

## CoNNO Meeting – Friday 5 September 2014 Draft Minutes

### 1. Welcome

Members were welcomed to the meeting by Julianne Badenoch, Chair of the Coalition of National Nursing Organisations (CoNNO).

### 2. Attendance

Vanessa Smith	Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia
Sharryn Byers	Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association
Andrew Murray	Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association
Joanne Perks	Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc.
Donna Cowan	Australia and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society
Karen Simunov	Australian and New Zealand Society for Vascular Nursing
Lesley Everingham	Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses
Marija Juraja	Australian College for Infection Prevention and Control
Jacquie 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 and CoNNO Councillor
Shelley Reid	Australian College of Neonatal Nurses and CoNNO Councillor
Helen Gosby	Australian College of Nurse Practitioners and CoNNO Councillor
Kathleen McLaughlin	Australian College of Nursing
Jed Duff	Australian College of Operating Room Nurses and CoNNO Councillor
Claire Kennedy	Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association
Sally Holmes	Australian Dermatology Nurses Association
Joanne Ramadge	Australian Diabetes Education Association
Michelle Girdler	Australian Nurse Teachers Society
Julianne Bryce	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation and CoNNO Secretary
Annie Butler	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Observer
Elizabeth Foley	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Observer
Julie Reeves	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Observer
Kathryn Anderson	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Observer
Amanda Wylie	Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association
Julianne Badenoch	Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association and CoNNO Chair
Karen Booth	Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association Observer
Stephanie Jeremy	Australian Student and Novice Nurse Association
Linda Oliver	Australian Women's Health Nurses Association
Theresa Swanson	Australian Wound Management Association and CoNNO Councillor
Janine Mohamed	Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives
Colleen Gibbs	Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives Observer
Tracey Moroney	Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery
Christopher Cliffe	CRANAp <sup>plus</sup> & CoNNO Deputy Chair
Thelma De Howarth	Discharge Planning Association
Margaret Tabone	Flight Nurses Australia
Martha Hill	John Hopkins University, School of Nursing, Baltimore
Julian Grant	Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Association

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Kerren Hosking	NPS MedicineWise
Brett Holmes	NSW Nurses and Midwives Association
Lis Herbert	Nursing Informatics Australia and CoNNO Councillor
Tanya Vogt	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
Petrina Halloran	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
Tracey Nicholls	Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group
Kym Griffin	Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Regina McDonald	Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia
Elizabeth Amega	Renal Society of Australasia
Marie Heartfield	Southern Cross University,
John Daly	University of Technology, Sydney

## 2.1 Apologies

David Lee	Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association Inc.
Donna Mowbray	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council
Paul McKenna	Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association
Linda Starr	Australian Forensic Nurses Association
Anne Mellon	Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
Dr Rosemary Bryant	Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer
Lee Trenning	College of Emergency Nursing Australasia
Joanne Lawrence	Continence Nurses Society Australia
Kate McCauley	Department of Health
Colleen Blums	Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia
Lynn Rapley	Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Wendy Cross	Monash University
Susan Pearce	NSW Nursing and Midwifery Officer
Gai Shylan	Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group

## 3. Confirmation of agenda

### 4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 4 April 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 April 2014 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. Department of Health Report

Kate McCauley was a late apology due to illness.

### 7. Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Update

Tanya Vogt, newly appointed Executive Officer Nursing and Midwifery at AHPRA provided an update on the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's (NMBA) activities.

The Chair and Deputy Chair of the NMBA have recently been appointed, Dr Lynette Cusack and Mary Kirk respectively.

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Current NMBA consultations:

- The Nurse Practitioner Registration Standard have now finished the preliminary consultation phase. The Board has approved the final draft which will be released for public consultation within the month.
- The Eligible Midwife Endorsement Registration Standard and Safety and Quality Framework (SQF) are under review and will be released for preliminary consultation soon. These documents are intrinsically linked and will be released together.
- The Registration Standards for Professional Indemnity Insurance, Continuing Professional Development and Recency of Practice are in the final stages of approval and will be presented to Ministerial Council soon.

CoNNO members were strongly encouraged to respond to NMBA consultations.

Other Projects:

- The review of the NMBA Competency Standards for the Registered Nurses project has commenced and is due for completion at the end of 2015.
- The review of the NMBA Competency Standards for the Enrolled Nurse (2002) project is being conducted by Monash University, the survey is currently open with submissions due by 2 October. The revised Enrolled Nurse Standards for Practice are near completion.
- The Registration standard for endorsement for scheduled medicines registered nurses (rural and isolated practice) consultation responses have been reviewed. There were mixed and varied responses from stakeholders and jurisdictions. The Board is currently considering next steps for the registration standard.
- Health Impairment Project: the NMBA have begun a project reviewing potential health impairment programs and the role of the Board in assisting nurses and midwives with a health impairment.
- The Board has been attracting some media recently relating to the assessment of internationally qualified nurses and midwives (IQNMs) for registration. The Board are working closely with AHPRA on this issue to develop solutions, particularly for the IQNM's caught in the transition from the previous assessment process to the new.
- The AHMAC review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme has commenced and is being led by Kim Snowball. There will be consultation forums being held across the country in September and October. Written consultations close on 10 October, 2014.

