

**National Nursing and Midwifery
Education Advisory Network Meeting
Communiqué
December 2016**

The third meeting of the National Nursing and Midwifery Education Advisory Network (NNMEAN) was held on 15 December 2016 in Canberra.

Members noted that the Chair and two departmental officers had attended the *Catholic Health Australia – Nursing and Midwifery Symposium* in early December Melbourne to deliver a presentation ‘What is the National Approach to nursing workforce data?’

The Chair briefed members on her meeting with Professor Brendan Murphy, the newly appointed Chief Medical Officer and incoming Chair of the National Medical Training Advisory Network. The Chair indicated that Professor Murphy has a keen interest in the nursing and midwifery professions, and is supportive of the work of the NNMEAN.

Members discussed work underway on the Work Plan and agreed to the establishment of a Mental Health Working Group.

Members were presented with research papers underway in the following areas:

- Rural Nursing; and
- Aged Care Nursing (now available at http://www.anmf.org.au/documents/reports/National_Aged_Care_Staffing_Skills_Mix_Project_Report_2016.pdf).

The next meeting of NNMEAN will be held on 7 March 2017.