

Key messages from the NNOg meeting, 29 May 2019, are as follows:

1) Dr Sue Adams now represents nursing on the Federation of Primary Health Care and reported back to NNO on the emerging focus of the Federation. She is playing an important role in ensuring that the Federation is inclusive of all disciplines in focus and aspirations.

2) Prof Jenny Carryer who is currently on the Interim Advisory Committee of HWNZ reported back on the work being done to develop new Terms of Reference and a new Committee to advise the Minister.

In addition NNO members discussed the recent HWNZ meetings for developing strategy from sector consultation. General consensus was that these meetings have not been especially effective in focusing the work of HWNZ.

3) The Chief Nurse briefed NNO on the progress of Safer Staffing Accord process. (see full report attached)

4) NNO discussed the launch of the recommendations of the Mental Health Enquiry. Thirty eight of the 40 recommendations were accepted and a review of the Mental Health Act is underway. It was noted that an application for mental health credentialing for primary health care nurses had been recently turned down which is considered counter-productive at this point. NNO will be following through on this.

5) Catherine Byrne as the new CEO of Nursing Council briefed NNO on recent changes to the Health Professional Competency Assurance Act. Her briefing paper is attached. Some important changes to note.

6) NNO provided NZNO with some external commentary on the development of their new strategic plan and the strategic plans of the College of Nurses Aotearoa (NZ) and the College of Mental Health Nurses were shared.

7) NNO has made a submission to the Health and Disability Review on behalf of nursing - attached

NNOg next meets on 21 August 2019