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SHCC banned the use of Tobacco in Health care Facilities, notification issued

The use of tobacco in any form poses a significant threat to public health, Sindh Healthcare Commission (SHCC) is dedicated to controlling tobacco use within health facilities in Sindh. In collaboration with the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination (M/oNHRS&C) the SHCC has issued a notification for the implementation of Sections 5 and 10 of the Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-smokers Health Ordinance 2002 in all Health Care Establishments (HCEs). As part of this initiative, all health facilities are required to display signage indicating "No Smoking Zone" and "Smoking is an Offense" to ensure that smoking is prohibited in all areas within the HCEs, making them completely smoke-free environments.

Services of primary healthcare facilities will be assessed through a readiness checklist

The SHCC, as part of the National Health Support Project of the Government of Sindh and funded by the World Bank, is currently working on developing a checklist to assess the service readiness of primary healthcare facilities. This evaluation covers facilities governed by the public sector, including those

involved in public-private partnerships. The foundation of the checklist is based on the essential service delivery packages that have been officially notified for primary healthcare facilities. It is aimed to enhance both infrastructure and service quality at these facilities, particularly in the aftermath of the recent devastating floods in the province of Sindh. To gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced in the field, Dr. Ahson Qavi Siddiqi, leading the SHCC team, has conducted several meetings with stakeholders and has visited health-care facilities managed by the Pakistan Primary Healthcare Initiative (PPHI).



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May 17th, 2023; CEO, SHCC Dr. Ahson Qavi Siddiqi invited as guest speaker at Dow University of Health & Sciences (DUHS), Ojha Campus where He discussed the role of SHCC in quality Healthcare provision and how health-care service delivery can be improved and standardized in all Healthcare facilities.



May, 7th 2023, CEO, SHCC Dr. Ahson Qavi Siddiqi talking about Quality Health-care as a Guest Speaker at Pakistan Islamic Medical Association's annual Function.

SHCC is playing a critical role to curb quackery practices: Commissioner Sukkur

The role of SHCC is very critical to ban quackery practices across Sindh. The Commissioner Sukkur division Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Phul shared his views during the meeting with the SHCC team led by Deputy Director SHCC Anti Quackery team at Commissioner House, Sukkur. The Commissioner applauded the performance of the SHCC-Directorate of Anti-Quackery and welcomed the opportunity to work together against quacks through joint operations. SHCC team briefed that the Sukkur Anti Quackery unit conducted 320 inspection visits to different healthcare establishments (HCEs) to ensure regulatory compliance. 78 clinics were sealed under section U/S 39 (G&H) of SHCC Regulations as per law. Moreover, 152 warning notices were issued to non-compliant healthcare practitioners (HCPs). In addition, 40 clinics were found compliant.



The Commissioner reinforced that the writ of the law must be sustained through quality healthcare and further committed to providing complete support to SHCC Anti Quackery Unit for future success in the fight against quackery.

Karachi Police will take stern actions against quacks with SHCC: SSP City Karachi

The team of SHCC Anti Quackery comprised of Dr. Mohsin Siddiqui Deputy Director SHCC, Najeeb Khatian & Mr. Awais Soomro Assistant Directors met with Mr. Arif Aziz SSP City District for effective collaboration on joint operations to curb the menace of quackery. The team discussed the challenges of illegal de-sealing by quacks with SSP City Karachi and seek their support to stop illegal acts. Mr. Arif Aziz assure the SHCC team to provide all required support and directed his team to take stern actions against culprits, especially in Old Karachi and Lyari.



SSP also ordered to lodge FIRs against habitual offenders to sustain the writ of law. He further shared that it is our social cause and matter of life for the habitant of Karachi. Police will not tolerate the illegal actions by any means.

Regular training refreshers are essential for continuously enhancing the capacity development of healthcare providers: Dr. Kazmi

Technical training is crucial for quality services shared by Dr. Ahmed Raza Kazmi, Director of Clinical Governance and Training during training the session. He emphasized the importance of regular training refreshers for continuously enhancing the capacity development of healthcare providers.



