



# CoNNMO

Coalition of National **Nursing & Midwifery** Organisations

## Chair and Secretariat Report

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## **CoNNMO Chair and Secretariat Report June to December 2020**

### **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  
Shelley Reid (Australian College of Neonatal Nurses)  
Michelle Girdler (Australian Nurse Teachers Society Inc.)  
Colleen Blums (Drug and Alcohol Nurses Australasia)  
Jo Perks (Australian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association)  
Leanne Boase (Australian College of Nurse Practitioners)  
Inga Parkes (Australian Dermatology Nurses Association)

The CoNNMO Council meets face to face twice a year (if required) and via teleconference twice a year, and as required. Council have met twice since the May member meeting.

### **Council elections**

The Secretariat called for nominations for three Council positions in July 2020. Michelle Girdler (term 2) and Colleen Blums (term 1) were both eligible to re-nominate. Louise Dearman had completed her time on Council. Three nominations were received for the three positions. Michelle and Colleen were re-elected unopposed for a third and second term respectively. Inga Parkes, CoNNMO representative for the Australian Dermatology Nurses Association, was elected unopposed for her first term. A further CoNNMO Council election will be held for two positions in January 2021. Council and the CoNNMO Secretariat wrote to Louise Dearman to convey their sincere thanks to Louise for her generous contribution to the work of CoNNMO.

### **CoNNMO Council Meetings**

CoNNMO Council meetings were held by zoom on Friday 24 July and Friday 11 September 2020 to plan for the CoNNMO webinar held in August 2020 and the CoNNMO member meeting scheduled for October 2020. At the meetings, Council reviewed member body reports from the May member meeting to identify areas of interest for members to assist with planning for the October member meeting. Potential speakers and invited guests for the member meeting were discussed and agreed. The next CoNNMO Council meeting is scheduled to be held by zoom on 20 November 2020.

### **CoNNMO Webinar**

The inaugural CoNNMO webinar was held on Friday 21 August 2020. A joint presentation was provided by AHPRA and the National Boards on the recently released guidelines for mandatory notifications about registered health practitioners. Matthew Hardy, AHPRA National Director of Notifications and Tanya Vogt, NMBA Executive Officer presented to CoNNMO member representatives and observers. There were 48 participants at the webinar. The presentation is available on the CoNNMO website under publications. The next webinar is scheduled to be held in March 2021.

### **New Member Applications**

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

### **Action Items from May 2020**

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

## **Communications**

The CoNNMO website is maintained by the Secretariat. Many and varied 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. For further information go to: [www.connmo.org.au](http://www.connmo.org.au).

## **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. In June 2017, the Australian Government Department of Health funded the ANMF Federal Office to conduct the operations of CoNNMO for a further three years, until 30 June 2020. A three year Deed of Variation to the Standard Funding Agreement Schedule for the operations of CoNNMO was signed by both parties on 19 June 2017. The ANMF and the Department signed a further Deed of Variation to this funding agreement in May 2020.

## **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 May 2021, at a date yet to be confirmed.