

## KCPA STATUS CIRCULAR: JANUARY - MARCH 2023



*From Left: Madam Grace Joseph; Mr Edwin Kibe (youth rep); Mr James Mutitu (Secretary); Dr Tabitha Mukwana (Treasurer); Prof Catherine Gachutha (Chair); Madam Koko Muhamed (Deputy Chair); Dr Bernard Wamalwa (Rep persons living with Disabilities); Madam Anne Gene (Board Patron, SEAC); Moffat Kago (CEO) and Dr Tom Onyango (Board Patron, Discipline Committee)*

### BOARD RESPONSES TO MEMBERS CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS

The Board of KCPA greets you and wishes you well in this second quarter of the 2023. This circular contains what was achieved in the first quarter (January to March) and the activities of the current quarter (April-June) Quarter.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

**1) Structure review:** KCPA Board has reviewed the Association structure to guarantee effective delivery of the Association mandate. The KCPA leadership structure comprises the Board, Board committees, Clusters (regions) and Counties. The counties are grouped into 9 Clusters which are coordinated by Board members who are called patrons. From the enhanced structure, we have witnessed vibrancy of the Counties and there are critical activities that are taking place.

**2) Establishment of the 6th administration committees:** The process started with the call for applications to key committees including: Curriculum and Training, Standards, Ethics and Accreditation Committee (SEAC), Disaster Preparedness, Response and Management (DPRM); Research, Publications and Awards Committee (RePAC); Discipline Committee and Partnership and Funds mobilization Committee. These committees, shall be driven by policies and shall fulfill the mandate of the Association under the Board.

**3) Conducting Baseline Surveys:** KCPA status baseline survey was released on 27th December 2022 and KCPA Constitution survey was released on 16th January 2023. The findings of these surveys are informing activities and programming.

**4) Leaders Convention:** On 16th of March 2023, there was a County leaders convention at All Saints Cathedral whose main aim was developing growth strategy and harmonization.



*Chairpersons from the 47 Counties during the Leaders Convention all Saints Cathedral on 16/3/2013 together with our Key Guests: Dr Rev James Mbugua and KCPA Lawyer Julius Onyango*

**5) Signed Service Agreement:** KCPA has signed a service agreement with Kenya Power so that KCPA members in Counties shall be offering psychological services to the organization

**6) Implementation of CPDs:** The 6th administration has effectively mainstreamed CPDs and it has joined the league of other Associations which are intent on the professional growth of their membership

**7) Implementation of professional courses:** Cohort one of PFA, TOT/F and Clinical supervision started in the first week of March with 28, 12 and 22 students respectively. The second cohort shall start in August 2023.

A psychosocial counsellor curriculum for faith based institutions is already completed and members can introduce the program to the faith institutions and there is an incentive for those introducing such programs to Faith based institutions.

**8) Digitization:** We are in the process of digitizing the KCPA and 60% of the work has been done though we need approval of an increased budget so that the work can be completed.

## APRIL - JUNE QUARTER ACTIVITIES

**1) Strategic plan:** The development of KCPA strategic plan will be prioritized for the 2023-2025 period

**2) Constitutional Review:** It has the following steps:

**Step 1:** KCPA lawyer (Julius Onyango) incorporates views given through surveys and County leaders and other KCPA fora in the Month of April;

**Step2:** Leaner committee led by Dr Kimani Githongo comprising Lawyer Julius Onyango; Margaret Mogaka (Chair, Kisii County); Lucy Kiathe (former Board member); Janessellah Mugambi (Research, Publications and Awards Committee, RePAC) and Dr Orina (Chair, Nakuru County) reviews inputs;

**Step 3:** Zero draft presented to the Board in June;

**Step 4:** Presentation made to the clusters in June;

**Step 5:** Incorporation of recommendations by Dr Kimani Githongo team and finally,

**Step 6:** Presentation to the AGM for approval by Lawyer Julius onyango

**3) Policy Review:** There is a robust review of policies taking place currently. Policies under review include: Standards Ethics and Accreditation Committee (SEAC); Operations policy, Human resource and Finance and procurement policy.



*SEAC review adhoc committee comprising Anne Gene (SEAC, Board Patron); Prof Catherine Gachutha (KCPA, Chair); Veronica Kinuthia (KCPA, Admin); Sr Dr Sabina Mutisya (Catholic University of EA); Moffat Kago (KCPA, CEO); Mary Chege (KCPA member); Dr Tom Obulutsa (Senior Accredited Supervisor); Edwin Kabiru (Senior Accredited Supervisor); Theresia Wangari Ngata (KCPA, member). Others participated online like Anne Muturi (SEAC) and Mercy Chege (KCPA, member)*

**4) Policy Development:** The following policies are in the process of being developed: Curriculum and Training, Standards, Ethics and Accreditation Committee (SEAC); Disaster Preparedness, Response and Management (DPRM); Research, Publications and Awards Committee (RePAC); Discipline Committee and Partnership and Funds Mobilization Committee (PFMC).

**5) Breakfast Meeting:** There shall be first Breakfast meeting in the 6th administration whose key aim is stakeholder engagement shall be held in June 2023. Partner organizations, affiliate institutions and agencies and KCPA membership shall be in attendance. Attendance fee shall be 5000ksh

**6) Special General Meeting (SGM):** On 28th of April 2023, there shall be a special online AGM from 2.00pm whose main purpose shall be review of year 2023 budget

**7) Finalization of Partnerships:** Partnerships with Kenya Red Cross and AMREF University underway. I urge you members to introduce value adding partnerships to KCPA

**8) Licensing of Counsellors and Psychologists:** This output has met a lot of hurdles which we hope will eventually be surmounted. We already have the Board of Counsellors and Psychologists and we will keep our eyes on the goal to ensure operationalization of Counsellors and Psychologists Board.

I wish you the very in this quarter and ask you to join hands with KCPA to grow the profession of Counsellors and Psychologists.

Kind Regards,



Prof Catherine Gachutha,  
Chairperson, KCPA