



## NEWSLETTER 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010

### 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 since April 2005.

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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*, & Charlotte Thompson, *Professional Nursing Advisor* – representatives of New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO).
- Pip Rutherford, *Nurse Practitioner*, & Sue Wood, *Director of Nursing Midcentral DHB* – representatives of College of Nurses Aotearoa (CONA).
- Bernadette Forde-Paus, *Nurse Practitioner*, & Alex Craig, *Director of Nursing* – representative of College of Mental Health Nurses.
- Orana Harris, *Director of Nursing at Nga Mataapuna Oranga Kaupapa Maori PHO* – representative of National Council of Maori Nurses

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES – July 2010

- **Legislative Barriers**

There are no further updates on legislative barriers . Feedback from the Ministry of Health Acting Chief Nurse Chris Andrews was that the Minister found case studies in the submission were very helpful to put our submission into context. There is no progress on Special Authority or Pharmac consultation. The Acting Chief Nurse (Christine Andrews) and Nikki Anderson (National Health Board) are also supporting NPAC-NZ in ongoing dialogue with relevant groups regarding barriers related to Special Authority and prescribing.

- **Registration medal for Nurse Practitioner**

The medal is now at Nursing Council for approval at their next meeting. Once this is approved NPAC-NZ will be notified. Cost of the medal is expected to be around \$65.00 - \$75.

- **DHBNZ Nurse Practitioner website**

NPAC-NZ will have the Nurse Practitioner website page maintained by DHBNZ which will be [www.nursepractitioner.org.nz](http://www.nursepractitioner.org.nz). NPAC-NZ and IT experts from DHB-NZ are currently working on webpage layout and design. The site will provide information for NPS NP candidates, mentors, employers and the general public.

- **Review of the NPAC-NZ Business Case Tool Kit to establish the position of Nurse Practitioner**

This will be released once the new website has been finalised.

- **Nurse Practitioner Candidate Training Programme**

Discussions have been held with Professor Des Gorman (Health Workforce), Nursing Council and Ministry of Health. The work to date will inform the Nursing Council review of post graduate education planned for next year. This draft paper will be sent out for consultation shortly.

- **Nurse Practitioner Mentor Programmes & study day**

NPAC- NZ provided a workshop for mentors in April with very positive feedback. One of the outcomes from the workshop was to have a NP mentor database, and we are exploring the IT options and co-ordination of this process. Further study days are planned to include a session on portfolio development for NP candidates, and mentors.