



# CoNNMO

Coalition of National **Nursing & Midwifery** Organisations

## Chair and Secretariat Report

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## **CoNNMO Chair and Secretariat Report October 2020 to June 2021**

### **CoNNMO Council Members**

Marian Linnane (Australasian Institute of Digital Health: Nursing and Midwifery), CoNNMO Chair  
Tracey Nicholls (Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Nurses Group), CoNNMO Deputy Chair  
Julianne Bryce (Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation), CoNNMO Secretariat  
Colleen Blums (Drug and Alcohol Nurses Australasia)  
Jo Perks (Australian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association)  
Leanne Boase (Australian College of Nurse Practitioners)  
Michelle Girdler (Australian Nurse Teachers Society Inc.)  
Inga Parkes (Australian Dermatology Nurses Association)  
Sam Moses (Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association)

The CoNNMO Council now meets by videoconference four a year, and as required. Council have met twice since the October member meeting.

### **Council elections**

The Secretariat called for nominations for two Council positions in late January 2021. Jo Perks completed her first term and was eligible to nominate. Long standing CoNNMO Council member, Shelley Reid from the Australian College of Neonatal Nurses, completed her third term on Council in December 2020. Shelley was elected to Council in 2014 and has been highly engaged and greatly contributed to the work of Council over the last 6 years. Council extended their sincere thanks to Shelley for her time, effort and expertise. Two nominations for two Council positions were received in February 2021. Jo Perks re-nominated and Sam Moses (Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association) nominated for the two positions. Jo and Sam were elected unopposed. A further CoNNMO Council election for two positions will be held in June 2021.

### **CoNNMO Council Meetings**

CoNNMO Council meetings were held by zoom on Friday 20 November 2020, Friday 26 February 2021 and Tuesday 11 May 2021. At the meetings, Council reviewed member body reports from the October 2020 member meeting to identify areas of interest and assist with planning for the upcoming member meeting in June 2021. Potential speakers and invited guests for the member meeting were discussed and agreed. At the meeting in February, Council planned the CoNNMO webinar held in March. The next CoNNMO Council meeting is scheduled to be held by zoom in on 21 September 2021.

### **CoNNMO Webinar**

The second CoNNMO webinar was held on Friday 12 March 2021. A joint presentation was provided by the Australian Government Department of Health Workforce Division and Office of the Commonwealth Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer on the national nursing and midwifery workforce survey and the national health workforce datasets for nursing and midwifery. Maureen McCarty, Director, Workforce Data, Analysis & Planning, Commonwealth Department of Health and Frances Rice, Senior Nursing and Midwifery Advisor, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer Division, Commonwealth Department of Health presented to CoNNMO member representatives and observers. Alison McMillan, Commonwealth Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer also provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccination program. There were 93 participants at the webinar. The presentation is available on the CoNNMO website under publications. Another CoNNMO webinar will be held at a date to be advised later in the year.

## **New Member Applications**

No new applications for CoNNMO membership have been received since the last member meeting.

## **Action Items from October 2020**

There are no outstanding items from the October 2020 CoNNMO Member Meeting.

## **Communications**

The CoNNMO website is maintained by the Secretariat. Many enquiries for information are received via the contact page and responses provided by the Secretariat. The CoNNMO Secretariat has continued to circulate a range of emails broadly relevant to CoNNMO member organisations. These emails relate to: the COVID-19 pandemic information, events, media releases, meetings, newsletters, projects, submissions, consultations, research and surveys. Some require CoNNMO member involvement, some are for the purpose of information only, and others require further circulation to our member organisations' respective memberships. The CoNNMO website provides information about the on-going work of CoNNMO and our respective CoNNMO member organisations. Please remember to review your organisations details on the CoNNMO website at [www.connmo.org.au](http://www.connmo.org.au) to ensure it remains up to date and contact the CoNNMO Secretariat with any changes.

## **Funding**

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) Federal Office is responsible for the CoNNMO Secretariat. The CoNNMO Secretariat team is based in the ANMF Federal Office located in Melbourne. Since 2007, the ANMF Federal Office has been funded by the Australian Government Department of Health to undertake the Secretariat operations of CoNNMO. The ANMF will be submitting a funding proposal for the next 3 years in the coming months.

## **Secretariat Team Overview**

The Secretariat team consists of: Julianne Bryce, ANMF Senior Federal Professional Officer; Sotiria Stefanis, ANMF Federal Finance Officer; and Anastasia Shianis, Administrative Officer for the ANMF Federal Professional Team. Anastasia Shianis organises the CoNNMO member and Council meetings including travel and accommodation, attends to agendas and minutes, maintains CoNNMO files, coordinates email traffic, provides information technology support, formats reports, submissions and surveys, maintains the CoNNMO website, and accommodates the requests of CoNNMO members and Council. Julianne Bryce coordinates member and Council meetings, responds to enquiries, drafts documents, manages the funding agreement and prepares reports to the Australian Government Department of Health. In addition to the CoNNMO Secretariat role, Julianne Bryce, in her position as ANMF Senior Federal Professional Officer, is a permanent member of the CoNNMO Council. Sotiria Stefanis maintains accounts, financial records and prepares balance sheets for the Department and the external auditors.

## **Upcoming CoNNMO Meetings**

It is anticipated that the next CoNNMO member meeting will be held by zoom in October 2021, at a date yet to be confirmed.