He shared that SHCC has been offering initial training on relevant standards to healthcare providers and management of all registered HCEs in Sindh. However, if a facility fails to meet the minimum quality criteria, the training department conducts refresher training focused on specific areas to support improvement. This is done after obtaining approval from the CEO, SHCC. The Directorate of Clinical Governance and Training provided refresher training to all relevant providers to ensure consistent and systematic quality improvement across their system and address any variations between their setups.

Inspection Process of JPMC complete for Regular License

The inspection team complete the inspection process for awarding a Regular License to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC), which is one of the largest and most prominent hospitals in the country with a capacity of 2200 beds.

The inspection team released the report with identified gaps/ deficiencies and submitted it to the JPMC management team in a meeting. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Ahson Qavi Siddiqui, CEO Dr. Altaf Khawaja, Director Licensing & Accreditation, Dr. Shahid Rasool Executive Director JPMC, HODs of all departments, and the SHCC core team.

The executive director, HODs, and management team of JPMC agreed on the inspection finding and were committed to correcting all deficiencies within due time and will submit a compliance report to SHCC.

Supportive supervision of licensed HCEs was initiated

The Directorate of M&E continues its supportive supervision through long-term partnerships with all licensed HCEs of SHCC throughout Sindh Province. Dr. Mehtab, the Director of M&E, and her team visited these HCEs to collect data on mutually agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). The technical team is currently working on developing a dashboard and other accessible sources to streamline data flow. As part of their efforts, officials from the Directorate also held meetings with the management of Tabba Heart Institute, Karachi, and Darul-Sehat Hospital, Karachi, during this quarter.



Training of Allied Health Tibb-e-Unani & Homeopathic practitioners was conducted:

Sindh Health Care Commission Training trained 64 Hakim and 42 Homeopath practitioners in Larkana and Sukkur divisions. SHCC approved the minimum services delivery standards (MSDS) for Tibb-e-Unani and Homeopathy practitioners and as part of the process, started training of registered practitioners before issuing licenses to these healthcare establishments of allied health services.



All Hakeem will strictly follow the SHCC and National Council of Tibb services scope

The delegation from the National Council of Tibb (NCT) led by Hakim Mr. Muhammad Ahmed President NCT along with Hakim Siraj Uddin General Secretary Sindh and other members of NCT had a meeting with Syed Zeeshan A Shah Director Anti Quackery. In the meeting, it was mutually agreed that NCT will assist SHCC in creating awareness of SHCC Regulations and Act among their member.



