



## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2011

# THE NURSE PRACTITIONER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NEW ZEALAND (NPAC-NZ)

### Introduction

The Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee of New Zealand (NPAC-NZ) was established in May 2002 for the purpose of the nursing profession to work collaboratively on matters relating to the registration of Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and the development of the Nurse Practitioner model within New Zealand/Aotearoa. NPAC-NZ comprises of representatives of the four major professional nursing representative associations working with the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ) under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding. The Committee meets face to face three times yearly and holds monthly teleconferences. This newsletter provides ongoing updates of NPAC-NZ activities

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Further details are available on the NZNO website ([www.nzno.org.nz](http://www.nzno.org.nz) and enter NPAC-NZ in search tool)

### Current NPAC-NZ committee members include:

- Helen Snell, *Nurse Practitioner & Chair*, Hilary Graham-Smith, Associate professional Services Manager NZNO – Mairi Lucas *Te Runanga O Aotearoa* -representatives of New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO).
- Pip Rutherford, *Nurse Practitioner, Hawkes Bay DHB* & Sue Wood, *Director of Nursing Midcentral DHB*  
– representatives of College of Nurses Aotearoa (CONA). Pip also provides liaison between NPNZ and NPAC-NZ
- Bernadette Paus, *Nurse Practitioner* – Kaye Carncross representative of College of Mental Health Nurses.
- Representative National Council of Maori Nurses : vacant positions

### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES – December 2011

- **NP: Legislative Barriers**

Jane O'Malley Chief Nurse has met with NPAC-NZ at face to face meetings and work is ongoing. An Omnibus bill went to cabinet in 2011 and should be considered early in 2012

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with expected changes to legislation on Mental Health, Labour, Transport, Medicines and Social Welfare.

- **Registration medal for Nurse Practitioner**

Nursing Council of NZ (NCNZ) requested feedback from NPs and a survey was carried out by Nurse Practitioners of New Zealand NPNZ . 73% were in favour of a medal and this will be forwarded to Nursing Council of New Zealand. NCNZ has this item on their agenda for 2012. NPAC-NZ hopes to have a representative at this meeting

- **DHBNZ Nurse Practitioner website**

The website [www.nursepractitioner.org.nz](http://www.nursepractitioner.org.nz) and URL address will be moved from DHBNZ to the Ministry of Health website in 2012. It will contain some general information, information for employers (which will include some outcomes-based NP profiles and powerpoint presentations), some publications and resources and an enquires page. Information for nurses wanting to become an NP will move to the NPNZ website with a link from the MoH website

- **Nurse Practitioner Candidate Training Programme**

The consultation process was completed on the NP Candidate training and education discussion document and this has been collated. NPAC-NZ is waiting for the post-graduate review by Nursing Council consultation to be completed before further work is done.

- **Health Pac – Special Authority applications.**

Nurse practitioners can now do electronic applications

- **Terms of Reference Update**

Draft updated TOR have been sent out to the representative organisation for feedback

- **Mentoring**

The mentoring programme is now being provided by NPNZ

- **Planned 2012 collaboration and contributions by NPAC-NZ for include**

Funding models Primary Care

Website completion

Booklet publications

Follow-up on ACC submission

Role differentiation

Celebrating nursing and NP achievements

NP education and training with Nursing Council

NP stocktake by MOH

Logo update

Nurse Prescribing