

## CoNNO Meeting – Friday 9 October 2009

### Minutes of the meeting

#### 1. Welcome

Members were welcomed to the meeting by Kim Ryan, Chair of the Coalition of National Nursing Organisations (CoNNO) Council.

#### 2. Attendance

Belinda Moyes	Australia and New Zealand Council of Chief Nurses (Guest)
Sue Mason	Australasian Hepatology Association
Jo Perks	Australasian Sexual Health & HIV Nurses Association
Elizabeth Ruschena	Australian Association Maternal Child and Family Health Nursing
Lesley Everingham	Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses
Chris Baggoley	Australian Commission of Safety & Quality in Health Care (Guest)
Sue Scott	Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses
Amanda Rischbieth	Australian College of Critical Care Nurses
Vicky Jackson	Australian College of Operating Room Nurses
Shelley Reid	Australian College of Neonatal Nurses
Jane Payne	Australian Diabetes Educators Association
Heather Marchant	Australian Faith Community Nurses Association
Paul Smollen	Australian Infection Control Association
Anne Sargent	Australian Nurses for Continence
Jacqui Guy	Australian Nurse Teachers Society
Dianna Kidgell	Australian Nursing & Midwifery Council (Observer)
Gabrielle Prest	Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
Marian Huempel	Community Nurse Audiometrist Association
Kim Ryan	CoNNO Chair & Australian College of Mental Health Nurses
Julianne Bryce	CoNNO Secretariat & Australian Nursing Federation
Lyn Hinspeter	CRANaplus
Kt Harvey	Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia
Lynn Rapley	Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Peter Fleming	National E-Health Transition Authority (Guest)
Joanne Foster	Nursing Informatics Australia
Annie Butler	NSW Nurses Association (Observer)
Elizabeth Brandis	Psychogeriatric Nurses' Association Australia Inc
Sandra Campbell	Renal Society of Australasia
Debra Cerasa	Royal College of Nursing Australia
Mark Smith	Royal District Nursing Service (Observer)
Tracey Osmond	The College of Nursing

#### 2.1 Apologies

Rosemary Bryant	Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer
Eithne Irving	Department of Health and Ageing
Brett Holmes	NSW Nurses Association
Sue Monaro	Australia & New Zealand Society of Vascular Nurses
Helen Gosby	Australian College of Nurse Practitioners
Elizabeth Foley	Australian Nursing Federation
Karen Cook	Australian Nursing & Midwifery Council
Belinda Caldwell	Australian Practice Nurses Association
Rose Cole	Australian Women's Health Nurse Association
Linda Oliver	Australian Women's Health Nurse Association
Jan Rice	Australian Wound Management Association
Toni McCallum Pardey	College of Emergency Nursing Australasia
Robyn Coulthard	Congress of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Nurses
Roslyn Lockhart	Congress of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Nurses
Michelle Campbell	Council of Deans of Nursing & Midwifery
Margaret Tabone	Flight Nurses Australia
Shannon Tassell	Geriaction
Beth Wardle	Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Tracey Nicholls	Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group



Cathie Pigott  
Mary RobertsPalliative Care Nurses Australia  
Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand**3. Confirmation of agenda****4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 15 May 2009**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 May 2009 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Tracey Osmond

Seconded: Jo Foster

Confirmed.

**5. Business arising from the previous meeting**

List of action items from the previous meeting have been addressed.

**6. Report by Belinda Moyes, Australia and New Zealand Council of Chief Nurses**

Rosemary Bryant the Commonwealth Chief Nurse & Midwifery Officer is now a member of the ANZCCN group. With 2 meetings held a year.

There was discussion about the following issues;

Nursing assistants and their new roles

The ANZCCN is working in partnership with the National Health Workforce Taskforce to hold symposiums on research and the nursing workforce

Nursing workload and how do we measure resources for nursing work?

Increase of recruitment of nurses and midwives to the public sector

Concerns about retention and leadership

The role of enrolled nurses and moving to Diploma level

National registration

Chief Nurse to chair working parties for NHWT on acute and aged care

Clinical placement working parties on education providers and health organisations

Return to Practice Project discussion paper being developed

Bring Nurses Back to the Workforce Program has had limited success, with the highest number of 97 returned in Victoria.

