

CoNNO Meeting – Friday 1 April 2011

Draft minutes

1. Welcome

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

2. Attendance

Denise Ryan	Ashley Ryan & Associates
Christine Ashley	Ashley Ryan & Associates
Deborah D'Arcy	Australasian Hepatology Association
Suzie Hooper	Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association
Jo Perks	Australasian Sexual Health & HIV Nurses Association
Toni Ormston	Australian Association of Maternal Child & Family Health Nurses
Joanne Fittock	Australian Association of Maternal Child & Family Health Nurses
Lesley Everingham	Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses
Clare Cleave	Australian New Zealand Society for Vascular Nursing
Sue Scott	Australian College of Children and Young People Nurses
John Jannese	Australian College of Critical Care Nurses
Kim Ryan	Australian College of Mental Health Nurses & CoNNO Chair
Shelley Reid	Australian College of Neonatal Nurses
Helen Gosby	Australian College of Nurse Practitioners & CoNNO Council
Chris Helms	Australian College of Nurse Practitioners
Robert McCann	Australian College of Operating Room Nurses
Tracy Aylen	Australian Diabetes Educators Association
Suzanne Warner	Australian Faith Community Nurse Association
Sandra Campbell	Australian Nurse Teachers Society
Leigh Pretty	Australian Nurses for Continence
Kay Bews-Bundle	Australian Nurses for Continence
Elizabeth Foley	Australian Nursing Federation
Julianne Bryce	Australian Nursing Federation & CoNNO Secretariat
Mark Staaf	Australian Nursing Federation Victorian Branch
Catherine Hutchings	Australian Nursing Federation Victorian Branch
Donna Hansen	Australian Nursing Federation Victorian Branch
Gordon Poulton	Australian Nursing & Midwifery Accreditation Council
Amanda Wylie	Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association
Jenny Keller	Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association
Linda Oliver	Australian Women's Health Nurse Association
Nicole Kinnane	Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
Sue Colby	College of Emergency Nursing Australasia
Rosemary Bryant	Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer
Karen Johnson	Community Nurse Audiometrists Association
Robyn Coulthard	Congress of Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Nurses & CoNNO Council
Lyn Hinspeter	CRANApus & CoNNO Council
Geri Malone	CRANApus
Ros Bauer	Department of Health & Ageing
Rosalyn Burnett	Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia
Margaret Tabone	Flight Nurses Australia
Lyn Rapley	Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Maryanne Craker	National Enrolled Nurses Association & CoNNO Council
Jo Foster	Nursing Informatics Australia
Tracey Nicholls	Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group
Regina McDonald	Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia
Debra Cerasa	Royal College of Nursing Australia & CoNNO Council
Sandy Anderson	Victorian Nurses Pap Test Credentialling Program, Papscreen Victoria

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2.1 Apologies

Fiona Stoker	Australian & New Zealand Council Chief Nurses
Geraldine Lee	Australasian Cardiovascular Nursing College
Amanda Rischbieth	Australian College of Critical Care Nurses
Wendy Bacalja	Australian Infection Control Association
Belinda Caldwell	Australian Practice Nurses Association & CoNNO Council
Jan Rice	Australian Wound Management Association
Sarah Sage	Australian Wound Management Association
Mei Krishnasamy	Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
Di Crellin	College of Emergency Nursing Australasia
Wendy Cross	Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery
Vanessa Goss	Department of Health & Ageing
Cathie Pigott	Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Tracey Osmond	The College of Nursing, NSW & CoNNO Council
Tod Adams	Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand

3. Confirmation of agenda

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 8 October 2010

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 October 2010 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. Credentialling workshop

Kim Ryan gave an overview of credentialling and the timelines for the project. The purpose of the credentialling framework is the orderly development of specialty / area of nursing practice. It is not a compulsory framework. CoNNO is aiming to gain consistency of purpose and structure of credentialling. The project officers Denise Ryan and Christine Ashley conducted a workshop at the members meeting. The discussion centred around the project context, key issues, credentialling definition, explanation of terms, workshop on the principles, workshop on the standards, toolkit content and concluding with the next steps. Once the project officers finalise the documents, the secretariat will email members the final draft credentialling framework for their feedback.

