



**Global Network of World Health Organization Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, 17 May 2022**

**Attendees:**

Gordon Hill  
Ada Markaki  
Nancy Reynolds  
Oluseun Oladipo  
Billie Hunter  
Lillian Ferrer  
Roa Altaweli  
Liz Madigan  
Howard Catton  
Maria Docal  
Abigail Kazembe  
Amanda Fehn  
Elizabeth Iro  
Karli McGuinness

**Minutes:**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Secretariat**

- Preparing for Network meeting (90min) June 16 at GNWHOCCNM conference
  - Will include Secretariat handover to UTS
  - Will not have Executive Committee meeting
  - **Action:** WHOCC updates- each CC should send a slide or a video recording in advance- 1 min total- can provide links (social medial, websites)
    - **Secretariat:** reach out to CCs to request video/ slide. Regional reps may need to follow up with CCs
  - Email secretariat if you have any agenda items to cover at GNWHOCCNM conference
  - Another CC will serve as Co-secretariat- finalizing who
  - Going over redesignation process
- Further discussion: should current Secretariat (JHU) serve as ex-officio (non-voting) when moves to next secretariat
  - Could also have “chair/ secretariat-elect” in future to prepare new members for leadership roles- would need to change by-laws
  - **Vote at network meeting at GNWHOCCNM**



### 3. Regional and partner updates

- WHO Headquarters (Elizabeth Iro):
  - Triad meeting highlights-
    - Emphasis on data collection and encouraging other countries to do so
      - How much investment is there in nursing compared to other disciplines?
      - How much investment is there in nursing? Need this economic data to make stronger case?
      - Data that countries are reporting has not been consistent. The data is key to change policies/ politics on investing in nursing
    - 866 participants/ 165 countries
    - Discussion ongoing on where to archive recordings- was a closed meeting but would be good to share some on open forum
  - World health assembly meeting next week
  - Webinar held today 5/17- over 500 participants
- ICN (Howard Catton):
  - International Nurses Day Celebration- ICN report released- theme “Safety and protection of health workers”, steps to take to implement strategic directions of nursing
  - Working with BBC on initiatives to document/ produce films
  - Asta? Health awards
  - 3-4 delegates (non-state actors) allowed at WHA and only 1 allowed in auditorium. There is a virtual delegation (meet and greet, luncheon).
- Sigma (Liz Madigan)
  - Continuing leadership development programs (Johnson & Johnson funded)- nurses from US/ Canada who spend at least ½ of time in direct care positions
  - Funding from Colgate to focus on oral health education program- webinar and short course (will do paediatric and adult course). Course translated into Spanish.
  - July 21-25 2022 International Research Congress <https://www.sigmanursing.org/connect-engage/meetings-events/congress>
  - Commitment to have a virtual option for all future conferences- will stagger live/ virtual options
  - UN open for visitors
- AFREhealth (Abigail Kazembe)
  - Developed three modules: leadership (targeting junior nurses at the middle level, project management, resource mobilization), long covid, vaccine hesitancy
  - Abigail term as President comes to a close in August, will be ex-officio for AFREhealth after August; suggested for her to remain on Executive Committee
- ICM (Roa Altaweli)



- 6 regional meetings with professional midwives' association and had the strengthening midwifery framework training
- 100 year anniversary ICM- asked midwives to share stories on social media, which ICM promoted
- Calling for abstracts for 33<sup>rd</sup> ICM conference in Bali (June 2023). <https://www.czech-in.org/cmPortalV15/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FcmPortalV15%2FPortal%2FICM2023%2Fnormal>
- Midwifery Network (Billie Hunter)
  - Hosted webinar in March with McMaster on Safe Abortion which will be translated
  - Next week webinar with UTS on workplace culture in midwifery and maternity care
  - Met with Emily McWhirter to put Midwifery Network on CoP- will put webinar recordings on here
  - Lorena and Billie are retiring. Will decide new chairs at GNWHOCNM conference.
- PANMCC (Lilian Ferrer)
  - Opened submissions for Research Colloquium at UMiami- Collaborating centres will meet on Nov 6 and 7 <https://colloquium2022.miami.edu/>
    - abstracts due by Aug. 30th
  - Chile- launched first NP program for oncology
    - **ACTION:** Lilian to send curriculum out
- EURO (Gordon Hill)
  - Working on Strategy/ Advocacy for voices of nurses- roadmap/steps to implementing strategic directives in EURP
  - New mental health coalition
  - Strengthening midwifery representation in palliative care
  - Several technical products in development including publication on EBP, Simulation learning, report on state of data collection in WHO Euro