**7. Report by Peter Fleming, National E-Health Transition Authority**

Peter has been in the position of CEO for 1 year. NEHTA is funded by COAG.

Peter spoke about ehealth and the development of stakeholder reference groups. He spoke of the challenges facing healthcare, NEHTA's purpose, work to date and gave a strategic overview of the ehealth agenda. He also spoke about ehealth and nursing. NEHTA would like to increase nurse representatives and is happy for CoNNO members to advise the Secretariat of their interest.

More information can be found at [www.nehta.gov.au](http://www.nehta.gov.au)

ACTION: copy of the presentation available on the CoNNO website.

ACTION: email members for expressions of interest to work with NEHTA representing CoNNO.

**8. Report by Chris Baggoley, Australian Commission of Safety & Quality in Health Care**

Chris has been at the commission since August 2007. He gave an update of the work of the commission since he last met with CoNNO in May 2008. As part of the ACSQHC and Health Ministers' decisions 2008, programs include: the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights; Open Disclosure; National Hand Hygiene Initiative and Clinical Handover. He also spoke of the role of a National Safety and Quality Framework.

More information can be found at [www.safetyandquality.gov.au](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au)

ACTION: copy of the presentation available on the CoNNO website.



**9. Council report****9.1 Chair report**

Kim spoke of the council work to date, in particular the strategic plan, position statements and the development of a mentorship program.

**9.2 Secretariat report**

See attached.

**9.3 Budget and funding – see Secretariat report.****9.4 Correspondence – see Secretariat report.****9.5 Other business**

- Meeting dates 2010 – 7 May (Melbourne), 8 October (Sydney)

**10. Member reports**

Australasian Hepatology Association – recently held a governance workshop which was funded by CoNNO.

Australasian Sexual Health & HIV Nurses Association – held a membership drive and have 115 members. Australasian conference held recently. see written report.

Australia & New Zealand Society for Vascular Nurses – see written report.

Australian Association of Maternal Child & Family Health Nurses – put out a media release in response to the AMA. see written report.

Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses – no report.

Australian College of Critical Care Nurses – membership has increased to 2000.

Australian College of Children and Young People Nurses – AGM to be held on 22 October. see written report.

Australian College of Mental Health Nurses – no report.

Australian College of Neonatal Nurses – see written report.

Australian College of Operating Room Nurses – implementation of safety checklist. 12 October is national perioperative nurses day.

Australian Diabetes Educators Association – conducted annual scientific meeting and AGM in Adelaide. Re-designing website. Credentialing by DoHA. Peer review magazine.

Australian Faith Community Nurses – see written report.

Australian Infection Control Association – have a number of courses. Developed framework.

Australian Nurse Teachers Society – would like feedback on core competencies. International conference to be held in Sydney in April 2010. see written report.

Australian Nurses for Continence – Anne Sargeant is resigning. Have redeveloped their constitution. The AGM will be held end of year.

Australian Nursing Federation – see written report.

Cancer Nurses Society of Australia – held governance training which was funded by CoNNO. Gabrielle Prest is leaving.

Community Nurse Audiometrists Association – no courses available in Australia. see written report.

CRANaplus – see written report.

Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia – increased membership. Developed competencies and standards. Conference to be held in June 2010 in Queensland. see written report.

Flight Nurses Australia – see written report.

Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia – membership has increased since became company limited by guarantee. see written report.

Nursing Informatics Australia – presented at the international congress of nursing informatics. Nursing informatics standards. Annual conference held. Developing competencies. Developing e-nursing framework for NEHTA. Health information workforce data on HISA website. see written report.

Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group – see written report.

Palliative Care Nurses Australia – see written report.

Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia – annual conference to be held 29 October. see written report.

Renal Society of Australasia – see written report.

Royal College of Nursing Australia – see written report.

The College of Nursing – AGM to be held on 22 October.

Royal District Nursing Service – no report.

## **11. Workshops**

### **11.1 Survey Monkey by Jo Foster**

ACTION: copy of the presentation available on the CoNNO website.

### **11.2 Credentiailling by Kim Ryan**

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