7. Council report

7.1 Report by Commonwealth Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer, Rosemary Bryant

Rosemary has been in the position for two and a half years now. Extremely busy, initially had to carve out the role with no formal connections but now has managed to do that. Meet with Secretary of the Department every week, status of nursing in the department is high, in terms of positioning it is very good. How nurses and nursing is perceived. Pleased to have a well functioning nursing section with the department. 1st November 2010 is the commencement for the Nurse Practitioner and Eligible Midwife access to Medicare and PBS scheme, still in its early days. A lot of work to be done. Ongoing but gradually making process. Also working on initiative to change the way practice nurses are funded. A lot of work has been done in area of aged care, numbers of initiatives from 2010/2011 budget last year being worked up and come into fruition. Nursing homes project, funding/organisation models for NPs in aged care. In terms of government objectives and equity of access to health care, aged care settings where residents do not get the standard of care in terms of medical care required, provides a great role for NPs in that area. Consolidated nursing and midwifery scholarships into one scheme, most under advertisement on RCNA website, except for emergency. We also have scholarships for nurses to become NPs in aged care. Range of scholarships, open for nurses and midwives and undergraduate open to general public. Still working on health reform, medicare locals, local health care networks, GP superclinics. Hoping to make health system for community better. Rural locum scheme – nurses and midwives working in rural and remote areas to be relieved for CPD. Cover them while away from workplace. Big factor in access to ongoing education for nurses in remote and rural areas.

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7.2. Chair report

We conducted a mentoring survey. The main issues members wanted support for was lobbying, professional standards, credentialling, writing submissions/grants/tenders. Members able to assist with governance, board structure, corporate structure, internal policies and financial management, communications, publications and website development. We will look at those issues and getting information out to members.

Action: upload mentorship presentation to website

7.3.1 Secretariat report

Following council elections, the Chair Kim Ryan and Deputy Chair Tracey Osmond were re-elected unopposed.

The new website is up and running. We ask members to have a look at their individual page and please ensure their information is accurate and up to date. Thanks to the Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, Wales Street Primary School Nurse and Austin Health for their involvement in the photo shoots for the website.

The governance framework and toolkit is being developed into an online governance education model. Initially we had some funding to provide member organisations with governance training but that has now finished with the development of the online model available for all to use. We are currently looking for more case studies with the consultant near completion.

We will be submitting a new funding proposal to DoHA with the final report due in July.

Thanks to the work of secretariat staff, chair and council for their hard work throughout the last 6 months.

7.4 Correspondence

- Invitation to National Ehealth Transmission Authority (NEHTA) roundtables held in November, February & March, attended by Chair Kim Ryan.
- Invitation to Health Workforce Australia (HWA) National Training Plan Governance Committee Meeting, attended by Chair Kim Ryan.

7.5 Other business

• E-health

Jo Foster from Nursing Informatics Australia gave an overview of e-health initiatives including Health Care Identifiers. Individual Health Identifiers (IHI), Individual Health Professionals (IHP) and Individual Health Organisations (IHO). This initiative will run through Medicare and not be linked with registration.

The Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR) introduction on July 2012 will be managed by NEHTA. At this time it is GP orientated. It involves a personally controlled health record for every individual in Australia. Initially, the individual will have control of their own health information record, input and access. The health summary will be viewed by anyone regardless of what access you have on your record. It will probably be done by a GP and control what goes into and what goes up on the record. The health summary is limited though, to allergies etc and not past history. Currently, there are many roundtable discussions going on. Need more nurses involved, so let Jo Foster know if you want to be involved in the roundtables.

NEHTA - Terminology / clinical knowledge manager, based on archetype development. Would like more nurses to participate with this concept.

Action: upload e-health handout to website.

Action: add webinar link to CoNNO website and email members.

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- **AHPRA Senate Inquiry**

Julianne Bryce from Australian Nursing Federation reported on the Senate Inquiry into the administration of health practitioner registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Submissions are due by 14 April 2011. Go to the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing website for more information and for the Terms of Reference. It was recommended that there be an inquiry into AHPRA to look at the issues occurring from a national registration perspective, a lot of difficulties and anomalies have come up from the transition such as with undergraduate students, international students, nurse practitioner candidates, and their endorsement. The Senate Hearing for the Inquiry will be held on 4 May 2011.

Action: email information to members.

8. Member reports

Thank you to those members who have submitted a report. We will endeavour to answer the questions raised in the reports directly with the member organisations.

See tabled CoNNO member reports.

Leigh Pretty from the Australian Nurses for Continence would like to thank CoNNO for support to their planning meeting and Julianne Bryce for her attendance and presentation.

9. Next meeting

Friday 19 August 2011, 9.30am - 4pm, NSW Nurses Association, 50 O'Dea Avenue, Waterloo, NSW.

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