For further information about the NMBAs communications go to:

<http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/>

## 8. Nursing Leadership presentation

Professor John Daly from the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) and Professor Martha Hill from John Hopkins University, School of Nursing Baltimore presented on their involvement with International Nurse Leadership.

In March 2014, the Honour Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) convened the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing (GAPFON). Comprised of a group of international nurse leaders, GAPFON was convened to establish a global voice and vision for the future of nursing that will advance global health. Members were chosen primarily for their expertise as individual nurse leaders and professionals, not as representatives of organisations (although it was recognised that some wear two hats: individual expert nurse leaders and with positional power as

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leader's in their respective organisations). The Panel Chair is Dr Martha Hill PhD RN Dean Emerita and Professor of Nursing, Medicine and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA.

GAPFON was formed as nurses play a key role in addressing global health and need to be “at the table” where policy decisions involving global health are made. It was proposed that the nursing profession needs to create a “new narrative” to move the profession’s voice, agenda and global health.

Nurses’ have a positive direct impact on world health. They are the health professionals that “bring it all together” for the patient or population: providing acute care, education, and everything else not done by physicians or other specialty providers. In a growing number of communities worldwide, and especially in rural communities, nurses may be the only available health care providers.

GAPFON is beginning a two-year formation phase, during which time participating individuals will schedule and conduct meetings, coordinate logistics, and disseminate information. Following this approximate two-year period, it is expected that GAPFON will become a self-sustaining representative group. GAPFON will convene a series of regional meetings that will include nurse leaders from key stakeholder groups, including representatives from multiple sectors around the globe, to obtain knowledge and social, economic, cultural and political insight related to issues determined at the inaugural meeting. The GAPFON regional meetings are currently being discussed and will occur in 2015-2016

Key issues identified at the first GAPFON meeting held in March 2014 include the need for reform, advocacy, and innovations in leadership, policy, practice, education, and work environments. These issues will be explored in more depth during the global regional meetings.

The UTS presentation is available on the CoNNO website.

## **9. Review of the NMBA Competency Standards for the Registered Nurse Project**

Associate Professor Marie Heartfield from Southern Cross University gave an update on the review of the NMBA Competency Standards for the Registered Nurse project.

## **10. NPS MedicineWise Presentation**

Kerren Hosking from NPS MedicineWise gave an update on NPS current work on antibiotic resistance campaign and other NPS work.

NPS MedicineWise is a not-for-profit organisation whose programs are funded by the Australian Government Department of Health. NPS MedicineWise provides practical tools (such as medicines lists), evidence-based information, and educational activities, with the intention of improving the way health technologies, including how medicines and medical tests, are prescribed and used.

Their mission is to help people to make the best decisions about medicines and other health technologies to achieve better health and economic outcomes.

NPS work includes:

- Behaviour change programs and interventions to improve utilisation of health technologies (individual and system level);
- Evidence-based content for health professionals and consumers;

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- Innovative data products and analysis; and
- Decision support tools to underpin better decision making.

NPS MedicineWise link with the nursing profession through their member organisations which include:

- Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
- Australian College of Nursing
- Australian College of Nurse Practitioners
- Australian Primary Health care Nurses Association

The nursing representative director on the NPS Board is Dr Kay Price, a joint nominee of the ANMF and ACN.

Australia's consumption of antibiotics is higher than that in many other OECD countries and the OECD average. The Antibiotic Resistance Campaign goal is for a 25% reduction in inappropriate prescribing of antibiotics over 5 years. The NPS message is that antibiotic resistance is everyone's problem. All health professionals have a responsibility to preserve the judicious use of antibiotics. Whether you prescribe, dispense or provide advice about antibiotics, you can make a difference. As a community of health professionals, we must step up and act now. A total of 3,875 health professionals across the country have already taken the pledge – 1,235 nurses; 831 doctors; 1249 pharmacists; and 560 other health professionals. NPS encouraged CoNNO member organisations to support the campaign.

The next phase of the campaign will focus on antibiotic use in urinary tract infections (UTIs), with residential aged care facilities and nurses in aged care a primary focus. The initial launch of the UTI Program will be in November 2014. NPS will be providing resource kits and online tools. Reaching nurses through professional nursing groups will be critical for program awareness. NPS will be providing quality use of medicines (QUM) reports for residential aged care facilities which will include: patterns of antibiotic use and guidance to assist with interpreting the data; best practice information to assist health professionals to improve their antibiotic use for UTIs at a facility level; and benchmarking against antibiotic use data from the literature (pending availability).

