

CoNNO Meeting – Friday 2 May 2008

Agenda Item 10 – Reports from Member Organisations



- Jill Iliffe resignation, new leadership of Ged Kearney as Federal Secretary and Lee Thomas as Federal Assistant Secretary.
- ANF and RCNA met with NHMRC – CoNNO papers provided to NHMRC.
- ANF has been involved in ANMC Continuing Competence and National Accreditation Standards Projects.
- Involved in ACSQHC projects – including development of national charter of patient rights.
- Involved in Australian Health Care Reform Alliance (AHCRA). Held summit in March – Fiona Armstrong from ANF now AHCRA Chair. AHCRA meeting with National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission (NHHRC) on 21 May in Canberra.
- Involved in rural health workforce roundtables and with the work of National Rural Health Alliance as a member of NRHA council.
- ANF has prepared submissions so far this year on federal budget, rural health, reform commission, The Australian Health Care Agreements (AHCAs), and contributed to project by AIHW to develop performance indicators for the health system.
- Developing an issues paper on the economic case for nursing care.
- Involved in a project with WHO and UTS for PNG nurses to review nursing pay scales and career structure in PNG. If recommendations implemented expected to result in 50% wage rises for PNG nurses.
- ANF Federal Secretary Ged Kearney attended the 2020 summit.
- Developing aged care campaign to advocate for parity of wages for nurse in aged care.
- Planning an APNA/ANPA/ANF symposium/roundtable in Canberra in June on the advanced practice nursing role in primary health care.

Fiona Armstrong



- Successful planning day held April 08. covered issues including governance, website, scholarships and the inclusion of HIV nurses into ASHNA Inc. CoNNO will be notified when this occurs as there will be a name change.
- A nurses prize will be offered at the Australasian Sexual Health Conference to be held in September 08 in Melbourne. This conference has traditionally been very scientific and medically orientated. We now have a nurse on the organising committee
- In an attempt to raise the profile of nurse practitioners and sexual health nursing, Two sexual health NP's received funding from Nursing and Midwifery branch of NSW Health to develop a hip hop music CD highlighting NP's and sexual health services. The CD has been presented at the 2007 NP Conference in Western Australia.
- The listserv continues to be a good way for members to communicate.
- We still have 2 newsletters per year.

Jo Perks

Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA)

- Recognition for Jan Alford's contribution. Jan has retired as the ADEA representative to CoNNO after holding the role for several years. ADEA intend to have a separate representative for the Melbourne and Sydney meetings in future.
- Australian Diabetes Society / ADEA national scientific meeting is a joint conference program held annually. Will be held in Melbourne August this year. Expecting approximately 1500 attendees.
- Strategic Planning and Corporate Governance workshop held in Canberra during February this year. Strategic plan has been reviewed for the 2008-2011 period. Workshop was attended by the ADEA Board, Branch Chairs and national office staff.
- Mentoring program will be rolled out nationally following a series of workshops, commencing in Melbourne during June.
- Executive officer has recently left to take up a position with NHMRC. The ADEA board is reviewing the executive officer role and national office support structure.
- Revised guidelines / standards document released : Credentialed Diabetes Educators – Role and scope of practice
- On-line update program for diabetes educators launched
- Consensus statement of client centred care and diabetes education to be released shortly
- Continued work with other health professional groups, such as the APNA, in relation to diabetes self management education
- A review of the ADEA web site will be undertaken to improve member access and make the site generally more user friendly.
- Membership continues to increase, over 1400 members nationally.

Tracy Ayles

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- Have appointed a new Editor in Chief of our peer reviewed Australasian Emergency Nursing Journal in December 2007
- Published in 2007 the first Australian and NZ text on "Emergency and Trauma Nursing" through Elsevier supported by CENA
- Had our International Conference for Emergency Nurses (ICEN) in Melbourne in October 2007 with 500 delegates attending. Our National conference is planned for Perth in August 2008.
- State committees continue to develop collaborative ventures with the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine and Ambulance Service Colleges to co-ordinate state seminars
- Emergency Triage and Education Kit (ETEK) was launched at ICEN in October by the Commonwealth who wish CENA to collaborate with a national roll out for the education of the ETEK
- The second version of the "Standards for the Emergency Nursing Specialist" have been drafted and are currently out for member comment and feedback in line with our new transparent governance structure. We will also be publishing these through the AENJ and they will continue to be sold to universities for their post graduate curriculum development
- Position statements have been completed on Triage and we have statements on 'Education' and 'Definition of an Emergency Service' out for member comments. Further statements on 'Overcrowding', 'Violence and Aggression' and 'Mechanical Ventilation in Emergency Departments' are being worked on currently.
- We have commenced with ACCCN the national roll out of the joint Trauma Nursing Program (TNP) collaborative to most states. It is the first Australasian trauma course to have been developed and originated in Victoria

