

CoNNO Meeting – Friday 1 April 2011

Agenda item 4 – Minutes of the previous meeting 8 October 2010

1. Welcome

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

2. Attendance

Geraldine Lee	Australasian Cardiovascular Nursing College
Amanda Buzio	Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association
Jo Perks	Australasian Sexual Health & HIV Nurses Association
Sue Monaro	Australian and New Zealand Society for Vascular Nurses
Carolyn Briggs	Australian Association of Maternal Child & Family Health Nurses.
Lesley Everingham	Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses
Kim Ryan	Australian College of Mental Health Nurses & CoNNO Chair
Amanda Rischbieth	Australian College of Critical Care Nurses & CoNNO Council
Sue Scott	Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses
Shelley Reid	Australian College of Neonatal Nurses
Helen Gosby	Australian College of Nurse Practitioners
Vicky Jackson	Australian College of Operating Room Nurses
Tracy Ayles	Australian Diabetes Educators Association
Susanna Warner	Australian Faith Community Nurses Association
Leigh Pretty	Australian Nurses for Continence
Joanne Lawrence	Australian Nurses for Continence
Amanda Adrian	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council
Julianne Bryce	Australian Nursing Federation & CoNNO Secretariat
Amanda Wylie	Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association
Belinda Caldwell	Australian Practice Nurses Association
Linda Oliver	Australian Women's Health Nurse Association
Jan Rice	Australian Wound Management Association
Mei Krishnasamy	Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
Christine Rhodes	Community Nurse Audiometrists Association
Robyn Coulthard	Congress of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Nurses & CoNNO Council
Lyn Hinspeter	CRANAplus & CoNNO Council
Margo Hickman	Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia
Margaret Tabone	Flight Nurses Australia
Leonie Katekar	National eHealth Transition Authority
Kathy Dallest	National eHealth Transition Authority
Sue McIndoe	National eHealth Transition Authority
Trish O'Hara	National eHealth Transition Authority
Robyn Bean	National Enrolled Nurses Association
Mary Chiarella	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and Health Workforce Australia
Anne Morrison	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
Jo Foster	Nursing Informatics Australia
Tracey Nicholls	Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Nurses Group
Cathie Pigott	Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Regina McDonald	Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia
Sandra Campbell	Renal Society of Australasia
Debra Cerasa	Royal College of Nursing Australia
Mark Smith	Royal District Nursing Service
Tracey Osmond	The College of Nursing & CoNNO Deputy Chair

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2.1 Apologies

Sharon Eriksson	Australasian Neuroscience Nurses' Association
Deborah Darcy	Australasian Hepatology Association
Paul Smollen	Australian Infection Control Association
Jacqui Guy	Australian Nurse Teachers Society
Toni McCallum Pardey	College of Emergency Nursing Australasia
Dianne Crellin	College of Emergency Nursing Australasia
Marian Huempel	Community Nurse Audiometrists Association
Wendy Cross	Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery
Lynn Rapley	Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Maryanne Craker	National Enrolled Nurses Association
Tod Adams	Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand

3. Confirmation of agenda

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 21 May 2010

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 May 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. Report by Health Workforce Australia

A presentation was given by Professor Mary Chiarella, Board Member of Health Workforce Australia (HWA).

Overview of the presentation:

Despite jurisdictional differences in priorities there is broad agreement about the need for health workforce reform. Although they have varying backgrounds, all HWA Board nominees are there to give generic advice on health workforce issues. The National e-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) and the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) will be critical to the collection of 'really good' data. E-health and national registration have provided us with the opportunity for really accurate data on the health professions. HWA is looking to be a 'single source of truth' for health workforce data which is an admirable goal.

