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Greetings from the Chair



Dear Colleagues

Welcome to our July 2006 newsletter. The Council Executive has been active on a number of fronts since publication of our last newsletter and progress report in March 2006. A brief summary of recent key engagements and activities is provided below. A more comprehensive report will be provided on each item at our next general meeting in Melbourne in October 2006.

Meeting at Parliament House, Canberra, 9 - 10 May 2006

Professor Kim Usher and I attended Parliament House on 9 May 2006 as guests of the Federal Minister for Ageing, Senator Santo Santoro. We were members of a party of about 20 leaders from professional groups, industry and a range of non-government agencies which followed a structured program for the day and evening. The invitation to this event was organised by our lobbyist, Ms Roslyn Bates. The day culminated with dinner in the Mural Hall of Parliament House following the reading of the Federal

Budget in the House of Representatives. On 9 May, we had a private meeting with the Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon. Julie Bishop MP as representatives of CDNM (ANZ). In the meeting, we were able to discuss a range of issues related to undergraduate nursing education, resources for nursing programs in the university sector and nursing research. On May 10, I attended a meeting with Mr Andrew Simpson, the Senior Advisor to the Federal Minister for Health & Ageing, the Hon. Tony Abbott MP. Relevant issues were also raised in this meeting. In future, CDNM (ANZ) will arrange an annual meeting in Canberra with the Ministers for Education, Science & Training and Health & Ageing to discuss Council's agenda and concerns.

Ranking of refereed journals research project

Tenders for this project were due on 12 May 2006 and Council received six submissions. The submissions were sent directly to our Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) for consideration and ranking. The IAP was briefed prior to receiving the submissions by Professor Usher and myself. This briefing was to ensure clarity of purpose and to ensure a good level of understanding of Council's objectives with the research project. There was also the opportunity to hear and address questions and concerns the IAP had about the task and process. The IAP members included Emeritus Professors Judy Lumby, Norma Chick (NZ), and Sandra Speedy. Professor Sioban Nelson, Dean of the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada was also a member of the IAP. The IAP's recommendation was received by the Council Executive and it is in the process of negotiating a contract with the team which won the tender. Once the contract has been agreed and signed, Council will be in a position to announce the details regarding the successful research team. We hope to conclude these negotiations with expedition.

Deans Summit, Sydney 14—15 June 2006

Some good work was done at the Summit and it is being progressed in advance of our next meeting in October. Professor Jocalyn Lawler is taking the lead with revisions to the Constitution. In addition, Professor Elizabeth Davies is leading a group which will progress work on strategic planning issues which was commenced at the Summit. Both projects are very important and the Council Executive expresses thanks to Jocalyn and Elizabeth for leading these initiatives.

Research Advisory Group

The inaugural meeting of the CDNM (ANZ) Research Advisory Group was held in Sydney on 14 June 2006. I attended a brief session where I was able to speak with the members of the group about Council's needs and

aspirations regarding nursing and midwifery research. The group will be submitting draft Terms of Reference for consideration by Council at its General Meeting in October 2006.

GANE meeting, July 2006

This meeting was held in Washington, DC, USA. CDNM (ANZ) was represented by Professor Pauline Nugent and Ms Linda Saunders. Pauline and Linda will be preparing a report on the meeting for consideration at the General Meeting in October 2006.

Professional Development Day 12 October 2006

The Professional Development Day is being organised by the Victorian Deans group. Our guest speaker is Professor Richard Johnstone, Executive Director of the Carrick Institute for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. Professor Johnstone will be speaking about issues and developments in quality teaching and learning.

Best wishes to all

Professor John Daly

Chair

Membership Update

Changes in CDNM representation

Associate Professor Jeanne Madison, Head, School of Health, University of New England, is currently the UNE member on Council in place of Dr Alan Avery

Associate Professor Hannelore Best will be stepping down as Head of the School of Nursing at the University of Ballarat on 28 July 2006

New Committees on which CDNM is represented

ANMC Reference Group on Professional Codes for Nursing & Midwifery in Australia

The ANMC is currently running a project to review the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct for Nurses in Australia and develop a Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct for Midwives in Australia. A reference group to review consultants' submissions in relation to each of the codes as they evolve has been established. Council's representative is Associate Professor Selma Allix (University of Notre Dame)

RCNA Nurse Scholarship Program Policy Advisory Group

The RCNA has created a Nurse Scholarship Program consisting of three schemes:

- R & R UG Scheme (incorporating the Enrolled to Registered Nurse Program)
- Continuing Professional Education Scheme for R & R Nurses
- National Nurse Re-entry Scheme

Associate Professor Tony Barnett (Monash University) is the Council's representative on the Policy Advisory Group for this Program

AITEC Dementia & Continence Management Reference Group

AITEC Corporate Education & Consulting (in Adelaide) is conducting a project for DHA on a stock take of all educational training and curriculum for Dementia and Continence Management. Ms Linda Saunders (Flinders

University) is the Council's representative on this Group

NPS Quality Use of Medicines Reference Group

Professor Kim Usher (James Cook University) is the Council's representative on the National Prescribing Service's Reference Group

