

CoNNO Meeting – Friday 19 August 2011

Minutes

1. Welcome

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

2. Attendance

Sharryn Byers	Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association
Suzie Hooper	Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association
Sue Monaro	Australian and New Zealand Vascular Nurses
Carolyn Briggs	Australian Association for Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses
Lesley Everingham	Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses
Sue Scott	Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses
Marion Mitchell	Australian College of Critical Care Nurses
Kim Ryan	Australian College of Mental Health Nurses & CoNNO Chair
Anne Buck	Australian College of Mental Health Nurses
Helen Gosby	Australian College of Nurse Practitioners & CoNNO Council
Nuala Harkin	Australian Diabetes Educators Association
Sandra Campbell	Australian Nurse Teachers Society
Leigh Pretty	Australian Nurses for Continence
Joanne Lawrence	Australian Nurses for Continence
Julianne Bryce	Australian Nursing Federation & CoNNO Secretariat
Sue Bellino	Australian Nursing Federation
Jenny Keller	Australian Ophthalmic Nurse's Association
Julianne Badenoch	Australian Practice Nurses Association
Helen Wilmore	Australian Women's Health Nurse Association
Jan Rice	Australian Wound Management Association
Nicole Kinnane	Cancer Nurse Society of Australia
Tracey Osmond	College of Nursing & CoNNO Deputy Chair
Robyn Coulthard	Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses & CoNNO Council
Lyn Hinspeter	CRANaplus & CoNNO Council
Jennie Della	Department of Health and Ageing
Vanessa Goss	Department of Health and Ageing
Lynn Rapley	Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Janet Blandford	National Enrolled Nurses Association
Peter Fleming	National E-Health Transition Authority
Mukesh Haikerwal	National E-Health Transition Authority
Nathan Pinskiar	National E-Health Transition Authority
Joanne Foster	Nursing Informatics Australia
Tracey Nicholls	Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group
Regina McDonald	Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia
Beth Amega	Renal Society of Australasia
Mark Smith	Royal District Nursing Service
Leena Sudano	SA Health & Community Services Complaints Commissioner
Richard Lenaducci	The Premier Communications Group

2.1 Apologies

Mark Cormack	Health Workforce Australia (via teleconference)
Rosemary Bryant	Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer
Ros Bauer	Department of Health and Ageing
Brett Holmes	NSW Nurses Association
Jo Perks	Australasian Sexual Health & HIV Nurses Association
Shelley Reid	Australian College of Neonatal Nurses

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Rob McCann	Australian College of Operating Room Nurses
Heather Banham	Australian Faith Community Nurses Association
Amanda Wylie	Australian Ophthalmic Nurse's Association
Belinda Caldwell	Australian Practice Nurses Association & CoNNO Council
Linda Oliver	Australian Women's Health Nurse Association
Wendy Cross	Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery
Rosalyn Burnett	Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia
Margaret Tabone	Flight Nurses Australia
Maryanne Craker	National Enrolled Nurses Association & CoNNO Council
Debra Cerasa	Royal College of Nursing, Australia & CoNNO Council
Representative	Australian Infection Control Association

3. Confirmation of agenda

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 1 April 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 April 2011 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. Council report

6.1 Chair report

Council is working on summaries of the organisational work plans of relevant national bodies including the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA), the National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA), the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC), the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC), Health Workforce Australia (HWA), the National Prescribing Service (NPS), and the Industry Skills Council (ISC). This information will be circulated to members via the e-Bulletin.

6.2 Secretariat report

See tabled Secretariat report.

6.3 Other business

- Credentiailling project**
 The credentiailling project has now been finalised. The Credentiailling Framework and Toolkit were launched at the meeting by the CoNNO Chair. The CoNNO Secretariat thanked the project officers, Christine Ashley and Denise Ryan, for all their hard work and members for their feedback. Copies were provided at the meeting and will also be available on the CoNNO website.
- Council elections**
 There are three positions on the CoNNO Council due for re-nomination in September 2011. The Secretariat will email a notice requesting nominations. A ballot will be conducted if more than three nominations are received. CoNNO members will be informed via email of the outcome of the Council election process.

7. Member reports

Thanks were given to those who had submitted a report. See tabled CoNNO member reports. All CoNNO member reports will be uploaded to the CoNNO website.

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As it was Sue Scott from the Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses (ACCYPN) last CoNNO meeting, the Secretariat acknowledged and thanked her for her significant contribution to the work of CoNNO over many years and for her participation at CoNNO meetings.

8. National E-Health Transition Authority

Peter Fleming, Mukesh Haikerwal and Nathan Pinskiar from the National E-Health Transition Authority gave an update on the work of NEHTA. In particular about their role, the impact on nurses and the ehealth innovations. They discussed the PCEHR and its start date of 1 July 2012. They gave examples of cases and how a central health record will benefit the patient, health professionals, general practice, hospitals and the community, especially with regard to the provision of care relating to mental health, chronic and complex conditions and children's health issues. NEHTA are continuing to hold roundtables and would like to work with CoNNO.

The NEHTA presentation is available on the CoNNO website.

Action: CoNNO group to work with NEHTA.

9. SA Health & Community Services Complaints Commissioner

Leena Sudano, the South Australia Health & Community Services Complaints Commissioner came to speak to CoNNO about her role as commissioner. She spoke about how most complaints are caused by poor communication. That only 10-15% of those complaints are about nurses and midwives with the majority of complaints associated with doctors and hospitals. In particular, she spoke about attitude, communication, the basic nursing care standards not being met, medication errors and lack of care coordination.

Leena's presentation is available on the CoNNO website.

10. Media Training presentation

Richard Lenaducci is from The Premier Communication Group which represents ANF Federal Office. Richard gave an overview on how to successfully manage the media. He provided scenarios and advice on dealing with the media and answered many questions from members. His presentation was very well received, with feedback indicating that CoNNO members would like further training workshops in this area. Richard offers media training workshops that members may wish to undertake.

Richard's presentation is available on the CoNNO website.

11. Lobbying presentation

Sue Bellino is the ANF National Political Coordinator. Sue gave members an overview of her role as the National Political Coordinator. She provided advice on how to successfully lobby government. Sue's presentation was very well received, with feedback indicating that CoNNO members would like further training workshops in this area.

Sue's presentation is available on the CoNNO website.

12. Next meeting

- Friday 27 April 2012, 9.30am to 4pm, ANF Victorian Branch, Level 7, 540 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
- Friday 28 September 2012, 9.30am to 4pm, New South Wales Nurses Association (NSWNA), 50 O'Dea Avenue, Waterloo, Sydney.

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