NPS MedicineWise are continuing to promote and develop resources for nurses. These include:

- Case studies: asthma, oral anticoagulants, type 2 diabetes;
- Drug use evaluations (hospitals and aged care): APOP, antipsychotics, DMACS, hypnotics, laxatives, opioids;
- Online learning: unlocking asthma inhaler technique, NIMC, medication safety, medical tests, demystifying bioequivalence, antimicrobials;
- Publications: NPS Direct, Australian Prescriber, RADAR, MedicineWise Living

There is a Continuing Professional Development for nurse's portal freely available on the NPS website <http://www.nps.org.au/health-professionals/cpd/nurses>.

The NPS presentation is available on the CoNNO website.

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## 11. Council report

### 11.1.1 Chair report

Welcome to new council members Shelley Reid and Lis Herbert. Thank you to past councillors Linda Oliver and Marija Juraja for their contribution to the work of Council.

### 11.1.2 Secretariat report

See attached Secretariat report by Julianne Bryce.

## 12. New business

### 12.1 Terms of Reference

The current Governance Framework and Constitution has been reviewed by CoNNO Council and revised to a Terms of Reference document. The document was sent to members before the member meeting for their review for discussion today. Discussion was held regarding reporting and deliverables for CoNNO. Clarification was provided on the Australian Government Department of Health (DoH) reporting requirements and funding structure. As the secretariat, the ANMF report CoNNO's activity to DoH. The funding provided by DoH covers venue hire, catering, travel and accommodation for CoNNO member organisation representatives to attend two meetings per year and for members of CoNNO Council to attend CoNNO Council meetings.

*Action: CoNNO members to email the secretariat with any other feedback on the Terms of Reference (ToR) document by 31 October 2014.*

*Action: Include in the preamble of the ToR, clarification of the role of ANMF, as auspicing body and secretariat of CoNNO.*

## 13. Member reports

Written reports were provided by the following 28 member organisations (see attached):

Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia  
Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control  
Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc.  
Australia and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society  
Australian and New Zealand Society for Vascular Nursing  
Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses  
Australian College of Critical Care Nurses  
Australian College of Neonatal Nurses  
Australian College of Operating Room Nurses  
Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association  
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Flight Nurses Australia Inc.  
Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia  
Nursing Informatics Australia  
Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Nurses Group Inc.  
Palliative Care Nurses Australia

Verbal reports were given by the following 12 member organisations:

Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association report:

- 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference held in Canberra
- recent revamp of the website
- 2015 conference will be held in Brisbane in September

Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association report:

- new website which enables online membership
- National conference to be held in Darwin in October

Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses report:

- report tabled last meeting stands

Australian College of Critical Care Nurses report:

- new President Di Chamberlain took over last October
- restructure of the College
- new website, database and Facebook page
- CPD portal (e-portfolio)
- conference held in Adelaide in May with over 300 delegates

Australian College of Mental Health Nurses report:

- credentialling work nearing completion
- next phase is implementation framework
- education/accreditation framework project continues
- 40<sup>th</sup> Conference will be held in October this year
- marks 10 years of ACMHNs office
- conference will bring the election of a new board

Australian College of Nurse Practitioners report:

- national conference was held in Sydney earlier this week
- the College is growing as there are now more than 1,000 NPs across the country
- currently working with ANMAC on the Nurse Practitioner Accreditation Standards Review
- new President Chris Raftery, NP working in Emergency Nursing in Queensland

Australian College of Nursing report:

- have completed several pieces of work with CoNNO member organisations

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- provided responses to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Detention and Senate Inquiry into Health
- National Nurses Forum to be held on 2-4 November in Adelaide
- the College are planning on introducing state based one day conferences
- new Board has completed the Strategic Plan focused on leadership
- launched the Female Genital Mutilation website
- co-hosting the ICN Workforce Forum to be held at the end of the month in Sydney

#### Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery report:

- meet 3 times per year in Australia and New Zealand
- next meeting in Canberra
- working closely with the Chief Nurses
- developing a number of position statements which will be available on the CDNM website

#### CRANaplus report:

- corporate membership has grown
- will be launching an app on bullying for clinicians in the bush

#### Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses of Australia report:

- Conference to be held 9-11 April 2015. Call for abstracts has gone out.
- Working on reviewing the National standards.
- Have funding from members and research grant.

#### Psychogeriatric Nurses Association of Australia report:

- new president Christine Neville from Queensland elected
- held the biennial conference and AGM
- currently reviewing the 3 year Strategic Plan

#### Renal Society of Australasia

- report tabled last meeting stands

## 14. Next meeting

Friday 1 May 2015, ANMF Victorian Branch, Level 7, 540 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne (tbc)