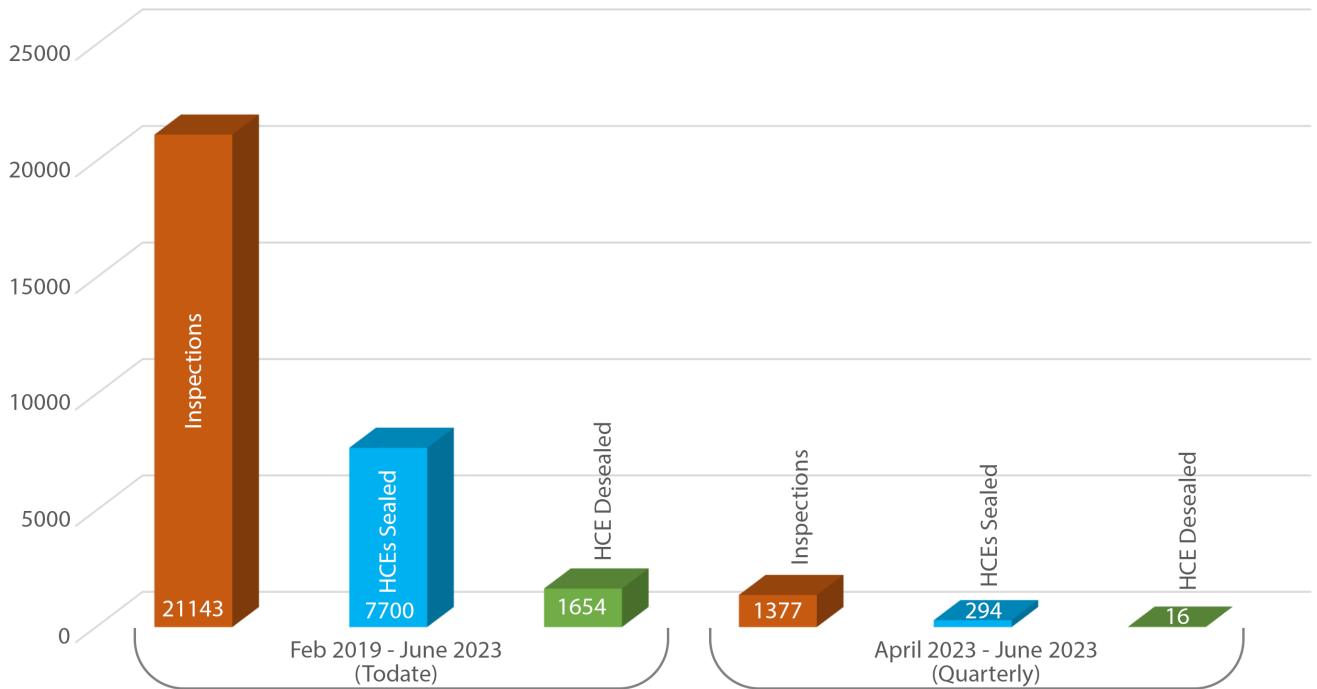
The Council appreciated the efforts of the SHCC, practically facilitating NCT professionals for compliance with the SHCC Act and Regulations. It was also agreed that under Section 39 (G&H) of SHCC Regulations, SHCC has the mandate to take legal actions against non-compliant healthcare professionals, who are providing services beyond the scope. It has consented that NCT will issue directives to council members to support the eradication of quackery in the province.



CEO Ahson Qavi Siddiqi and Director DLA, Altaf Hussain Khawaja conducted multiple awareness sessions in different regions of Sindh to raise the bar of SHCC functioning and quality of Healthcare Services.

Antiquackery Directorate:

Number of HCEs Inspected, Sealed and Desealed by Directorate of Antiquackery



Registration & Licensing Directorate:

(April - June 2023)

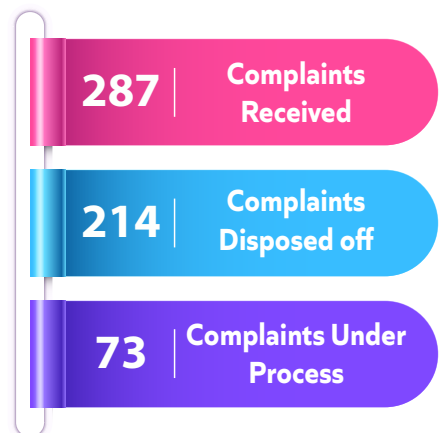
Total Applications received for Registration	209
Registration Certificates Issued	159
Regular License Issued	04
Provisional Licence Issued	33

(2018 - June 2023) Statistics:

Private HCEs Registered	11149
Public HCEs Registered	1419
HECs Qualified For Regular Licence (Private)	19
HCEs Qualified For Regular Licence (Public)	02
HCEs Qualified For Provisional Licence (Private)	603
HCEs Qualified For Provisional Licence (Public)	12

Complaints Directorate:

(Upto June 2023)



Statistics Regarding Training of Healthcare Providers

	Hospital	PHC / Clinics	Tibb	Homeopathic	Grand Total
April - June 2023	5	-	64	72	141
Total Training Conducted Todate	669	1747	742	921	4079