

## CoNNO Meeting – Wednesday 29 May 2013

### Draft Minutes

#### 1. Welcome

Members were welcomed to the meeting by Julianne Badenoch, incoming Chair of the Coalition of National Nursing Organisations (CoNNO). A special welcome was extended to new member, the Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association.

#### 2. Attendance

Megan Phelps	Australasian Hepatology Association
Lesley Lewis	Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control
Lyn McBain	Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association
Jo Perks	Australasian Sexual Health & HIV Nurses Association
Donna Cowan	Australian and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society
Julian Grant	Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses
Wendy Sansom	Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses
Jacquie Burton	Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses.
Wendy Pollock	Australian College of Critical Care Nurses
Kim Ryan	Australian College of Mental Health Nurses & CoNNO Councillor
Shelley Reid	Australian College of Neonatal Nurses
Helen Gosby	Australian College of Nurse Practitioners & CoNNO Councillor
Kathleen McLaughlin	Australian College of Nursing
Jed Duff	Australian College of Operating Room Nurses
Robyn Sheather	Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association
Tracy Aylen	Australian Diabetes Educators Association
Michelle Girdler	Australian Nurse Teachers Society
Julianne Bryce	Australian Nursing Federation & CoNNO Secretary
Elizabeth Foley	Australian Nursing Federation
Amanda Wylie	Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association
Julianne Badenoch	Australian Practice Nurses Association & CoNNO Chair
Jenny Bath	Australian Women's Health Nurse Association
Robyn Coulthard	Congress of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Nurses & CoNNO Councillor
Eithne Irving	Council of Deans of Nursing & Midwifery
Chris Cliffe	CRANaplus & CoNNO Deputy Chair
Colleen Blums	Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia
Ros Burnett	Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia
Margaret Tabone	Flight Nurses Australia
Lynn Rapley	Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Karen Cook	Health Workforce Australia
Nicholas Lord	Health Workforce Australia
Christine Borthwick	National E-health Transition Authority (via teleconference)
Lis Herbert	Nursing Informatics Australia
Tracey Nicholls	Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group
Kym Griffin	Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Regina McDonald	Psychogeriatric Nurses Association of Australia
Beth Amega	Renal Society of Australasia
Fiona Hearn	Royal District Nursing Service

#### 2.1 Apologies

Dr Rosemary Bryant	Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer
Lisa Fitzpatrick	ANF Victorian Branch
Marian Huempel	Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia

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Marija Juraja	Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control & CoNNO Councillor
Sharryn Byers	Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association
Marion Mitchell	Australian College of Critical Care Nurses
Debra Thoms	Australian College of Nursing
Nuala Harkin	Australian Diabetes Educators Association
Antonia van Loon	Australian Faith Community Nurses Association
Leigh Pretty	Australian Nurses for Continence
Linda Oliver	Australian Women's Health Nurse Association
Terry Swanson	Australian Wound Management Association & CoNNO Councillor
Sandy McKiernan	Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
Cathie Pigott	Palliative Care Nurses Australia

### 3. Confirmation of agenda

### 4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 28 September 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 September 2012 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### 5. Business arising from the previous meeting

Action items from the previous meeting have been addressed.

### 6. National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) products and services

Speaker Christine Borthwick, has been an Engagement Analyst at NEHTA for the past two years – mainly in the Medicines Management, Continuity of Care and Diagnostic Services work programs and more recently, in the development of the Child Electronic Health Record. Christine presented on the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR) system which has expanded, introducing enhancements and additions to existing functionality. The system now includes early child health, growth and development information. It also includes a National Prescription and Dispensing View / Medicines Management, which is an additional functionality to collect medicines and dispensing information. Further information can be found at <http://ehealth.gov.au/internet/ehealth/publishing.nsf/Content/resources>

The NEHTA presentation is available on the CoNNO website.

### 8. Health Workforce Australia

#### 8.1 Health Professionals Prescribing Pathway Project

Health Workforce Australia (HWA) Principal Project Manager, Nick Lord presented an update to members on the *Health Professional Prescribing Pathway (HPPP) project*. This project's aim is to develop a nationally consistent approach to prescribing by health professionals other than medical practitioners, which supports safe practice, quality use of medicines and effectiveness of healthcare services. Nick gave an overview of the project and discussed Phase 3 in further detail. Final revisions are currently being made to the report which will go to the HWA Board and then the Standing Council on Health later in the year. More information on the HPPP Project can be found at [www.hwa.gov.au/hppp](http://www.hwa.gov.au/hppp)

#### 8.2 Nursing Retention and Productivity Project

Karen Cook is a Specialist Nurse Advisor at Health Workforce Australia. Karen provided an overview of the *HWA 2025 Report* released in 2012, which details a projected shortage of 109,000 nurses by 2025 (79,000 RNs, 30,000 ENs).

The Report outlines that the nursing retention and productivity scenario is the only projection to dramatically reduce the shortage (from 109,000 to 25,000). The Nursing Retention and Productivity Project commenced June 2012. Retention issues include: an ageing nursing workforce; limited graduate places; high exit rate in first 5 years from graduation. A literature

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review and key stakeholder interviews were conducted in late 2012. Following release of a consultation paper for comment in March 2013, a nursing and midwifery stakeholder consultation forum was held in Melbourne in mid-April. HWA is now looking to make a national strategic nursing and midwifery workforce meeting a regular event. Written submissions to the consultation closed at the end of April 2013. HWA have now convened a Project Advisory Group to develop recommendations for the final report. The PAG will be looking at strategies that can be scaled up to a national level. These include, but are not limited to: nursing workload tools, magnet principles, leadership programs, better support for expanded roles, and the assistant workforce.

## 9. Professional Practice (Competency) Standards

Julianne Bryce and Elizabeth Foley led a broad discussion on the development of practice standards. Examples of this aspect of professional self-regulation include: the *National School Nursing Professional Practice Standards*; *Competency Standards for Nurses in General Practice*; *Telehealth Professional Practice Standards and Guidelines for Nursing and Midwifery*; *Competency Standards for the Advanced Registered Nurse*; and *Competency Standards for the Advanced Enrolled Nurse*.

All these publications are available on the ANF website at [www.anf.org.au](http://www.anf.org.au)

## 10. Council report

### 10.1 Secretariat report

See attached Secretariat report.

## 11. CoNNO representative reports

### 11.1 National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) Stakeholder Product Consultation Group

See attached report by Jennifer Harland, CoNNO representative on this group.

### 11.2 National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)

Robyn Coulthard reported that the final draft has not yet been viewed by the SAG and that implementation of the health plan will be the key.

### 11.3 ANMAC Accreditation Standards for Registered Nurse Re-Entry Programs and Entry Programs for Internationally Qualified Registered Nurses

Julianne Bryce (Australian Nursing Federation – ANF representative), CoNNO representative on the ANMAC Review and Development of Accreditation Standards for Registered Nurse Re-Entry Programs and Entry Programs for Internationally Qualified Registered Nurses Project, provided a brief verbal report. Julianne reported that she attended the initial consultation forum for this project held in Melbourne on 24 April 2013. CoNNO member organisations were encouraged to review and respond to the first Consultation Paper which is currently available for comment through the ANMAC website. The second Consultation Paper will be released in June prior to the second round consultation forum which will be held in Sydney on 4 July 2013.

## 12. Member reports

See attached Member reports.

## 13. Next meeting

Friday 8 November 2013, 9.30am to 4pm, NSW Nurses and Midwives Association, 50 O’Dea Avenue, Waterloo, NSW.

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