

CoNNMO Meeting Minutes – Friday 27 May 2016

1. Welcome

Members were welcomed to the meeting by Christopher Cliffe, Chair of the Coalition of National Nursing & Midwifery Organisations (CoNNMO). A special welcome was extended to the Australian College of Midwives (ACM) attending the meeting as observers.

2. Attendance

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| Suzanne Sheppard-Law | Australasian Hepatology Association |
| Karen Saunders | Australasian Cardiovascular Nursing College |
| Sharryn Byers | Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association |
| Sara Alger | Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association |
| Joanne Perks | Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc |
| Paul McLeish | Australia and New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurses Association |
| Sally Sara | Australia and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society |
| Jacquie Burton | Australian College of Children and Young People Nurses |
| Dianne Chamberlain | Australian College of Critical Care Nurses |
| Kim Ryan | Australian College of Mental Health Nurses |
| Ann Kinnear | Australian College of Midwives |
| Shelley Reid | Australian College of Neonatal Nurses & CoNNMO Councillor |
| Chris Raftery | Australian College of Nurse Practitioners |
| Carolyn Stapleton | Australian College of Nursing |
| Claire Kennedy | Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association |
| Nicole O'Brien | Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association |
| Sharon Temby | Australian Dermatology Nurses Association & CoNNMO Councillor |
| Toni Rice | Australian Diabetes Education Association |
| Anne van Loon | Australian Faith Community Nurses Association |
| Linda Starr | Australian Forensic Nurses Association |
| Michelle Girdler | Australian Nurse Teachers Society |
| Fiona Stoker | Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council |
| Julianne Bryce | Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation & CoNNMO Secretary |
| Elizabeth Foley | Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation |
| Mark Staaf | Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Victorian Branch |
| Robert Fedele | Australian Nursing and Midwifery Journal |
| Amanda Wylie | Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association |
| Julianne Badenoch | Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association & CoNNMO Councillor |
| David Malone | Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association |
| Emily Wheeler | Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association |
| Sue Ellen Kovack | Australian Red Cross |
| Stephanie Jeremy | Australian Student and Novice Nurse Association |
| Tianna Camilleri | Australian Student and Novice Nurse Association |
| Linda Oliver | Australian Women's Health Nurse Association |
| Sanchia Aranda | Cancer Council of Australia |
| Julie Calvert | Cancer Nurses Society of Australia |
| Janine Mohamed | Congress of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives |
| Janie Thompson | Continnence Nurses Society of Australia |
| Lisa Wragg | Continnence Nurses Society of Australia |
| Wendy Cross | Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery |
| Christopher Cliffe | CRANaplus & CoNNMO Chair |
| Jennifer Harland | Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia |
| Mark Holmes | Flight Nurses Association |
| Juliane Grant | Maternal Child & Family Health Nurses Association & CoNNMO Councillor |
| Dawn Pedder | Medical Imaging Nurses Association |
| Tanya Vogt | Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia |

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Joe Goddard-Williams
Marian Linnane
Kym Griffin
Regina McDonald
Elizabeth Hore

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
Nursing Informatics Australia & CoNNMO Councillor
Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia
Renal Society of Australasia

Apologies

The Hon Sussan Ley
Debra Thoms
Karen Cook
Ramon Shaban
Brad Whitton
Karen Simunov
Wendy Sansom
Kathleen McLaughlin
Jed Duff
Lisa Fitzpatrick
Rhonda Griffiths
Lynn Rapley
Tracey Nicholls
Jan Rice

Minister for Health
Commonwealth Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer
Department of Health
Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control
Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc
Australia and New Zealand Society for Vascular Nurses
Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses
Australian College of Nursing
Australian College of Operating Room Nurses & CoNNMO Deputy Chair
Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Victorian Branch
Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery
Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group
Wounds Australia (formerly Australian Wound Management Association)

3. Confirmation of agenda

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 2 October 2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Business arising from the previous meeting

All action items from the previous meeting have been addressed.

6. Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Update

An update was provided by Tanya Vogt, Executive Officer on the key messages from the NMBA. Board senior staff are available to speak at CoNNMO member organisation's conferences and meetings to assist nurses and midwives understand the role of the Board. The NMBA works in partnership with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). AHPRA are the administrative and operational arm of the Board. Nurses and midwives are regulated by the NMBA, whose role is to regulate the professions of nursing and midwifery in the interests of the public. The Board sets standards, codes and guidelines for the professions. The NMBA Registered Nurse Standards for Practice have been released, effective from 1 June 2016.

The NMBA presentation is available on the CoNNMO website.

7. Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council Update

An update was provided by Fiona Stoker, Chief Executive Officer. ANMAC undertake the development of accreditation standards and the review, accreditation and monitoring of programs leading to registration or endorsement by the NMBA. ANMAC are currently undertaking an internal review of their governance and communication processes. Fiona thanked the CoNNMO membership for promoting the ANMAC stakeholder survey. The recent review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) found issues with duplication, transparency and cost of accreditation in the scheme and recommended a further review of national accreditation processes for all the regulated professions. This review will commence in April next year.

Please visit the website for further information at <http://www.anmac.org.au/>.

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8. Professor Sanchia Aranda – Cancer Council of Australia CEO

Professor Sanchia Aranda is CEO of the Cancer Council of Australia. Sanchia's worked in cancer nursing and cancer control for over 37 years as a clinician, researcher, educator and senior healthcare administrator. She gave a presentation on her Editorial in *Collegian* titled "We still have to work to break the silence". The editorial focusses on the leadership required to bring the nursing voice to the fore. In her presentation, Sanchia referred CoNNMO members to the work of American journalists, Bernice Buresh and Suzanne Gordon, (Buresh, B; Gordon, S. From silence to voice: what nurses know and must communicate to the public. 2nd ed. Ithaca: ILR Press, 2006) and two journal articles. Sanchia's editorial article and the two journal articles referred to by Sanchia, have been sent to CoNNMO member organisations.

9. Sue Ellen-Kovack - Remote Area Nurse and delegate for the Australian Red Cross in Sierra Leone

Sue Ellen Kovack, a remote are nurse and delegate for the Australian Red Cross, gave a presentation of her recent experience working in Sierra Leone during the Ebola outbreak. In her career, Sue-Ellen has spent 27 years working in the operating room and the last 12 years as a remote area nurse. Sue-Ellen has worked for the International Committee for the Australian Red Cross in missions around the world. Her presentation is available on the CoNNMO website.

10. Priority Issues Workshop

A survey was sent out to CoNNMO members on the key priority issues facing nursing and midwifery in February this year. Council reviewed all the responses, removed duplication and collated responses into five categories - contemporary practice, workforce, education/training, care and leadership. CoNNMO members divided into five groups with a Council member acting as facilitator for each category to review the survey responses and to refine statements under each heading. Council will collate the feedback from the workshop to present to CoNNMO members at the next meeting in October 2016.

11. Council Report

The CoNNMO Chair and Secretariat Report was given by Julianne Bryce.

This report is available on the CoNNMO website.

12. New business

A new member application was received by the Australian College of Midwives. As per the Terms of Reference, the Australian College of Midwives (ACM) application was considered by CoNNMO Council and a recommendation for acceptance was made to the CoNNMO membership. CoNNMO members confirmed and carried the recommendation. Christopher Cliffe welcomed the Australian College of Midwives, who were in attendance at the meeting as observers.

13. Member reports

Written reports were provided by the following 30 member organisations (see attached):

Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control
Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association
Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association
Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association Inc
Australian and New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurses Association
Australian and New Zealand Society for Vascular Nursing
Australian and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society
Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses
Australian College of Critical Care Nurses
Australian College of Neonatal Nurses
Australian College of Nurse Practitioners
Australian College of Nursing

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Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association
Australian Student and Novice Nurse Association
Australian Women's Health Nurses Association
Continence Nurses Society of Australia
CRANaplus
Flight Nurses Australia
Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Nursing Informatics Australia
Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Nurses Group Inc
Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia

14. Next meeting

Friday 7 October 2016, NSW Nurses and Midwives Association, 50 O'Dea Avenue, Waterloo NSW

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