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TOWARDS THE UNBUNDLING OF THE HPCSA INTO AT LEAST TWO ENTITIES

We have previously communicated as "Stakeholders of the MBD". This letter is submitted on behalf of the majority of stakeholders in the HPCSA MDB, henceforth called **Forum on the Unbundling of the MDB from the HPCSA (FUMH)** and led by its committee (FUMH Committee). MBD stakeholders endorsed and/or elected the FUMH committee at their meeting on February 27, 2023.

In addition, this forum is supported by paragraph 5.5.12 of the *Presidential Health Summit Compact—Aligning regulatory frameworks (page 60)* ... "Implement a comprehensive organisational evaluation of the health legislation and propose new governance and administrative structures. The Ministerial Task Team (MTT) headed by Adv Mayosi (2015) recommended that consideration be given to the unbundling of the HPCSA into at least two entities: the historic Medical and Dental Council and a Health and Rehabilitation Council (for the rest of the professional membership of the HPCSA).

Accordingly, this letter informs the HPCSA MDB and Council of the following decisions made by FUMH at various meetings in 2022 and 2023:

1. We concur with the 2015 Ministerial Task Team's conclusion that the HPCSA is profoundly dysfunctional, having grown from a single professional board to a mega-organization with twelve professional boards.
2. The MTT determined that the lack of coherence and cohesion within this massive dysfunctional multi-professional organisation is detrimental to the health system.
3. We endorse and commit to actively pursuing the MTT's recommendation of unbundling the HPCSA into at least two entities: the historic Medical and Dental Council, which represents one-third of the current membership, and a Health and Rehabilitation Council for the remaining professional membership. These new Councils would join the Forum of Statutory Health Professions Councils.
4. We record the HPCSA MBD's statement, through the Board Chairperson, at the most recent stakeholder engagement meeting that such a process of unbundling cannot be driven by the HPCSA but rather by the stakeholders.

Consequently, we request that the HPCSA MBD and Council:

1. Commence negotiations immediately and implement protocols to grant the MBD full autonomy as an independent Professional Board within the HPCSA, including full control of the budgetary process, control of funds from its members, and all related activities beginning with the 2024 fiscal year. This process ought to be expedited so that the processes are in place by January 2024. We are aware that the budgetary season must begin in the second half of 2023.
2. Work with the FUMH to establish MBD autonomy timetables.

In addition, you are informed that the FUMH is leading a parallel national and Minister of Health level initiative to ensure that the MBD is fully separate from the HPCSA. We acknowledge that this process by its nature will take longer. We also have engaged with the Advisor to the President, Prof O Shisana on this matter to inform her of our intentions.

We hope that the MBD and Council of the HPCSA will collaborate with the Forum and implement the necessary steps to make the MBD an autonomous professional board in the

HPCSA for 2024. This objective requires participation from the HPCSA MBD, Council, and the Forum we represent.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter and hope that the HPCSA will respond with urgency, positively and cooperatively. Professionals and patients can benefit from a more robust and responsive healthcare system.

Yours faithfully



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