



WCFID 2020 AGM report back and training update

Dear Forum Members

Thank you to everyone who was able to 'attend' our first virtual Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8th September. It was so wonderful to see so many of you accessing this new platform. For those of us not so IT literate – well done.

Apart from the various routine agenda items, this year's AGM was fairly significant as it not only included the election of a new **Board of Management**, but also the adoption of various adjustments to the **WCFID Constitution**.

A special thank you so much to the outgoing Board, and to the new Board of Management - each bringing different expertise, experience, view points and insights. I am so aware that this is a voluntary position, and many of you put many hours of service and oversight. A special warm welcome to our two new Board members, Toni Abrahams, senior clinical psychologist at Lenteguur Hospital, and Prof. Thobeka Mda, newly retired Dean of Education, Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

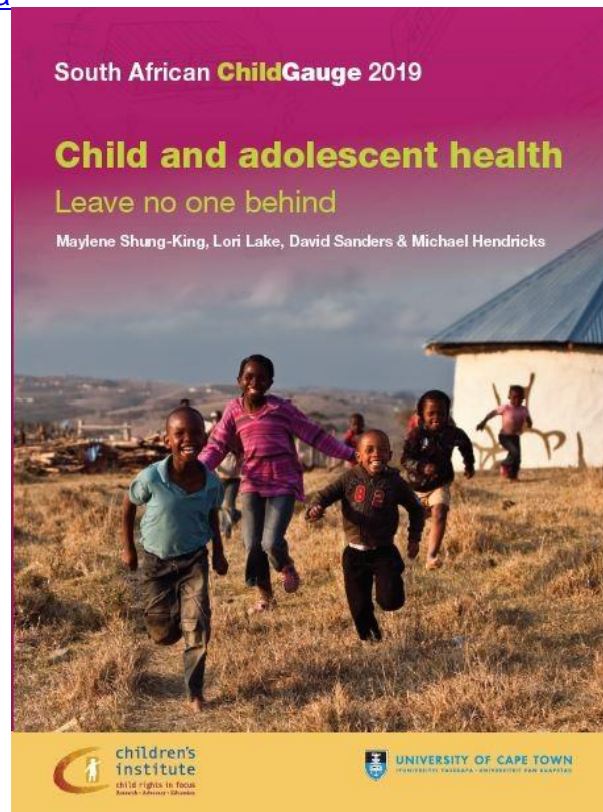
We are delighted to announce the EXCO Committee, which was elected at a Board of Management meeting immediately after the AGM. The EXCO Committee comprises: Fatima Shaboodien, Chairperson; Wendy Arendse, Treasurer; and Prof Sharon Kleintjes, Gail Davids and Tessa Wood (ex-officio), filling the remaining positions.

WCFID Board of Management Sept. 2020 to Sept. 2022:

- Toni Abrahams, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Lenteguur Hospital, Mitchells Plain
- Prof Colleen Adnams, Emeritus Professor of Intellectual Disability
- Wendy Arendse, Consultant in community and organisational development
- Kay Cikizwa, Senior Social Worker, Alexandra Hospital, Maitland
- Lesinda Cunningham, Director, Elim Home, Overberg
- Gail Davids, Services Manager, Oasis

- Rosemary De Waal, retired Social Worker
- Prof. Sharon Kleintjes, Vera Grover Professor of Intellectual Disability, Dept. Psychiatry & Mental Health, UCT, and Western Cape Government Dept. Health
- Prof. Thobeka Mda, retired Dean of Education, Cape Peninsula University of Technology
- Lindelwa Madikane, Principal, Vukani Special Care Centre, Khayelitsha
- Fatima Shaboodien, Principal, De Heide Special Care, Lansdowne
- Nomasango Xabanisa, Director, Sibongile Day and Night Care Centre, Khayelitsha
- Tessa Wood, Director, WCFID, ex-officio.

Reviewing the constitution of an organisation should be undertaken on a regular basis, in order to ensure it is consistent with relevant developments, and organisational practices. With this in mind, the WCFID Board of Management reviewed the current WCFID Constitution, and recommended certain adjustments/changes, which were circulated 21 days prior to the AGM. The changes were adopted unanimously via a poll. If you would like a copy of the **adjusted WCFID Constitution**, please contact Felicity at admin@wcfid.co.za



The meeting ended with a very insightful presentation by Lori Lake. The presentation was titled '**Key recommendations from the South African Child Gauge 2019: Challenging the legacy of poverty and violence, and transforming child and adolescent health services to ensure no one is left behind**'.

Lori is a communications and education specialist at the Children's Institute (CI), University of Cape Town, and an editor of the 2019 South African Child Gauge. Lori has a particular interest in using children's rights to improve the delivery of health care.

We hope to facilitate a repeat of Lori's presentation to a broader group in our sector.

Please be aware the WCFID will not be conducting any 'open training' during October for the sector, as we will be conducting another focused training project.

Wishing all our colleagues in the sector well as we enter Covid Level 1.

Warm regards

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