

National Nursing and Midwifery Education Advisory Network Committee Meeting Communiqué August 2016

The second meeting of National Nursing and Midwifery Education Advisory Network (NNMEAN) was held on 9 August 2016 in Canberra.

The Chair noted that she had met with Professor John Horvath, Chair of the National Medical Training Advisory Network (NMTAN), and that she will be attending the NMTAN Meeting to be held on 1 September 2016.

The key focus of the meeting was to review the draft NNMEAN Work Plan. The NNMEAN identified four key priorities for consideration on the Work Plan:

- Establish a Mental Health Nursing Workforce working group to identify those issues impacting on the existing mental health nursing workforce;
- Maximise the role of nurses to meet consumer needs in the changing health environment;
- Build the evidence base for policy decisions on the midwifery workforce; and
- Sustainability of the Enrolled Nurse workforce.

The NNMEAN agreed to endorse a revised draft Work Plan out-of-session for provision to the Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council through the Health Workforce Principal Committee in November.

Members were briefed on the Department's proposed program of data analysis utilising data from the National Health Workforce Dataset.

The next meeting of NNMEAN will be held on 15 December 2016.