

CoNNMO Meeting Minutes – Friday 7 October 2016

1. Welcome

Members were welcomed to the meeting by Christopher Cliffe, Chair of the Coalition of National Nursing and Midwifery Organisations (CoNNMO).

2. Attendance

Glenn Gardner	ANSWER 4 Nursing and Midwifery Study
Christine Duffield	ANSWER 4 Nursing and Midwifery Study
Sue Hynes	Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia
Suzanne Sheppard-Law	Australasian Hepatology Association
Jeanne Barr	Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association
Joanne Perks	Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc
Annalucia McCusker	Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc
Sally Sara	Australia and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society
Julia Kittscha	Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses
Jacqui Burton	Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses
Suzy Ladanyi	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 and CoNNMO Councillor
Grainne Low	Australian College of Nurse Practitioners
Kylie Ward	Australian College of Nursing
Carolyn Stapleton	Australian College of Nursing
Michelle Gunn	Australian College of Nursing
Tanya Bennett	Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association
Joanne Ramadge	Australian Diabetes Educators Association
Christine Taylor	Australian Nurse Teachers Society
Fiona Stoker	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council
Julianne Bryce	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation and CoNNMO Secretary
Elizabeth Foley	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
Julie Reeves	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
Julianne Badenoch	Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association and CoNNMO Councillor
Kathy Godwin	Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association
Jane Bollen	Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association
Tianna Camilleri	Australian Student and Novice Nurse Association
Debra Thoms	Commonwealth Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer
Carol Grech	Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery
Christopher Cliffe	CRANaplus and CoNNMO Chair
Karen Cook	Australian Government Department of Health
Casey Doyle	Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia
Lynn Rapley	Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Julian Grant	Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Association and CoNNMO Councillor
Lee Gruner	MBS Review Taskforce
Dawn Pedder	Medical Imaging Nurses Association
Cate Nagle	NMBA Midwife Standards for Practice Project
Marie Heartfield	NMBA Midwife Standards for Practice Project
Petrina Halloran	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
Rita Martin	NSW Nurses and Midwives Association
Marian Linnane	Nursing Informatics Australia and CoNNMO Councillor
Tracey Nicholls	Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group
Kym Griffin	Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Peter Brown	Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia

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Denise Breadsell	Queensland Nurses Union
Liz Wilkes	Queensland Nurses Union
Lucy Spencer	Renal Society of Australasia

Apologies

Ramon Shaban	Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control
Paul McLeish	Australia and New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurses Association
Karen Simunov	Australia and New Zealand Society for Vascular Nurses
Jed Duff	Australian College of Operating Room Nurses and CoNNMO Deputy Chair
Claire Kennedy	Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association
Sharon Temby	Australian Dermatology Nurses Association and CoNNMO Councillor
Linda Starr	Australian Forensic Nurses Association
Michelle Girdler	Australian Nurse Teachers Society and CoNNMO Councillor
Linda Oliver	Australian Women's Health Nurse Association
Anne Mellon	Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
Janine Mohamed	Council of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives
Tracey Moroney	Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery
Janie Thompson	Continence Nurses Society of Australia
Joanne Lawrence	Continence Nurses Society of Australia
Raymond Chan	Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
Robyn Bilston	Australian Government Department of Health
Jacqui Cross	NSW Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer
Mark Holmes	Flight Nurses Australia
Regina McDonald	Psychogeriatric Nurses Association

3. Confirmation of agenda

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 27 May 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Business arising from the previous meeting

5.1 Priority Issues

At the last CoNNMO Member Meeting held on Friday 27 May 2016, a workshop was conducted to establish the key priority issues for CoNNMO.

CoNNMO Council met face to face on Thursday 6 October 2016 to consider the collated feedback from the workshop and develop a final list of 12 principles. These were presented to CoNNMO members at the meeting. Council will work through the comments and suggestions and finalise the document which will be circulated to members and made available on the CoNNMO website.

6. Australian Government Department of Health Update

An update was provided by Deb Thoms, Commonwealth Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer and Karen Cook, Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Workforce Reform Branch, Department of Health.

Since the last CoNNMO meeting there has been a Federal Election. Sussan Ley has been returned as the Health Minister, with two assistant ministers - Ken Wyatt (Aged Care) and David Gillepsie (Rural Health).

The National Nursing and Midwifery Education Advisory Network (NNMEAN) was established early in the year at the recommendation of all nine health ministers. The NNMEAN has been set up to provide high level strategic advice to all health ministers on education, employment, and immigration matters impacting nurses and midwives. There have been two meetings held to date. A work plan has been developed which is awaiting ministerial approval.

The Australian Government Department of Health has taken on the role of collecting and reporting on all health workforce data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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7. Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Update

An update was provided by Petrina Halloran, Policy Manager.

The public consultation for the review of the Code of Conduct for Nurses and the Code of Conduct for Midwives will commence early next year.

The NMBA is funding a national support program for nurses, midwives and students who are at risk of a health impairment. The contractor for this program is Turning Point. The new national program will be launched at the beginning of 2017.

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

8. Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council Update

An update was provided by Fiona Stoker, Chief Executive Officer.

ANMAC is currently undergoing a review of the accreditation process by an external consultant.

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

9. ANSWER 4 Nursing and Midwifery Study

Professor Glenn Gardner and Professor Christine Duffield provided an overview of the Answer 4 Nursing Study. The study is an examination of the structure of Australian nursing, in particular: the lack of clarity in distinction between specialist and advanced practice; between advanced nursing practice (ANP) and advanced practice nursing (APN); descriptions of APN and the specialist, APN, ANP interchange.

A copy of the presentation was provided to member organisation representatives in attendance at the meeting.

10. Medicare Benefits Schedule Review

Dr Lee Gruner from the MBS Review Taskforce provided an update on the review. The MBS presentation is available on the CoNNMO website.

11. NMBA Midwife Standards for Practice Project

Associate Professor Cate Nagle and Associate Professor Marie Heartfield provided an overview of the progress of the project to date.

The NMBA Midwife Standards for Practice Project presentation is available on the CoNNMO website.

12. Council report

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

This report is available on the CoNNMO website.

13. Member reports

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

Audiometry Nurses of Australia
Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control
Australasian Hepatology Association
Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association Inc
Australian and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society
Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses
Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses
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Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia
Renal Society of Australasia

14. Other business

Joint Draft Position Statement on Clinical Supervision – the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses (ACMHN) and the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) have drafted a position statement on Clinical Supervision. An overview of the position statement was provided by the representatives of these organisations, Kim Ryan and Kylie Ward. Questions were raised concerning the definition of clinical supervision and references for the document. The ACMHN and ACN would like other CoNNMO members to consider joining with these colleges on the position statement. Please let Kim Ryan or Kylie Ward know if you are interested.

15. Next meeting

Friday 12th May 2017, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Victorian Branch, Level 7, 540 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000 (to be confirmed).

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