ANMC Professional Reference Group

Dr Catherine Rogers-Clark (University of Southern Queensland) replaces Associate Professor Hannelore Best as the Council's representative

National Nursing Organisations

Professor Denise Dignam (University of Technology, Sydney) replaces Dr Cindy Leigh as the Council's representative

EdCan (National Cancer Nursing Education Project)

This 4 year National Cancer Nursing Education Project aims to develop a national standard of education preparation for cancer nurses

(Council representative to be appointed)

ACMI Midwifery Practice Review Advisory Group

ACMI is currently undertaking a project to develop the Midwifery Practice Review (MPR) Program for midwives. A Midwifery Practice Review Advisory Group is being set up to facilitate effective consultation with key stakeholders and to provide expert advice, and information to the Project Management Committee to support the development of the Program

(Council representative to be appointed)

Mental Health in Pre-registration Nursing Courses Expert Reference Group

The Mental Health Standing Committee, a sub-Committee of AHMAC, is establishing an Expert Reference Group on Mental Health in Pre-Registration Nursing Courses and six representatives from Council are invited to be on this Group.

(Council representatives to be appointed)

Global Alliance on Nursing Education (GANE) Meeting, 13-15 July 2006, Washington DC

Professor Pauline Nugent (Deakin University) and Ms Linda Saunders (Flinders University) attended the GANE meeting in Washington DC on 13–15 July 2006. The Alliance' core vision is to facilitate and develop a global voice that will improve health and health care through nursing education and research. The Alliance comprising representatives from Australia, the UK, USA and Canada, discussed its purpose, proposed outcomes, and guiding principles and plans to develop a Memorandum of Understanding.

In preparation for the next GANE meeting, a draft Memorandum of Understanding will be developed and a final version ready by early October. GANE

plans to attain a place at the ICN table and present a paper to the ICN about the global nursing shortage. Two sub-groups have been created: one to write a paper on faculty shortages and one to develop a presentation on GANE as a new international group.

The Alliance discussed a range of issues including the possibility of other groups of Deans joining GANE and the establishment of a GANE web site.

The next GANE meeting will be in Sydney on 18–19 December 2006.

Deans Summit: A Strategic Way Forward 14–15 June 2006

The Deans Summit on 14–15 June 2006 in Sydney was facilitated by Professor Margaret McMillan and Ms Penny Little. The initial purpose of the Summit was to provide an opportunity to review the Constitution and Strategic Plan of the CDNM within the context of the contemporary Higher Education and Health sectors.

On Day 1 of the Summit, a Constitution Working Group was established and membership comprises Professor Jocelyn Lawler, Professor Carol McVeigh and Emeritus Professor Dick Johnson. The Working Group will review the Constitution and put forward proposed changes to the Constitution for feedback from Council. Issues to be covered include purpose, membership, procedural issues and the inclusion of midwifery

On Day 2 of the Summit, the "big" issues were identified and ranked in order of importance with the key issues for further consideration being:

- New Generation TAFE and Pre-Service/Pre-Registration Regulation
- Current clinical education models
- Current and future national regulations
- What is the optimum size of the Registered Nurse workforce and what would it look like? Describe the profile of the contemporary nurse/midwife "Design – a – nurse". Re define comprehensive nurse – reshaping the context of practice

An Interim Standing Committee whose membership includes Professor Elizabeth Davies, Professor Denise Dignam and Dr Tony O'Brien will progress work on these issues in preparation for the General Meeting in October 2006.

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Calendar of Events

12-13 October 2006

- Teaching & Learning Day
- General Meeting/AGM

Stamford Plaza, Melbourne

(The Executive will also meet on 11 October 2006)

18-19 December 2006

GANE (Global Alliance on Nursing Education) Meeting
Sydney (Venue to be confirmed)

7-9 March 2007

CDNM meetings in Darwin

(The Executive will meet on 7 March 2007)

National Prescribing Services—Quality Use of Medicines Workshop 23 May 2006

I represented the CDNM at the NPS Stakeholder Reference Group meeting for nursing held on the 23rd of May, 2006, at the Grace Hotel in Sydney. The NPS aims for the day were:

- to engage with nursing organisations, peak bodies and other stakeholders;
- to increase the reach and relevance of NPS work for the nursing workforce and for nursing organisations;
- to broaden NPS awareness of nursing activities and issues around QUM;
- to encourage uptake of NPS resources; and,
- to broaden stakeholder contribution, collaboration and implementation of NPS QUM activities.

The day was attended by approximately 30 participants from organisations such as ANF, PHARM, ANMC, Australian Divisions of General Practice and RCNA. After an initial briefing that provided an overview of NPS and QUM, the day was made up of a number of workshops in which the participants worked through various scenarios.

The executive summary reported six key themes that

emerged from the day:

1. nurses play a key role in medicines management and have diverse and changing scope of practice especially in chronic disease management;
2. language is important and needs to be used appropriately when referring to medicines;
3. access to information available from the NPS would be valued by nurses;
4. nurses and midwives would like to receive information directly rather than via other health professionals;
5. collaboration amongst all health professionals is important for the consumer; and,
6. QUM information developed for consumers is useful for the nursing workforce.

Report from Professor Kim Usher (James Cook University)