hygienist**  
Ministry of Health



**Member**  
Cynthia Noshir  
**Dental Hygienist**  
Ministry of Health



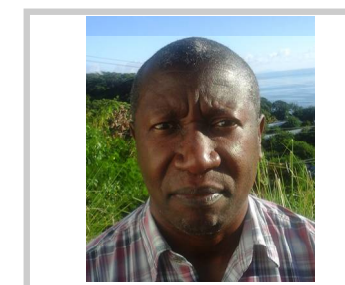
**Member**  
Wahida Payet  
**Physiotherapist**  
Ministry of Health



**Member**  
Fiona Paulin  
**Occupational Therapist**  
Ministry of Health



**Member**  
Danny Poirer  
**Public Health Officer**  
Ministry of Health



**Member**  
Bernard Valentin  
**Medical Practitioner**  
Ministry of Health

[ Think  
Health ]

Have you  
drank enough  
water today?

It is recommended  
that we drink at  
least 1—1.5 L of  
water per day.

So go ahead, get  
yourself a drink of  
water and stay  
hydrated.



**COMING SOON!!**

**HPC Website launching**