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ACNN NNE SIG Report and Funding Request September 2012

Chairperson/ACNN representative: Trudi Mannix

Number of current financial members: 21

Date of last meeting: February 7th 2012.

Summary of business arising since the last report:

- ACNN Position Statement (2012) on the Provision of Neonatal Intensive and Special Care Nursing Education is complete. For recommendation for endorsement at ACNN meeting in September.
- Neonatal Nurse Professional Portfolio – Melissah Burnett working on this for presentation at the September meeting
- website - Melissah has developed the ACNN NNE SIG webpage
- Definition of a neonatal nurse and scope of practice of the neonatal nurse – Claire Doherty has developed these and they may be used as a companion document to the ACNN standards
- Neonatal skin care guidelines – contact was finally made with J&J in April this year and a representative was going to contact Justine Parsons (JHH) after an orientation period. Justine will present the guidelines at the meeting in September and it is recommended that they be placed on the ACNN website.
- Review of the ACNN Neonatal Competencies – SIG members were involved in either developing or commenting on these standards
- Direct Entry Midwives in NICU – this issue had received attention recently amongst SIG members, and Dr Vicki Kain is presenting the findings of a telephone survey of all NICUs in Australia about whether they do or would employ DEMs in their nursery, and any caveats if they would, at the September meeting.

Proposed activities for the next 12 months:

- To review the Term of Reference (due 2013)
- To undertake further strategic planning for 2012-2013
- To develop neonatal nurse graduate attributes or outcomes – Trish Bromley working on this as a part of her studies.
- To participate in a Delphi-survey designed by Vicki Kain to inform the development of an evidence based neonatal palliative care education program for Australian NICUs – the Praecox program.
- Distribute the ACNN Position Statement for the Provision of Neonatal Nurse Education (2012) to all Neonatal Course Coordinators in Australia and put them on the ACNN website
- Distribute endorsed standards for neonatal nursing education to all neonatal course coordinators in Australia and put them on the ACNN website
- Define the neonatal nurse on a continuum of expertise and experience, using the concepts developed in Benner's novice to expert research
- Prepare a preliminary working document defining the scope of practice of the neonatal nurse, along the novice to expert continuum
- Develop accreditation guidelines for all levels of neonatal nursing education programs

- To meet again by teleconference in the next 3 months.
- Hold a workshop in 2013 at the ACNN Annual Conference
- Increase the NNE SIG membership

Provisional Annual Budget (request to be resubmitted biannually):

- Room booking at annual conference: \$450
- Teleconferences x 3: \$400