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AHPs in the right place, at the right time, with the right skills. Stronger together.

"Right skills for the right patient at the right time matter"

Health Minister's Message on the occasion of the International Allied Health Professions Day

For the first time in Seychelles allied health professionals are celebrating the International Allied Health Professions Day. This celebration on the October 14 aspires to bring the different cadres of allied health professionals together to reflect on their contribution to health and for them to be inspired by the further influence the allied health professions can wield for the advancement of the well-being of humanity.



Minister Peggy Vidot Minister of Health

The celebration of the allied health professions day in Seychelles emphasizes the importance of allied health professions in our health system. As much as nurses and midwives, as much as doctors and dentists, allied health professionals play a pivotal role at all levels of care. They bring profound knowledge and a multitude of unique skills to the health care environment, often making prevention, diagnosis, care and recovery much easier and much faster.

PS SPEECH



Principal Secretary Ministry of Health

It is truly a pleasure and an honour to be here and to share this moment with you as you commemorate, for the first time in Seychelles, the International Allied Health Professionals Day, with a series of exciting activities, lasting well over one week. Thank you for inviting us. This year marks only 17 years since the first allied Health Professionals Council Act came into being, in 2006 in Seychelles. Only 11 years since the first Allied Health Professionals Council was appointed, in 2012 and only 9 years since the Allied Health Professionals' Council registered the first allied health professionals, in 2014.

Yet the journey, the Health Professionals Council has made in this very short time has been extraordinary. The council has indeed done exceptional work to put the various allied health professions in good regulatory order, establishing standards and protocols, establishing complaints procedures and undertaking disciplinary processes – all in the interest of improving patient care, improving care outcome and improving the patient experience.

The educational gathering scheduled for today will adopt a distinct approach compared to the previous two years as it convenes to honour International Allied Health Professions Day.

The allied health professions (AHPs) play a crucial role in the provision of health services, encompassing activities related to health promotion, disease prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. The Health Professionals Council of Seychelles (HPC) is responsible for promoting and maintaining the utmost level of professional standards among healthcare practitioners in Seychelles.



ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WEEK

Stronger Together

































EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Education as the key focus of AHP's

The Education Sub-Committee is one the current three Sub-committees in the HPC.

The members of the sub-committee are as follows:

- -Ms. Brigitte Gbilimou Head of the Sub-Committee
- -Ms. Cynthia Sanders Vice-Head of the Sub-Committee
- -Mrs. Jeanne Fanny-Al-Abdulla- member
- -Ms. Laetitia Adrienne member
- -Ms. Marie-Michelle Lailam member
- -Mrs. Patricia Rene member
- -Ms. Samanta Camille- member
- -Mr. Eddy Marie member

Aim of the commitee:







Jeanne Fanny Al-Abdulla (Mrs.)





This Sub-Committee aims to help in upholding the values and mission of the HPC, especially in terms of professional competencies and valid registration of all Allied Health Professionals (AHPs).

During this 2 year's mandate, we aim to emphasize on at least 2 major goals. Firstly, to organizing Educational Meetings for the AHPs. Our first Educational Meeting was successfully organized on 11th October 2023, and it was the first time we also celebrated the AHP's Day in Seychelles.

Professional Development core of Allied Health Profession:

Secondly, we focus on putting more emphasis on CPD importance within the AHPs which is an important aspect towards the professional development of AHPs and towards building your professional portfolio. Our CPD Programme will soon be released, and will start during this month of November 2023.

We are therefore calling on all registrants to think of what they would like to share or educate others about, in terms of their respective fields of work or cadre. We continue to support HPC in emphasizing on ensuring that all AHPs who are practicing are doing so effectively and lawfully within your scope of practice.

Contributor: Ms. Brigitte Gbilimou **Head of the Education Sub-Committee**

EDUCATIONAL MEETING 2023

This year, as part of its Continued Professional Development (CPD), HPC hosted an Educational Meeting for its registrants on Mahé with the aim of discussing the impact, implications and importance of having AHPs from the various Allied Health Services themselves, and to making recommendations on how to improve prevention, testing, care and treatment and better collaborations amongst different AHPs.

Furthermore, we celebrated for the first time the "Allied Health Professional's Day" which

falls on the 14th October 2023

Awareness created:

Public Education in Town

The Health Professionals Council (HPC) organised an awareness activity in Victoria on Saturday 14th October 2023. Different teams were base in the market area and Orion Mall. The activity was to conduct a short survey to collect information from the general public about their knowledge of "What is an Allied Health Professional?" and "what is HPC?". The event was a great an eye opening for the members as most people did not know who are the Allied Health Professional and as well as the HPC. This activity will surely pave the way for members of the HPC to create greater awareness on both subject to give the council and all its registrant the recognition we deserve.

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