As professions we need to develop more brand loyalty to nursing and midwifery. We need to consider whether we can offer careers that attract nurses and midwives to stay. It will be necessary to diversify and extend the scope of practice of the professions. HWA is completely committed to nurse practitioner and advanced practice nurse roles. They are currently developing a discussion paper to explore new ways of practising/new models of care. There are one or two crisis areas of health care that are particularly concerned with health workforce. HWA will be looking at the future and areas where we don't have enough health workforce. International recruitment and retention is an extremely political and sensitive issue for consideration.

The Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector will come into the HWA clinical placements program as work progresses. It is the lack of supervision and training of junior staff that is linked to the SAC 1 events (Sentinel Events). Clinical teaching and training have a critically important role to play in dealing with this issue. Advice from COAG is that the clinical placement funding must follow the student which is extraordinarily difficult to achieve. HWA looked for transparent funding mechanisms/models when considering Requests for Tender (RCTs). They need to know where the money goes, how it was spent and that it's spent on students. A clear reporting mechanism is essential. There was also a need for accountability from the organisations. The package of clinical education and audit trail were both important.

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7. Report by Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia

A presentation was given by Ms Anne Morrison, Executive Officer and Professor Mary Chiarella, Board Member of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

Overview of the presentation:

There are now 330,000 nurses and midwives on the registration database under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS). The English Language Skills Registration Standard is currently under review and will be circulated for broad stakeholder consultation before the end of the year. The Professional Indemnity Insurance Registration Standard is also being reviewed. The NMBA is seeking expert industry and legal advice to inform the review of this standard. The Criminal History Registration Standard, Continuing Professional Development Registration Standard, Recency of Practice Registration Standard and Guidelines for Mandatory Notifications are all standard across all the professions regulated under the NRAS. The Guidelines and assessment framework for Nurse Practitioner Endorsement Registration Standard will be circulated for stakeholder consultation in November. The NMBA will be undertaking a project to review the National Competency Standards for the Enrolled Nurse in 2011. A Registration Audit policy is currently being developed. The NMBA Professional Indemnity Insurance requirements for midwives will be circulated for consultation soon.

www.nmba.gov.au

8. Report by Australian Nursing & Midwifery Council

A presentation was given by Ms Amanda Adrian, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMC).

Overview of the presentation:

- Accreditation committees will be established for courses leading to registration/endorsement as a registered nurse, enrolled nurse, registered midwife, eligible midwife and nurse practitioner
- ANMC will need assistance from nurses and midwives for the accreditation process – clinical and academic representation
- Accreditation assessment teams will include an academic as coordinator, a clinical academic, a clinician and an accreditation officer
- Teams will go to the education providers rather than the education providers coming to the ANMC office
- This model will be practical and cost effective
- There will be a schedule of fees that will accompany the accreditation process. The cost over 12 months duration for a 5 year accreditation will be \$35,000
- Shorter programs (for example a one semester medicines module for eligible midwives) will be less
- ANMC is seeking representatives for the assessment teams
- Application forms / Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for assessment teams and accreditation committees
- Accreditation committee representatives will be largely nominated as the work needs to begin immediately
- Aiming for a mixture of nominations and EOIs
- Estimate that there are between 350-400 courses currently accreditation
- Looking for credible clinicians and academics to support the accreditation process
- Equivalent process to the Australian Council of Health Care Standards (ACHS) Equip program
- Travel and accommodation will be covered by ANMC for assessment teams but no sitting fee payment
- ANMC have moved to new office premises in Canberra City:
Postal address: GPO Box 400, Canberra City ACT 2601
Street address: Level 3, Empire Chambers, 1-13 University Avenue, Canberra, ACT 2601

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9. Presentation by National eHealth Transition Authority

A presentation was given by Dr Leonie Katekar, Director of Clinical Leadership and Engagement and Kathy Dallest, Director of Clinical Safety Unit from the National eHealth Transition Authority.

In 2010, about 8000 people died from medication misadventure, prescription errors etc. E-health solutions to reduce these issues address the areas of pathology, discharge, referral and medicines. Nursing and midwifery need to be pushing the e-health agenda and leading the debate and development in relation to e-health. Competence, educational governance and organisational policy and processes are all necessary to ensure readiness to operate the system.

www.nehta.gov.au

Action: Secretariat to upload the presentation to the CoNNO website.

