

PCN-LaunchDSI PROJECT

REPORT OF THE ZONAL MEETING OF ENGAGEMENT OF STATE PPMVL COMMITTEE (SOUTH-WEST GEO-POLITICAL ZONE)

Venue: South-West PCN Zonal Office, Akobo, Ibadan, Oyo State

Date: August 15, 2017

Attendance: (Attached)

1. Preamble

The nationwide zonal engagement meeting with the State-PPMVL committees is a continuation of advocacy/sensitization activities of the phase 1 of PCN-LaunchDSI project. The meeting was organized between the PCN-LaunchDSI team and State PPMVL Committees and the officials of PPMVs associations of the six states of South-West geopolitical zone of Nigeria. The meeting was organized to harvest the views, skills, ideas and experiences on the ways and manners by which the healthcare service delivery can be improved in the patent medicines shops, and also to seek the readiness of the PPMVL committee to support the PCN towards successful implementation of the LaunchDSI project.

The meeting was attended by the Registrar, PCN, Pharm N.A.E Mohammed, members of PCN-LaunchDSI team, Directors of Pharmaceutical Services of Oyo, Ondo, Ekiti, Osun and representatives of DPS of Lagos and Ogun, Director PCN Lagos Zonal Office (LAZO), Director PCN South-West Zonal office, PCN state officers of each of the states and two officials of PPMVs association from each of the states.

2. Commencement

The meeting commenced with an opening prayer (second stanza of Nigeria's National anthem) at 10:30 am, adoption of the agenda by the DD (R&L) PCN, Pharm Yohanna A. R. and seconded by Chairman LSMUDA, Lagos. This was then followed by formal introduction by all the participants. The meeting was initially chaired by the Director Lagos Zonal office, (Pharm. A. C Ezegwu) before the registrar arrive later.

3. Opening remarks

The Registrar's opening remarks was delivered by the D. (LAZO) on behalf of the Registrar, PCN. He welcomed the participants to the meeting and thank them for honoring the invitation. The opening remarks focused on:

- The PCN's statutory responsibilities.
- The background history of PPMVL operations in Nigeria
- The laws that empower PCN to regulate the operation of PPMVs in Nigeria
- The Registrar's efforts in improving the operation of PPMVs in Nigeria

He concluded by seeking the cooperation and support of the State PPMVL committees for successful implementation of the project and overall improvement of PPMV operation towards repositioning their operations for the provision of quality, available, accessible and safe medicines in Nigeria.

The opening remarks was followed by presentations as below:

4. Presentation sessions

i. **Title:** Overview of PCN-MSH Collaboration: the journey so far.

Presenter: Pharm T.O Ilupeju

Highlights of the presentation include the:

- PCN-MSH collaboration
- Situation analysis on access to medicines in low- and medium-income countries
- Overview of MSH lead Drug Seller Initiatives (DSI) funded by BMGF
- The major programs under the DSI project
- The MSH ADDO Concept
- Objectives of the DSI
- The Tanzania experience
- Success stories
- Overview of LaunchDSI
- Nigeria: Journey so far.

ii. **Topic:** Highlights of the Activities of the 3-Phased Project for Improved Patent Medicines Vendors' Operation (LaunchDSI Project).

Presenter: Pharm. T.O Ilupeju

The highlights of the presentation include:

- The activities under phase I, II and III of the PCN-LaunchDSI project.
- Target objectives of each activity

Tea-Break

Presentations continued

iii. **Topic:** Report of the Situation Assessment of the Operation of the Patent Medicines Vendors

Presenter: Pharm. Babashehu Ahmed

The outline of the presentation include:

- ✓ Background information
 - Profile of Nigeria
 - History of Patent and Proprietary Medicines Vendors (PPMV) in Nigeria
 - The Place of the PPMVs in the Healthcare Delivery System
- ✓ Regulatory Mechanisms
 - Registration and Licensing
 - Orientation Programme and Continuing Education Programme
 - Monitoring and Inspection
 - Activities of PPMV Inspection Committees
 - The PCN PPMVL-Sign Post
- ✓ Records of Licensure/Enforcement Activities
- ✓ New Strategies to Re-Positioned PPMV Operations in Nigeria
 - New Partnership for Projects Initiatives
 - Review of Approved Patent Medicines List
 - Partnership/Collaboration with Development/Implementing Partners, NGOs and other Agencies
 - Strengthening Regulation of PPMV Operations.

iv. Title: PCN Mission on improving Access to Quality Medicines in Nigeria.

Presenter: Presented by the Registrar, PCN, Pharm. N.A.E Mohammed

The presentation focused on:

- Background profile of Nigeria
- Background profile of the PCN
- Efforts made by PCN to improve access to quality assured medicines
 - ✓ Community Pharmacies
 - ✓ Patent Medicines Shops
 - ✓ Satellite Pharmacy Concept
 - ✓ Sanitized Medicines Distribution System
- The Challenges facing the efforts to improve access to quality assured medicines
- Areas of support from/Collaboration with Partners
- Conclusion

v. Title: Presentation on Identified Gaps and Emerging Opportunities in the Operation of the PMVs in Nigeria.

Presented by: Pharm. Viona Ologe

The highlights of the presentation include:

- Identified gaps in the operation of PPMVs in Nigeria
- Emerging opportunities identified

5. Commitment of support/participation by the DPSs and NAPPMED officials.

The session was anchored by the Registrar, PCN. The enlistment of commitment of and support was made by each of the DPS and the NAPPMED official state by state. All the participants expressed their joy, commends the efforts of PCN/MSH in the repositioning strategies towards an improved PPMV operations in Nigeria and strongly pledged their commitment and buy-in towards the project's conception and implementation. All the DPSs restate their individual experiences regarding working relationship with NAPPMED and PCN state officers in their states.

6. Key point discussed

- DPS Ekiti call on ensuring improvement on building trust between PCN and NAPPMED/PPMV association to ensure mutual and well-grounded relationship in order to provide a lasting foundation of the new project. He also added that in some states NAPPMED encourages proliferation of illegal PPMVs in the community through registering PCN-unregistered PMVs as their members.
- DPS Oyo state suggest that the project should be corrective in nature, and to involve more trainings.
- Representative of DPS Ogun disclosed her fears that the new “improved PPMV” may be hijacked by some bad people, thus the need for close and regular supportive supervision.
- NAPPMED Lagos and Ekiti state who is also the National Secretary NAPPMED emphasized on the mutual trust and that the new leadership of NAPPMED is ready and open for dialogue with PCN. They also call on PCN to be friendlier in approach and take them as stakeholders too.
- The issue of multiple taxation from Local Governments as another reason for non-compliance to mount PCN sign post at Patent Medicine Shop.
- NAPPMED and other splinter group should come together under one association for proper coordination, speaking with one voice and proper representations.

7. Closing Remarks/response by PCN

The Registrar, PCN thanks all the participants for their words of commitment and comments and responds that:

Most of the issues raised have been addressed by the presentations and that PCN will look at individual submissions critically and come up with appropriate solutions.

NAPPMED national body should write to the PCN requesting for a courtesy visit and the PCN will give them appropriate date for the meeting.

NAPPMED should engage other splinter groups in dialogue and put her house in order so as to have one association of PPMV operators in Nigeria for proper coordination.

Plans are on-going to redesigned the PCN-Sign post and NAPPMED will be allowed to make an inputs in order to have befitting and widely accepted sign-post

8. Closing prayer

The meeting ended at 03:30 pm with a closing prayer (second stanza of the National anthem) by all the participants, group photograph and lunch.

Thank You



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