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MEETING RESOLUTIONS BETWEEN PSU AND NDA WITH MOH PRESENCE ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE (AMC), CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE (COP) AND RELATED MATTERS

The meeting held on the 18th of February 2020 between NDA Management and the PSU governing body, the PSU Council resolved in the presence of MoH at the NDA head offices in Kampala resolved as follows:

1. Upheld the cessation of affirmative action which allowed persons in academia, hospitals, industries and medical representation to supervise two pharmacies in addition to their core jobs.
2. As part of implementation of (1), a transitional period of one year ending 31st December 2020 has been provided to the affected persons.
3. A commitment letter shall have to be provided to PSU and NDA by each affected person transitioning out of supervision of the second pharmacy.
4. Sensitization meetings to be continuously held with the affected persons to communicate the transition and prepare them for this change.
5. All Pharmacies shall in the month of January of each year provide annual returns to NDA as per section 34 of NDP&A Act. The details of the returns which shall include the Annual Membership Certificate (AMC) and other requirements to be communicated in due course.
6. PSU and NDA to strengthen information sharing pertaining to issuance of AMC and NDA licenses with status of approved, rejected or withheld AMCs and licenses.
7. NDA shall use the information provided by PSU to guide its license processes and may refer an applicant back to PSU where further clarification is needed.
8. Supervisory distance between two Pharmacies and other practices centres to be maintained at 100km. However, in exceptional circumstances such as in underserved areas this condition may be waived.

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9. Annual Membership Certificate and Certificate of Practice (COP) to be maintained and consideration for COP acceptance by NDA to be reviewed in the next licensing period.
10. The meeting noted that the COP was a requirement for persons applying for jobs in public service, persons seeking to practice pharmacy in certain countries amongst others and hence the need to have it maintained.
11. PSU to ensure that all persons who apply for AMC shall receive a COP simultaneously and waive the 150,000 Ugx application fees requirement. Persons that had already been issued with AMCs to receive their COPs. Persons who had already paid for their COPs shall have their payments transferred to their annual subscription for the following year.
12. PSU shall sensitize its members on the change in subscription fees due date prescribed in the PDA to 1st July of every year away from the calendar year. The meeting noted that this would ensure smoother issuance of NDA licenses since the AMCs would have been issued 6 months earlier.
13. As a result of (1), AMC shall cease to bear the name of the practicing site and shall only be borne on the COP.
14. Pharmacies to have a Pharmacist as a locum pharmacist to ensure dispensing of prescription medicines (Class A and B) is done by a Pharmacist at the times when the supervising Pharmacist is not available. This is to be implemented in a phased manner.
15. A meeting to be arranged to discuss one pharmacy one pharmacist (OPOP) and strengthening of Pharmacist's presence at the pharmacy.

The meeting was attended by the following persons:

National Drug Authority

1. Dr. David Nahamya, Secretary to the Authority
2. Dr. Denis Mwesigwa, Director Inspectorate and Enforcement
3. Dr. Juliet Awori Okecho, Director Product Assessment & Registration
4. Dr. Helen Ndagije, Director Product Safety
5. Dr. James William Tamale, Head of Regions
6. Dr. Muhammad Lukwago, Regional Manager South Eastern
7. Ms. Barbara Najjemba Musoke, Senior Administrative Assistant

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1. Dr. Otim Francis, Head of the delegation
2. Dr. Opio Samuel, Secretary, Pharmaceutical Society of Uganda
3. Dr. Martha Ajilong, Member PSU Council
4. Dr. John Kamili, Member PSU Council
5. Dr. Elith Nyirankusi, Member PSU Council
6. Mr. David Odongo, Administrator PSU

Ministry of Health

1. Dr. Fred Sebisubi, Assistant Commissioner, MoH

Signed:



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Signed:

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HEAD OF DELEGATION – PSU

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