10. Council report

10.1 Chair report

Kim Ryan, CoNNO Chairperson:

- encouraged CoNNO members to visit the NSW Health website for information about the Local Hospital Network Board applications
http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/lhn/pdf/information_chairperson.pdf and, where appropriate, consider making application.
- provided an update on her work representing CoNNO on the Australian Peak Nursing and Midwifery Forum (APNF).

10.2 Secretariat report

Secretariat updated members on current projects including the progress of the website redevelopment, the mentorship survey, the online governance training module and the National Nurse Credentialling Framework Project.

See written report for further details.

Thanks to given to the College of Nursing for providing CoNNO with the venue for this meeting.

Action: call to members to assist with photos for the new CoNNO website.

Action: report to be provided to members on the mentorship survey results.

10.3 Budget and funding

See secretariat report.

10.4 Council elections

Council elections closed on 3 September 2010. Amanda Rischbieth and Lynn Rapley were acknowledged and thanked for all their work on the Council. The new Council will consist of:

Kim Ryan, Australian College of Mental Health Nurses
Tracey Osmond, College of Nursing
Julianne Bryce, Australian Nursing Federation
Lynette Hinspeter, CRANAplus
Belinda Caldwell, Australian Practice Nurses Association
Helen Gosby, Australian College of Nurse Practitioners
Robyn Coulthard, Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses
Debra Cerasa, Royal College of Nursing Australia
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10.5 Correspondence

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- Association of Private Nursing Services
A new membership application was received from APNS in May 2010. This application was considered by CoNNO Council at their meeting in September. It was determined by Council that APNS did not meet the eligibility criteria for membership as their members organisations that employ nurses and midwives not individual members. This recommendation was supported by the CoNNO membership.

Action: Secretariat to email APNS on membership application outcome.

- Geriaction
The Secretariat received notice in August 2010 from Geriaction that they have ceased operations and were therefore obliged to withdraw from the CoNNO membership.
- Australian Commission of Safety and Quality in Health Care Submission
The ACSQHC sent a request to CoNNO in August 2010 for input on a draft discussion paper on Patient Safety in Primary Health Care. This draft paper was circulated to CoNNO members on 19 August 2010

Action: email submission details to members.

- Edith Cowan University
A letter was received on 1 October 2010 regarding the Use of Simulated Learning Environments in Nursing Curricula Project being conducted by Edith Cowan University on behalf of Health Workforce Australia. CoNNO has been requested, as a key stakeholder, to provide feedback to the Project Team. The questions raised by the Project Team will be circulated to CoNNO members. Responses should be sent to the Project Team.

Action: Questions to be emailed by the Secretariat to CoNNO member. Members should respond to the ECU Project Team.

See secretariat report.

10.6 2011 Meeting Dates

There was discussion about changing the meeting dates from May and October, to earlier in March and August.

Action: Secretariat to email members the new meeting dates.

10.7 Other business

A question about proportional representation was raised by Vicky Jackson, Australian College of Operating Room Nurses (ACORN). Member organisations were asked if the number of members in each State or Territory was linked with their representation on the national group. There was discussion amongst members about the issue. The majority of feedback indicated that the model should reflect the constitution and advice was mostly against proportion.

11. Member reports

See tabled CoNNO member reports.

12. Credentialing project

A presentation was given by Kim Ryan, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses.

The definition of credentialing varies in Australia and is different in US, Canada, UK and Spain. There are a number of groups that currently provide credentialing within their specialty in Australia, these include: the Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA), the Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia (GENCA), the Australian Association of Stomal therapy Nurses (AASN), the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN), the Australian College of Midwives (ACM) and the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses (ACMHN).

Action: Secretariat to upload the presentation to the CoNNO website

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