



**Global Network of World Health Organization Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 15 February, 2022**

ATTENDEES:

Nancy Reynolds, JHSON
Roa Altaweli, ICM
Ada Markaki, PANMCC
Howard Catton, ICN
Amanda Fehn, WHO HQ
Vathsala Sadan, SEARO
Billie Hunter, Midwifery Network
Gordon Hill, EURO
Oluseun Oladipo, JHSON
Lorena Mercedes Binfa, Midwifery Network
Pandora Hardtman, Jhpiego
Laila Akhu-Zaheya, EMRO – New Dean at JUST/FON

MINUTES:

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Secretariat

- Working with Botswana to prepare for meeting in June – email received that they are starting to meet on a weekly basis from yesterday, difficulty pivoting to electronic format with IT capacity
- Handover of Secretariat – UTS taking over with co-chair from country that hasn't been in leadership before, co-chair can take over on leadership after, website is created to be well handed over to UTS
- LINKS to be published in June – content call put out for ideas for it & looking for contributions
- Time for annual dues, expect emails on that

3. Regional and partner updates

WHO HQ: Amanda Fehn

- Nursing & Midwifery Global Committee of Practice – committee numbers are increasing, deciding on which type of content people are expected to see, invitation to join, feel free to send suggestions of topics, hope to engage and make committee more accessible to everyone, looking to launch in the next 2 months
 - o Learning to Lead webinars – discuss nursing & midwifery issues, webinar next month on resilience of nursing leadership, webinar in April will discuss mental health of nursing & midwifery
 - o Want to develop mentorship program focusing on youth, young nurses, and leadership



- Had meeting with new ICN President in January – publication exists on topics discussed
- WHO, ICN, and ICM are hosting Triad meeting May 9-11 but still subject to approval, still discussing where they are hosting meeting
- SDNM implementation – Carey McCarthy putting in plan on implementation of the regions, developing series of podcasts in short webinar series to make it easy to understand
- Health for All – no information on the cost of education all the way through for nurses or midwives, Health Labor Market handbook launched
- WHO Global Community of Practice:
<https://nursingandmidwiferyglobal.org/#:~:text=The%20Nursing%20and%20Midwifery%20Global%20Community%20of%20Practice%20is%20a,and%20regions%20on%20improving%20health>
- Health Labour Market Analysis Guidebook:
<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/348069/9789240035546-eng.pdf>

ICN: Howard Catton

- Report pulled on latest evidence of mental health, pressure, and burdens and impact on healthcare workforce and did projections of what it may mean for nursing shortages globally → 10-year focus and plan
 - Gordon Hill – migration of nurses by higher pays in Europe can drive greater shortages in specific locations
- Statement put out by new board on professional responsibility to get vaccinated and how it matches ICN Code of Ethics
- VPs – Lisa Little, Karen
- ICN Congress in Glasgow
- <https://www.icn.ch/news/icn-president-reaffirms-close-links-who-and-joint-commitment-support-and-sustain-nursing-and>

ICM: Roa Altaweli

- Push Campaign global movement for women and midwives on neonate mortality launched
- 2022 is time for celebration
 - 100-year anniversary celebration: <https://internationalmidwives.org/icm-events/100-years-of-icm.html>
 - May 5 = International Day of the Midwife
- February 4th was soft launch of E-Learning platform and was shared to midwifery associations of different regions for feedback
 - 4 modules in French, English, Spanish
 - Hard launch planned for early March
- Developed Professional Framework: <https://www.internationalmidwives.org/our-work/policy-and-practice/icms-professional-framework-for-midwifery.html>
- 2023 Biannual Congress & Conference in Bali, planned for hybrid (in person + virtual format)

Jhpiego: Pandora Hardtman



- Health Workforce capacitation – increased funding in Southeast Asia and Guatemala to look at issues with COVID vaccination and health workforce needs (vaccine allocation and rollout, reporting, vaccine usage safety throughout supply chain), integration of COVID vaccine through pediatrics and family planning
- Partnership with NursingNow challenge – released survey in partnership with Coventry to see impacts of identity

Midwifery Network: Billie Hunter and Lorena Binfa

- Webinar series on Year of the Nurse & Midwife and on nursing workforce, planning stages on webinars for midwives
- Midwifery Network side event at Botswana conference in planning stages with Johns Hopkins

SEARO: Dr. Vathsala Sadan India

- Partnering with Jhpiego with campaign for India
- Survey to midwives of India
- Leadership for Change project in collaboration with ICM, projects planned for 5 months – ex: integration of education and nursing practice, will have update early March
- Disaster Nursing Network – next meeting February 22, conference in May
- Capacity building factory in collaboration with NFBA for midwife redevelopment in India
- 3rd wave of COVID since January with less severity, mostly at-home quarantine with mild symptoms, minimal issues with hospitalization & mortality, starting with booster doses (vaccination camp every Sunday)
- Hematology conference planned for September

EURO: Gordon Hill

- Roadmap to implement SDNM, draft has been published
- Regional meeting January 18 on discussion of future
- Midwifery assessment tool
- Glasgow Caledonia collaborating with WHO on policy brief

AMRO & PANMCC: Ada Markaki

- Had annual meeting last year
- Updated website on news and events
- Several publications sent for Pan American Health Special Issues

4. **Criteria for loss of WHOCC designation and appeal process (Ada Markaki)**

- Issue with revoked designation of WHOCC in Pan American region – SON was unaware of funding sources for outside institution
- Is there provision for appeal process?



- Guide for WHOCC:
<https://www.who.int/collaboratingcentres/GuideforWHOcollaboratingcentres2012.pdf>
- WHO criteria for loss includes conflict of interest at the entire institution level: tobacco, arms industry
- Evaluation of WHO's work with CC: <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/evaluation-of-who-s-work-with-collaborating-centres-volume-1-report>

5. **Botswana conference - Scientific panel membership and programme (Lorena Binfa, Billie Hunter)**

6. **COVID 19, refugee crises and vulnerable populations (Laila M. Akhu-Zaheya)**

7. **Other**