

# NATIONAL SECRETARY'S PROGRESS REPORT 2019 AGM

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## **PREAMBLE**

National Chairman, NEC members, delegates, ladies and gentlemen. It gives me lots of pleasure to welcome us all to this 33rd AGM because it is one of many firsts. For some of us it's our very first AGM as members or as leaders at National level, county and at branch level, for others, it is a place we call home.

Honorable members, it is now one year since this office took over leadership. A lot has been happening both at national level and at our various branches as we endeavor to progress on with our mandates at different levels as expected. Therefore, allow me to share with you progress report of where we are at as an association this far.

## **MEETINGS**

The office has held three NEC meetings, committee meetings and one Governing Council Meeting. In the Governing Council meeting, we proposed names for trustee positions in line with the constitution for ratification in this AGM.

## **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

KPNA has organized and participated in various activities and events in the last one year. Some have been ongoing from earlier engagements while others are altogether new. Through engagements with our collaborators, we have been involved in the following;

### **1) BRANCH VISITS:**

We have in the past 12 months made visits to several counties and in the process, officially launched 2 new branches.

1. Wajir Branch - 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019
2. Migori Branch – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

## **2) SURVEYS:**

- To assess factors affecting UHC roll out in the pilot counties
- KPNA was invited to participate in a national survey on PPIUD organized by Kenya Obstetrics and Gynecology Society, supported by International Federation of gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO).
- KPNA participated in another survey by MOH on the QUALITY OF MATERNAL AND NEONATAL CARE GUIDELINES which are due for review.
- A third survey involving KPNA team from 3 counties (KWALE, MACHAKOS and VIHIGA) together with AMREF was done on CHLOROHEXIDINE USE.

This involvement is due to KPNA's profile in the past as a reliable, professional and focused player in the nursing fraternity. Recognition of KPNA as a rich and reliable source of professionals is evident in the kind of engagements we are being looped into.

## **3) NURSES SCOPE OF PRACTICE:**

Results from the study on PPIUD necessitated a review of the current Scope of practice for Nurses, where overwhelming evidence showed that most insertions were performed by Nurses and midwives. However, this procedure had been not scoped. KPNA has been involved in this process as TWG member and participated at the stakeholder's forum that reviewed the zero draft. Currently, the document is at the NCK Board level for ratification.

**NB:** SPECIALITIES will do their bit apart from this general one. What is Key for us is to have our members in these specialties representing KPNA's voice at every stage of the process.

## **4) RESPONSE TO CURRENT ISSUES:**

- On 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018, KPNA as a key Stake holder gave its proposals to NCK Board on rules and regulations of Nurses act operationalization in line with the new law requirements.

- The National office has jointly and singly held pressers in response to matters affecting Nurses and the profession. We held a joint Press conference with KNUN on strike issue and invited other Nursing institutions in expressing our displeasure and dissatisfaction with the handling of Nursing Human Resource following a communique from the Ministry and COG as regards employment terms and conditions.
- On the Mental health amendment bill of 2018. We did a memorandum and presented to the senate committee on health during public participation. We strongly faulted the bill which glaringly sought to ignore Nurses as mental health practitioners, and this disregard happening at a time when Nurses have Mastery of mental Health and are already in administrative positions in mental health care. We chose to oppose this ill meant move.
- On 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2019, KPNA was Present at the joint meeting on UHC and Health Service Commission convened by the CS –Health and involving all Key players in Health. The main agenda was focus on UHC implementation from the Ministry’s perspective, and a push for constitutionalizing a Health service commission on the part of Health care workers. Our focus was on the current opportunities we have in the health policy arena; looking at which legislation we can capitalize on as Nurses, to give us millage in matters policy and governance.

#### **5) AUTISM BIKE RIDE:**

We participated in this activity during its launch. Members at these stop overs did the association proud. However, this journey was not without some challenges as some of you know all too well. There were branches where we couldn’t raise a team to stand up for the association. Finally, the climax at Kisii was attended by a team led by National Chairman.

