

September 30, 2013

Denotes action item.

Attendees:

Group Name	Attendee
<u>BC Contraceptive Management Community of Practice</u>	Hannah Varto
<u>BC History of Nursing Society</u>	Kathy Murphy, President
<u>BC Nurse Practitioner Association</u>	Stan Marchuk, President
<u>Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses- BC Chapter</u>	Shawn Mason, Vice-President
<u>Canadian Association of International Nursing</u>	Caroline Burgess
<u>Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care</u>	Brynn Grierson, Pacific Region Representative
<u>Canadian Association of Perinatal and Women's Health Nurses</u>	Melanie Basso, Past-President
<u>Clinical Nurse Specialists Council</u>	Rosella McCarthy, Provincial Representative
<u>Community Health Nurses of Canada (BC Representative)</u>	Maylene Fong, Provincial Representative
<u>Gerontological Nurses Association of BC</u>	Liz Ilczaszyn, President
Nurse Managers, Fraser Health	Ken McDonald
<u>Occupational Nurses Specialty Association BC</u>	Eva Clegg, President
<u>ARNBC</u>	Julie Fraser, President
<u>ARNBC</u>	Barb Reece, Consultant/Network Leads Program Manager
<u>ARNBC</u>	Paddy Rodney, Director-at-Large
<u>ARNBC</u>	Nora Whyte, Project Manager
<u>ARNBC</u>	Alix Arndt, Consultant/Communications

Group check-in and updates:

1. Marlee Groening, Provincial Representative of the Canadian Federation of Mental Health Nurses.
 - Note, while Marlee was unable to attend she provided a written update which is as follows:
 - Since the last meeting I have checked around but there has not been a MH special interest group in BC since the mid 90's. There have been a few efforts to restart since then, but limited sustainability.
 - Conference in Kelowna October 2-4.
 - The new MH practice standards will be presented at the conference for review and feedback.
 - Following, they will be sent out to membership
 - Stay tuned for follow-up on this.

2. Shawn Mason
 - Out of the big slump they're in and are gaining traction again.
 - Shawn herself is now in a VP role.
 - New members coming on to the Executive Committee.
 - Membership is keen to utilize technology.
 - Educational event to be held Thursday, October 10. Strong registration for this event.

3. Maylene Fong
 - At the table with multiple hats as she is also an ARNBC Board member.
 - Conference last June in Kelowna. Had a table for BC folks and a great deal of interest was generated.
 - Supports required. Teleconference, website space etc.

4. Hannah Varto
 - They have no umbrella group. They are a group of people interested in reproductive health.
 - Hannah has taken a leadership role with the group.
 - Grassroots group.
 - They establish the decision support news that certified practice nurses follow.
 - In spite of the tools developed there is no organization or agency to provide practice support for reproductive nurses, provide this support off the side of their desk.
 - They meet every two months, cool work done cheat sheet on managing side effects of contraception, graph of contraception, developed a small website which is going by the wayside become part of the patient safety council.
 - A group of passionate nurses with 250 people registered on the site to get updates and resources downloaded daily, so there's a need but there's no support to keep this group operating need teleconference and website support.
 - There is certification by CRNBC but there is a gap in which to provide practice support.
 - Supports would be greatly required to help them stay alive.

5. Ken McDonald
 - Represents nurse manager group who are working to establish an engaged group to go forward.

6. Kathy Murphy
 - Some members took part national in the conference in Victoria in June, fashion show of vintage uniforms on their website www.bcnursinghistory.ca.
 - Planning session in the summer to look at their future.
 - Put out a newsletter three times a year, website and blog is current.
 - Promoting a nursing bursary due Nov 15th, check out the website to see more. The goal is to recognize nurses who have made a difference in patient centred care.
 - UBC has a consortium event on the history of nursing and they'll be attending that workshop in November.

7. Liz Ilczaszyn

- First independent association after RNABC became CRNBC in 2007. They have bylaws, a Board, 10 chapters and members who are RNs and LPNs.
- Partnership with Canadian Gerontological Association.
- Liz sits on the national Board.
- GNABC hosted the biennium last summer.
- "Who's Life is it Anyway?", conference next April.
- They create linkages by charging a modest fee and by allowing five people to set up a chapter.
- They are member driven.
- Each chapter has its own education, members of other chapters can attend.
- At present, 250 members.

8. Eva Clegg

- 109 nurses on her list to contact and 25 members thus far on the rest.
- Had been some trouble with uncertain finances which has held the group up in moving forward.
- This is now resolved and the group is ready to proceed.
- Conference planned for the spring.
- Working with History of Nursing on a variety of items.

9. Melanie Basso

- National conference coming up in November.
- Have about 300 members but get about 400 people at the conference, work to get them to become members.
- Looking at the not for profit act and bylaws.
- They have a full-time ED.
- Contraceptive nurses looking to them to combine.

