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THE RESOLUTIONS OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC) OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN) HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2024 AT HER NATIONAL SECRETARIAT, IKEJA, LAGOS.

1. The NEC observed a decrease in the number of Community Pharmacists in the country in the recent past and factorizing the 'japa' syndrome into the equation, wondered about this disparity.

This made NEC call for an update on the previously generated ACPN Database from PCN to arrive at a more accurate number of Community Pharmacists and Pharmacies nationwide.

2. Sequel to (1) above, every state branch was encouraged to keep proper and accurate data of their members especially as it speaks to their numerical strength and by extension, their expected income
3. After a series of back-and-forth arguments from virtually all NEC members in attendance, The NEC agreed that the operating capitation levy which has been sustained for close to 15 years be reviewed upward from the current Thirteen Thousand naira

(N13,000) to Twenty Thousand naira (N20,000) starting from the 2025 registration year.

This increment, which many NEC members considered long overdue was premised on the current realities in the country which have seen overheads and recurrent expenditures such as salaries, Secretariat running expenses, etc. more than doubled in recent times. While painfully adopting this increment, the NEC demanded more prudence and some adjustments in spending from the National EXCO.

4. Every state branch was enjoined to key into that National Portals going by the accruing huge benefits embedded in this portal especially with respect to data documentation
5. All states were mandated to create a more cordial and harmonious working relationship with their state PSN Chairmen and PCN state coordinators. This became necessary in the light of reports emanating from some states which were observed to be precursors of avoidable conflicts within the states.

Such a cordial environment is also expected to enhance optimum dues payments from members and cover up gaps where some members hide to evade capitation and other dues remittance both at the state and National levels.

6. The coordinators of the two payment gateways namely Pharmagateway and Pharmpay be contacted immediately to reprogramme or reconfigure their platforms such that capitations remittance from all members ceases to be optional. This will help to arrest evasion of National capitation payment.

7. NEC also approved the National EXCO's proposed visit to the hierarchy of PCN in the 1st quarter of 2025 to table our charter of demands on contemporary issues bothering on regulation, sanitization of the open drug markets, a better PIC arrangement for qualitative results, professional misconducts and others affecting Community Pharmacists nationwide.

8. Similarly, the National Secretariat is scheduled to visit NAFDAC by the 1st Quarter of 2025 on many burning issues such as the process of product recall from our premises especially on the cost implication on our members. The streamlining of the destruction of expired drugs and many others will feature during the proposed visit.

9. NEC affirms the appointment of Pharm Lawrence Ekhaton, MAW, and Pharm Patrick Obi, FPSN as CPC and LOC Chairmen respectively for the 2025 ACPN National Conference to be hosted by Anambra State.

10. NEC reiterates that all trainings that engulf huge amounts of money are for our empowerment and capacity building, hence members take advantage of the opportunities.

11. With the numerous benefits of the ACPN Cooperatives once again brought to the fore, NEC members are all expected to encourage their members in the states to key into this

empowerment project of ACPN and access the low one-digit interest loan to expand their practice/business

12. NEC advanced reasons why subsequent awards of DCPharms to Community Pharmacists should be more stringent and toe the line of honour attached to such awards.

13. Going into 2025, NEC members should submit names of two (2) Community Pharmacists in their states who will serve as IT focal persons. The National Secretariat will sponsor their training while they in turn will train other colleagues in their states.

14. The NEC agrees with the fact that e-prescription is fast gaining ground and Community Pharmacists and the Association cannot afford to stay arms folded. Training and retraining for Community Pharmacists in This new trend was identified as one of the key tools to leverage this trending digitalization move.

15. The NEC resolved that all state branches' bye-laws must be in consonance with that of the ACPN National Constitution. Abbreviations such as the use of phrases like PRO as against publicity secretary for example, which is now commonplace in some states should be avoided. Similarly, states without their own bye-laws were as a matter of urgency asked to develop one.

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