- Our national Nurse Practitioner sub committee have taken on the co-ordination of the Advanced Practice Module series on Wound Management and Minor Injury including Fracture Management. The Wound Management has been rolled out nationally to all states now.
- Representation on national bodies include Standards Australia with their work into 'Mass Casualty Triage Tags' and 'Planning for Emergencies' along with the Australian Organ and Tissue Cognate work
- We have collaborative links with NHMRC and have published a further three 'Evidence in Action' series and will be collaborating on a 2 year national Pain management in emergency care project.

Jon Magill



COUNCIL OF DEANS OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

The Council meets face-to-face twice yearly and the Executive of Council convened 3 teleconferences and 1 face-to-face meeting between October 2007 and March 2008. The Chair of Council, John Daly, was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor and he is now Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Health at the University of Technology, Sydney. The Council has been engaged in many activities including:

- Joint Working Parties with the Australian & New Zealand Council of Chief Nurses (ANZ CCN)
The Council has established two working parties on workforce and research in collaboration with the ANZ CCN. The working parties held their second meetings in Melbourne on 29 April 2008.
- Pre-registration Nurse Education Data Collection Project and the CDNM Journal Ranking Project
Both these reports are downloadable from the Council's web site at <http://www.cdnm.edu.au/>
- Media Release
'Education crisis threatens Federal plans to tackle nursing shortage' - 18 March 2008
- Ministerial correspondence/meetings
A letter was sent to Kevin Rudd congratulating him on his appointment as PM, expressing disapproval about the creation of hospital nursing schools and supporting the N3ET recommendation for the appointment of a National Chief Nurse.
John Daly met with Nicola Roxon, Minister for Health and Ageing, to discuss issues such as capped HECS, the level of NHMRC funding to nursing and midwifery, the shortage of undergraduate funding and the huge costs for undergraduate midwifery programs. The Minister expressed a willingness to review the system of capped HECS even though it will still be retained. An audit of nursing and midwifery funding was also proposed. The Minister has asked for the Council's views on who should be the National Chief Nurse and is supportive of the Council's proposed research atlas. The issue of BN in TAFE was raised but the Minister considers Holmesglen TAFE a high quality institution. A second meeting with the Minister and her senior adviser will be sought.
John Daly has requested a meeting with Julia Gillard, Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and is currently in 603rd place for a meeting. The Minister issued a media release announcing measures to attract 9,250 extra nurses into the workforce, announcing a review of higher education, noting the fiscal challenges and diminished health capacity issues.
- 2020 Summit
John Daly attended the 2020 Summit and participated in discussions on a long term national health strategy. Council made a submission to the 2020 Summit.
- Australian Health Workforce Institute (AHWI)
The Executive will write to the AHWI acknowledging the establishment of the Institute and interest in collaborating on health workforce issues.

- GANES

John Daly, Pauline Nugent and Kim Usher attended the GANES meeting in London on 10-11 December 2007. The GANES Conference is scheduled for 1-3 October 2008 in Toronto. John Daly has circulated conference information to Deans in the Asian region. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 1 May 2008. UTS will be handling the administration behind the Abstract Review Committee. Lynette Stockhausen has been appointed the Council's representative on this Committee. GANES members have been following up a number of suggestions for key note speakers. Lord Krisp and Steven Leader have declined the invitation to be key note speaker. John Dwyer has agreed to be key note speaker. Pauline Nugent attended the GANES meeting in Washington DC on 14-16 April 2008.

- Teaching and Learning Day

Council hosted a Teaching & Learning Day for T & L Program Coordinators in Adelaide on 13 March 2008.

- Media strategy

The Executive has engaged in discussions with a media adviser, Amanda Tattam. Amanda has advised Council to identify three top priority areas, to outline five dot points on key issues and to make the web site more dynamic. Amanda will be contracted to run a media training session for the next Council meetings in October 2008.

- Australian Centre for Child Protection Forum

During the Forum, concerns were raised about the lack of child protection content in the curriculum. The Council was asked for its support for the Centre's curriculum development project. Eighteen responses were received and the Centre estimates that 80% of curriculum has no child protection content.