10. Stan Marchuk

- BCNPA established in 2005 after legislation came forward to enact NPs.
- Fledgling association, lots on the go.
- Annual conference in Victoria 2014 for the first time.
- Member of the Canadian association of Advanced Practice Nurses who are having their conference in Halifax. This will provide some input around new CRA incorporation requirements.
- Regulatory changes being proposed with them, being engaged with government they're working around this.
- Meeting with MOH and a workshop inviting stakeholders to talk about advancing NPs in primary care. 70 people in the room.
- Last round of funding will come this fall.
- Strategic Board planning session October 5-6.

11. Rosella McCarthy

- Annual session in May.
- Great turn-out.
- Meeting in September and ongoing education sessions every couple of months.
- Marcia Carr, is working with the CNA right now. Looking to develop core competencies for the CNS at three meetings over the next year. They'll be looking at competencies and determine how they'll be utilized and get the word out there to raise the profile of the CNS.
- NACNS conference for 2014, CNS association of BC sponsors a member in good standing to attend the conference, they love this and come back really energized.
- Next meeting in November.
- Numbers at about 25 for this group.

12. Brynn Grierson

- 200 national members, 100 are pacific members.
- HIV care is huge in BC.
- Membership includes RNs and LPNs, student members and associate members.
- Work to increase their interdisciplinary members.
- Created best practice guidelines for nurses involved in HIV care.
- Created core competencies for undergrad programs to create some guidelines.
- Next year conference in Winnipeg.
- Lots of work to make this a certified practice.

13. Caroline Burgess

- New to her position
- Group formed in 2007 out of different provincial and global interest groups
- Membership and work has been through ups and downs.
- Executive Board fully turned over this year.
- This new group is taking a look at how connections can be made better.
- Membership has fallen off.
- Looking to other groups for tips and ideas.

Learning from the Experience of others: Tips/Ideas for Emerging Groups

Shawn Mason:

- There is a national body but they go through ebbs and flows. BC Children's nurses have held the group together, they keep having meetings, and they keep the work going.
- More involvement with adult critical care nurses, they consistently analyze their challenges. Info can be posted on the website but engagement is difficult.
- For them it's been persistence and keeping them engaged and build the energy, staying with it and staying the course.
- Open to new ideas having fresh eyes and being supportive of one another all are working off the side of their desks.

Liz Ilczaszyn

- Education sessions are very well attended and very large draw. The more relevant the topic, the more people will get out.
- Groups meet when they can, often the evening.
- Very little money for education, but a drop in fee for the education is charged (10.00).
- Do provide an honorarium for speakers of \$50.00.
- Money spent on promo items, vests and mugs has been quite worth it. Taking an initial hit to get the name out there has been beneficial.
- Rural chapters are looking into using a webinar tool to facilitate meetings/communication.
- Interactive and good website is key.
- All in all, proves to be a bit tricky because it seem as if nurses are afraid to get too involved.

Brynn Grierson

- Membership isn't huge, but increasing
- Tie education events with membership, i.e. the education session is free for members.
- Their annual conference is a big draw and they combine the registration fee with conference fee.
- Scholarships recently provided to members in each region.
- Have set aside legacy funding for members wanting to host events.

Kathy Murphy

- Be mindful of money on print collateral as it can get out of date fast!

Requests for ARNBC- what we can do to help (group discussion)

- Website space
- Teleconference support
- Social media support and promotion
- Facebook discussion forums
- ARNBC has structure and infrastructure supports that would be particularly helpful to emerging groups.

Network Leads

- Network Leads recently transitioned from a project to a program, the ARNBC Board having agreed to move this forward. See final report of project here: <http://www.arnbc.ca/images/pdfs/network-leads/ARNBC-Network-Leads-Program-Evaluation-Pilot-Phase.pdf>
- Positioned the Network Leads Program as an incubator of the specialty groups program.
- Network leads will allow you to recruit through the program.
- Networking with nurse managers (this is how Ken McDonald became involved).
- Lists of interest groups are kept.
- Students are a big area of interest, three or four groups wanting. They're looking to build interest and generate calls.
- People coming out of the woodwork and are volunteering, what's working what's not.
- Has to be a value add, have to make it easy to facilitate the two-way communication and repetitive, what we call "strategic nagging".
- Webinars will be coming up, updates coming.
- Next phase will be strategic as well as experimental. Actually pushing this forward and getting strategic traction out of this.

Social Media/Website

- Don't be afraid. Great way to connect with like-minded people and to engage colleagues and partners.
- Don't be shy. Send items you want to have tweeted, remind us of your updates, let us know what your group is doing.
- ***Desire to carve out more space on the website for groups, particularly those who don't have fulsome websites on which to post materials. More discussion to occur around the logistical and resource issues here.***
- Be sure to email Alix at admin@arnbc.ca

Tabled topics

- Ongoing opportunities for collaboration among B.C. groups
- Linkages with Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties
- Transition of services from CRNBC to ARNBC

Coming up

- Special session ARNBC President, Julie Fraser, will look for opportunities to receive input from this group on emerging policy and practice issues.
- ARNBC will be seeking names of voting delegates for CNA meetings to be held in 2014.
- Consider an internal list of membership fees.