

Meeting Report NNO research subcommittee 05 June 2007

Present:

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The research subcommittee was established following the NNO meeting on 11 May 2007 at which the NHMRC addressed the members and invited the coalition to follow up by providing specific NNO recommendations regarding nursing research.

The subcommittee met therefore with the intention of developing a short paper to circulate to NHMRC and other research bodies outlining the NNO position on nursing research and providing recommendations for action.

Discussions centred around: the importance of building capacity in nursing to undertake research; the possibility of profession specific funding available through research bodies to build capacity in those professions or disciplines less well established in research; the lack of emphasis on research in university departments of nursing; the lack of a dedicated career pathway for nursing researchers; lack of interest among research bodies in qualitative research; the need to boost support for early career researchers; the need for team building and focus on multidisciplinary research; and the need to consider enabling strategies to boost nursing research capacity among the NNO.

The subcommittee has expressed a commitment to:

- developing an NNO research discussion/issues/priority paper with recommendations to go to research bodies;
- recommending the NNO host a national nursing research symposium to discuss building capacity in nursing research
- considering the establishment of an NNO auspiced novice nursing researcher mentoring program within the NNO;
- encouraging the individual NNO members to consider including support for nursing research into their strategic plans.

The subcommittee will circulate materials/information/ideas/recommendations that will inform this paper and the NNO secretariat will draft a paper from these for review by the subcommittee. **Contributions are due from the subcommittee by June 22 2007**, with a view to circulating a draft mid July. Following approval by the subcommittee and circulation to the wider NNO membership the paper will be provided to research bodies. The NNO secretariat will write to Carey Lonsdale at NHMRC to inform her that the NNO research paper will be forwarded by the end of August.

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