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# Starting the Year on a Sound Footing...

Merle Allsopp

"The Minister of Social Development has finalized his appointment of members to the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care, and we can now proceed to constitute the Board", reads a letter from the Registrar of the South African Council for Social Service Professions to members of the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care, dated early December 2004!

Child and youth care workers across the country have been wondering what happened after the exciting election of Board members was held at the end of 2003.

We were all waiting for the work of the Board to begin, and then there was no news...for a year. But this letter indeed means that our field begins this auspicious year of 2005 on a sound footing. The Board will be constituted on 3 February, and meetings are scheduled for the first year of its five-year-long tenure. The complex task of developing regulatory structures and mechanisms, will begin!

Professional Board members are as follows:

- Ms Merle Allsopp (elected child and youth care worker)
- Dr. Senathi Fisha (appointed to represent the community)
- Rev Barrie Lodge (elected child and youth care worker)
- Ms Sbongile Manyathi (elected child and youth care worker)
- Ms MRM Mothapo (appointed person versed in law)
- Mr Donald Nghonyama

(appointed to represent the community)

- Ms Bessie Nkosi

(appointed member in the employment of a social development department in the provincial sphere of Government)

- Mr Ashley Theron

(elected child and youth care worker)

- Ms Zeni Thumbadoo

(elected child and youth care worker)

- Ms Jackie Winfield

(elected child and youth care worker)

## South African Child and Youth Care Writing

A review of the last year's issues of Child and Youth Care revealed that we are growing local writers. The number of articles published by local writers more than doubled during the year. This means that the NACCW was successful in accessing more local articles, but probably too that more of us were writing – for ourselves and for publication.

In comparison to the previous year (and this is very exciting) the number of articles written by practitioners tripled. We are hearing more from people 'at the coal face' and that is very encouraging – and enriching for the field.

In this first issue of 2005 Jackie Winfield spells out for those of us who are reluctant to read, the importance of reading as broadly as possible. We also advertise Writers' Workshops in four regions to encourage colleagues who do not feel they have the skill to write, to develop that potential.

Let's make this a year of contributing to our developing our profession. Let's read more, and write more.

Child and Youth Care, your South African professional journal looks forward to hearing from you.... ●



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