Chairperson’s Letter

Happy New Year and welcome to the February 2015 issue of Communique!

The New Year is frequently a time for ‘resolutions’, where we affirm how (or what) we might want to change or improve, personally or professionally. It may also be about resolving to ‘maintain the momentum’ from the year before. Specifically for the College, 2015 will be about both - keeping up the momentum and striving to improve.

Work that continues includes specialist Credentialing, Standards of Practice, Position Statements and Conference planning. Future planning has commenced with the drafting of the ACCYPN Strategic Plan 2015-2018, which will be available for member input in the coming months. The Board teleconferenced for a Planning Day recently to work on the plan, taking into consideration the themes that arose from the 2014 Conference “Are the children well?”

The efforts of the Credentialing Workgroup in developing the credentialing framework for specialist children and young people’s nurses will come to fruition with the news that Queensland Health have committed to funding the implementation of the credentialing process in 2015. This means that nurses working with children and young people will have an avenue for national recognition of their specialist nurse status.

The Standards of Practice Reference Group has also progressed the review of the competencies and drafted the new Standards of Practice which will soon be circulated to all members. You will have the opportunity to contribute to the standards via survey over the coming months. This year we will finalise the standards and implementation plan.

The Australian College of Mental Health Nurses have been invited to review and endorse the position statements on the health of refugee and asylum seeking children. Thank you to the working group who completed this work.

As our profile as the peak professional body for nursing in children and young people’s health grows, we are increasingly being approached for our position, or feedback, on policy and guidelines that influence healthcare for children and young people (see previous newsletter or the website for examples of our advocacy). When you first join as a member of the College, you were given the opportunity to nominate if you would like to participate in College activities such as being willing to comment on documents or participate in working groups or committees. If you did not, and would like to get involved, please let us know and we will add you to the email list so you are sure to receive the information and have the opportunity to have input (email to info@accypn.org.au if you would like to be added to the circulation list).

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Another way the College seeks to increase flow of information is through the email lists (Listserv). Previously, on registration, new members could elect to subscribe to either the paediatric, child health and/or youth health email lists. To increase the reach and efficiency of our communication to members, from next month there will be only one Listserv list through which we will disseminate information relevant and of interest to members. The ACCYPN Secretariat will subscribe all members to the new Listserv, therefore, no action is required by members. If you are already subscribed to one of the lists you will automatically be moved to the new list. Official communication from the Board, and/or information which impacts all members, will continue to be emailed to you individually as required.

Welcome to a busy and exciting year! We look forward to your continued involvement in the College.

Kind regards
Catherine Marron
Chairperson - ACCYPN

Interesting Link – Queensland News

The Queensland Child & Youth Clinical Network has recently published the revised & updated two documents – the Child & Youth Health Practice Manual and Implementation Guide for Universal Child and Family Health Services (web-link below).


Membership Fee Increase

The ACCYPN Board of Directors have decided that membership fees need to be increased. Listed below are the new fees which are effective 1 April 2015. ACCYPN membership fees are fully tax deductible.

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* NEW MEMBER SPECIAL
Join between 1 April and 30 June pay full new member fees & receive up to 15 months’ Membership for 12 month fee!

Corporate Membership – refer to the membership section of the ACCYPN website – www.accypn.org.au/membership

^ Annual Membership Renewal Fees are due by 30 June. Renewal from 1 July will incur a $15.00 late fee.
* Half Year Membership available to members joining in / after January.
Neonatal, Paediatric & Child Health Nursing (NPCHN)

The Official Journal of ACCYPN

The journal is available as part of membership to all financial members of the Australian College of Children & Young People's Nurses (ACCYPN).

NPCHN is an international, peer reviewed, scientific journal that promotes the generation and interchange of knowledge related to all aspects of the health care of children, infants and neonates, and young people.

NPCHN welcomes your submissions to the Journal. You will find information for authors including instructions, manuscript types, submission and processes for manuscripts on the Journal website www.npchnjournal.com

Call For Reviewers

NPCHN is currently looking for reviewers. Please contact the editor here for more information.

ACCPYN Member NPCHN Journal Access

ACCPYN members access to the NPCHN Journal can be accessed via the members area of the ACCYPN website www.accypn.org.au The expected annual publication dates fo the Journal are 22 March 2015; 16 July 2015; and 12 November 2015.

ACCPYN on Facebook and Twitter!

At the time of distribution, we have 565 Likes on Facebook...

This is very exciting and a good promotion of ACCYPN and what we stand for. Please continue to share this news within your networks so the good work of ACCYPN reaches right across the country. Our target audience for likes is Nurses involved in caring for children and young people.

Spread the Word www.facebook.com/ACCYPN @ACCYPN
Credentialing 4 Nurses

Credentialing can bring you advancement, achievement, satisfaction, and empowerment. See www.c4n.com.au for more #credentialing

We value your input...

We welcome input to the ACCYPN Communique from members.

If you have anything interesting to share in the Newsletter please email us on info@accypn.org.au.
Supporting families to engage with health services

Care Coordination for aboriginal children

Karen Clarke CNS
CAHS Aboriginal Ambulatory Care Coordination

5.00pm, Tuesday 10th March 2015
Staff Development Centre
Level 6, Hay St Building, PMH

TeleHealth link up available
Please contact Robert
robert.proctor@health.wa.gov.au

Pizza and refreshment will be served

All welcome

Members Free Non-Members $5

Registration prior to March 9 is preferred, please register through the ACCYPN website www.accypn.org.au but on the night we welcome your attendance