

## **National Nurse Leaders group (NNLg) Meeting Draft Minutes Wednesday 3 November 2021**

**Venue:** Nursing Council of New Zealand, 5/22 Willeston Street, Wellington Central or via Zoom

### **Attendees:**

Abel Smith (via Zoom) Brenda Close (via Zoom), Catherine Byrne, Dianna McGregor, Eseta Finau (via Zoom), Jenny Carryer (via Zoom), Jo Marino (via Zoom), Johanna Rhodes (via Zoom), Kathy Holloway, Lorraine Hetaraka (via Zoom) Margaret Dotchin (via Zoom 11.30am), Michael McIlhone, Ramai Lord (via Zoom), Rhoena Davis (via zoom)

**Chaired by:** Jenny Carryer am, Brenda Close pm

### **Karakia:**

**Welcome:** Michael McIlhone, Dianna McGregor – Jenny advised new member for Te Ao Maramatanga is now Hineroa Hakiaha who will attend the next meeting

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Frances Hughes, Mairi Lucas, Keri Nuku, Zoe Tipa

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Reviewed

### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

No matters were raised.

Minutes moved as true and correct by Kathy Holloway, seconded Ramai Lord.

### **Action Points from Previous Minutes:**

- Providing names to the Transition Unit to work with the group – on Agenda under Update Health Workforce issues and Transition Team engagement.  
Jenny: Meeting with Amy Wilson from Health Workforce last week was postponed and moved to next Monday. Jenny sent a list of questions to be discussed at the meeting and asked if she could have preliminary information for the meeting today, however, Amy advised that this information is still being pulled together and nothing has been received as yet.
- NEAT Group – Kathy wrote to Sue Haywood about NEAT which has been disbanded and work is now being picked up by Pipeline Group. Sue advised she was going to investigate the process around the specification, so something to follow up with Health Workforce.
- Vaccination Statement: This has been dealt with by Nursing Council.
- Letter to Angela Beaton from Te Pukenga – no response received.
- Contact with Debra Roach – Jenny to feedback later in the meeting.

Te Pukenga – Claire Buckley and Kathy Holloway driving NNLg response.

Johanna advised there has been some agreed slowdown, and still significant concerns about the process of curriculum design. Heads of Schools involved in curriculum development are not happy with process as it currently stands.

### **RN Prescribing:**

Dr Jill Wilkinson in attendance.

Cath Byrne gave background information on designated nurse prescribing.

Cath and Jill gave a brief on current issues with RN prescribing. Discussion on the challenges of keeping abreast of the rapid changes in medicines alongside the maintenance of a list of medicines agreed for prescription by RN prescribers.

### **Health Workforce Issues**

Jenny updated everyone on Health Workforce issues and that Amy Wilson who is Acting Director of Health Workforce has resigned and Andrew Wilson will be taking the role of Deputy Director General of Health Workforce.

### **Transition Team Engagement**

Deborah Roache and Helen Carbonatto attended last NNLg meeting and advised the Transition Team are setting up a reasonably high level advisory group to the Transition Team and they would like to have 2 nurses on that team to provide broad advice on that group. NNLg and Chief Nurses Office provided a number of nominations to the Transition Team. However, a decision had been made not to form this Advisory Group but a number of smaller advisory groups in a number of specific areas. These groups are now largely convened but we were not given the opportunity to expand the nomination list. Where people have given permission to have their names revealed Deborah has shared the names of nurses in these groups.

Lorraine advised the Chief Nurses office was asked to work with NPNZ specifically so the names put under the streams were NPs. The names were selected by NPNZ. Chief Nurses office actively encouraging Transition Unit to meet with nursing groups individually to seek wider nursing consultation.

### **Work Transition Unit and Ministry Undertaking Regarding Regulatory Reform Work**

Reform work sits within the Health Workforce Directorate. Pam from Chief Nurses office has been seconded to Health Workforce and part of the team that are leading the reform work. Would be good for Pam to provide an update at some stage around this.

Cath understands the work is moving at pace. HPCA as it stands will no longer exist – new legislation will replace that. Work is based around protecting health and safety of the public.

Lorraine: Ministries will look at work collectively with all of the Regulatory Authorities as a collective. Part of the Reform will look at the opportunities to strengthen a much more collective approach across all of the Regulatory Authorities.

**Action Point:** Lorraine happy to have a briefing paper compiled by Health Workforce as an update which will include the timeline of the Regulatory Reform work.

**Action Point:** Lorraine will ask Pam to attend next NNLg meeting to do an update on governance structures, and what does good governance look like and Lorraine will supply a written update to NNLg.

Discussion on connectivity of nursing as a whole in between meetings, after workshops, e-mailing etc.) rather than information staying within their own group or representation.

Suggested that NNLg write a letter of congratulations to the members of the panels and offer support to them if they would like it. Need to offer support and also get feedback from them to share

**Action Point:** Jenny to talk with Brenda to follow through with this letter.

### **Nursing Strategy Work**

Ramai provided an update on the development of the strategy. The strategy is near completion and provides a valuable national direction for nursing. Discussion on who will host the strategy and the importance of a working group around the development of an action plan. Working group established to progress the finalisation of the document before its launch.

Discussion on keeping strategy document alive and emphasising that it is the foundational strategy for nursing and also the hosting of the document once finalised.

**Action Point:** Very final version to be sent around NNLg before finalisation and launch.

Rhoena Davis welcomed to meeting.

### **Nursing Pipeline Work**

Introductions:

Margaret Dotchin and Rebecca Kay provided an update on the Nursing Pipeline work. Engagement with sector representatives across the system to help build the model across DHB employed nursing workforce, aged care, primary care, private hospitals, NGOs and COVID workforce is happening.

### **Chief Nurses Office Update**

There are 330 MIQ places designated for health care workers in response to the sectors workforce requirements. The CNO are supporting this process and assessing applications.

We noted the announcement of the establishment of the Disability Ministry.

Safe staffing – review group has been established and is working with the Minister of Health in the review of safe staffing and CCDM.

Question re NPs administering the 3<sup>rd</sup> doze of Pfizer to immune compromised patients – MoH website says it needs to be administered by a GP. Initially this was thought to be because of the barriers imposed by Section 29 but further investigation suggests otherwise

**Action Point:** Lorraine to find out if this is an oversight and advise.

Discussion re communication to the Minister re NNLg Chairs meeting with the Minister.

**Action Point:** Lorraine to follow this up with Minister's secretary.

Discussion on administering Covid vaccine exemptions.

### **COVID Management In The Community:**

Jade Chase and To'a Fereti presented a Māori and Pacifica response for Caring for COVID 19 in the community. This programme facilitates a whānau ora and equity approach to the ongoing management of COVID19 within our communities. It highlighted the increasing disparities that have arisen as a result of the current strategies, and challenges for a model that is more responsive to our most vulnerable communities. Final work is underway with this and will be released soon.