#### **6) INTERNATIONAL NURSES WEEK:**

The office is very proud of all of us who found time to organize and participate in various activities during the Nurses week. In a special way, there were initiatives at branch level in terms of spear heading activities or physical presence during Launch and Climax celebrations. We really are pushing KPNA’s VISIBILITY and

VIBRANCY in the right direction which in turn makes the association VIABLE. From the executive, kudos to all of us!!! **NB: kindly keep photos of all activities to be used in our media gallery when required.**

#### **7) GNPHN:**

Great networking platform got opportunity to seek audience with international players especially ICN president who gave us a window of opportunity towards ICN membership. Greatest learnt lesson was how to conduct international conferences as an association. By being present at this forum, KPNA took its chair to the table by the Chair being part of the Africa Chapter as a committee member.

#### **8) LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:**

KPNA was present during *THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CAPACITY BUILDING FOR NURSING AND MIDWIFERY LEADERSHIP IN AFRICA* on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June. We also had opportunity to exhibit the best booth. We thank all those who attended and learned.

**9) KPNA** was present at the *KENYA HEALTH FORUM 2019* this year in August, where the country introspected on UHC. This forum presented KPNA opportunity to network with ‘who is who’ in healthcare in the Country and beyond.

**10)** During the *AFRICA MEDICAL EXPO AND CONFERENCE* held in August of this year, KPNA staged an exhibition booth and National Chairman made a presentation.

#### **WEBSITE**

KPNA website has been revamped and currently updated to include member’s online registration, membership number / cards issuance, conference registration etc. ([www.kpna.or.ke](http://www.kpna.or.ke))

#### **PATRON and TRUSTEES**

We have reached out to several potential patrons and we are hopeful that we shall be able to engage one. A Governing Council meeting held in May, according to the constitution proposed the following as Trustees awaiting ratification at this AGM.

1. THADDEUS MAYAKA
2. NANCY LOLMODON

### 3. ABDILATIF ISMAIL

#### **PARTNERSHIPS:**

- ***Quality Healthcare Kenyan Awards:*** in partnership with AMREF AFRICA is a company interested in awarding excellence in healthcare. They invited KPNA to be part of the judging panel for awards and also as the sole representative of Nurses in this process. KPNA attended.
- KPNA received invitation to the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya's Valentine's eve networking event themed "***focus on the patient- customer mindset for winning***" where we pitched a booth and marketed KPNA as a robust association in Kenya.
- ***BELLA RISU FOUNDATION:*** This is a foundation dealing with free surgical mission in Kenya, Africa and beyond. The office has Signed MOU with this team. Our responsibility in this engagement is mobilization of clients with cleft lip/ palate and for this, there is a \$20 support per client, for a minimum threshold of 50 clients. So far, we have supported 6 missions.
  - Kisumu
  - Bomet
  - Makueni
  - Samburu
  - Migori
  - Garissa
- ***TRAVEL AWAY VISA CONSULTANTS:*** We signed MOU for sole rights to be referees for Nurses willing to relocate and work in the UK. Sourcing for nursing professional and linking them with this firm will be our role and for every successful job placement, KPNA receives \$10.
- ***CHReaD MEMBERSHIP:*** KPNA became a member of the Coalition for Health Research and development in August this year. This move positions KPNA at a vantage point in terms of research and development locally, regionally and internationally.

- **AHF MEMBERSHIP:** Has participated in forums conducted by AHF giving the Association visibility in the Health arena.

## **CONCLUSION**

For those of us who have engaged in professional matters at branch, county and national level, we know that there is so much ground to cover to bring the profession where we would want it to be. As alluded to in this report, this is a journey to be travelled as one entity. We must engage constructively and in a focused manner to go far.

KPNA has steadily and consistently focused on positive engagements and will continue to do so as we steer this great Association to greater heights. Moving forward, we seek to review our strategic plan, actualize our dream of owning office space, carry out constitution amendments in tandem with member's wishes; with a view to operationalize envisioned KPNA Faculties and to continue engaging collaborators. Therefore, the coming year is full of opportunity and potential for KPNA, to keep progressing in Vibrancy, Visibility and Viability.

Thank you once again, for attending this AGM and wish you well as we steer this bus to professional excellence.

**THANK YOU ALL! GOD BLESS KPNA**