



CoNNMO

Coalition of National **Nursing & Midwifery** Organisations

Chair and Secretariat Report

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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
Colleen Blums (Drug and Alcohol Nurses Australasia)
Jo Perks (Australian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association)
Sam Moses (Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association)
Megan Cooper (Australian College of Midwives)

The CoNNMO Council now meets by videoconference four times a year, and as required. Council have met once since the June member meeting.

Council elections

The Secretariat called for nominations for three Council positions in June 2021. Tracey Nicholls and Leanne Boase had both completed their two year term. Leanne decided not to re-nominate. Michelle Girdler and Inga Parks also decided to step down from Council due to work commitments. Two nominations were received with Tracey Nicholls and Megan Cooper (Australian College of Midwives) elected unopposed. Further calls for nominations were sent in August and October. Nominations close on Monday 8 November 2021. CoNNMO member representatives are encouraged to apply. Please contact the Secretariat if you have any questions about joining Council. CoNNMO Council again convey their sincere thanks to Leanne, Michelle and Inga for their involvement and contribution to the work of CoNNMO. A warm welcome (welcome back) is extended to Megan and Tracey.

CoNNMO Council Meetings

A CoNNMO Council meeting was held by zoom on Tuesday 21 September 2021 to plan for the October CoNNMO member meeting. At the meeting, Council discussed the plan to fill Council positions, the progress of CoNNMO funding, and the agenda for the upcoming member meeting. Invited guests and potential speakers for the member meeting were discussed and agreed. The next CoNNMO Council meeting is scheduled to be held by zoom February 2022.

New Member Applications

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

Action Items from October 2020

There are no outstanding items from the June 2021 CoNNMO Member Meeting.

Communications

The CoNNMO website is maintained by the Secretariat. Many 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. Please remember to review your organisations details on the CoNNMO website at www.connmo.org.au to ensure it remains up to date and contact the CoNNMO Secretariat with any changes.

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. Since 2007, the ANMF Federal Office has been funded by the Australian Government Department of Health to undertake the Secretariat operations of CoNNMO. The ANMF submitted a funding proposal to the Department of Health for the next 3 years in September 2021 and are awaiting the outcome of this application.

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, 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 2022, at a date yet to be confirmed.