



Enrolled Nurse Section
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

Regional Section Reports February 2022

Greater Auckland Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 15th February 2022

Representatives Name & Title: Angela Thompson, Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 100 (approx.)

Last Meeting AGM: 13th April 2021

Last Meeting: ZOOM 1st December 2021

Next Meeting: ZOOM TBA March 2022

Education in Region

Currently we are waiting to have our ZOOM meeting in March to decide what our education plan will look like this year with Omicron in the mix. However we are thankful for the educational links that have been provided through the enrolled nurse section.

Waitemata DHB

Business as usual, with continued preparation for the rise of Covid cases.

Currently nursing staff are preparing to be deployed from clinics to help on the wards when the need arises, this in turn has created positions for enrolled nurses on bureau as well as in the theatres.

Counties Manukau DHB (CMDHB)

There are currently more job opportunities for enrolled nurses (EN) at CMDHB.

EN students have been welcomed and Dorothy, (Auckland EN Section Committee member) commented on the calibre of the DEN (Diploma of Enrolled Nurse) students in her workplace, their assessment and communication skills and patient cares were all of a high standard. Dorothy was also able to do a tutorial for them on safe patient handling.

Dorothy received a reply email from Val Scott, Lecturer/NZ Diploma Enrolled Nursing at Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT) and already they are faced with challenges with clinical placements for enrolled nursing students and the delivery of teaching sessions due to Covid but simply have to go with the flow in the current climate and hopefully the impact will be manageable.

Currently MIT are taking two cohorts of DEN students yearly, with a total of three cohorts running due to the cross over times. Numbers of intakes range from 50-80 students, so as you can imagine it's a busy department.

Nursing Council (NCNZ) are soon to review the DEN programme at MIT and there has been some talk nationally about making some tweaks to the DEN programme, which may allow for more flexibility around the clinical hours with the thought that it may be possible to add in a transition placement. Val will keep us updated on the outcome.

Auckland DHB

In my correspondence with Hayden Erick, Nurse Educator, Enrolled nursing and student placement here at ADHB, he stated that currently there are seven enrolled nurses on the ENSIPP from the November 2021 intake, 3 are working in ophthalmology, one in oncology, 2 in older people health and 1 in Women's theatre and that they are all doing really well 3 months in.

Hayden said there is a small intake mid-March and interviewing is happening now. However the numbers coming through ACE are minimal and that there are jobs with no candidates interviewing, there were only 2 EN's in the ACE pool that lived in the Auckland region.

He also mentioned that they do recruitment drives with the classes and continue to offer more and more placements to students, but only in the 2nd semester.

He was encouraging in his comments that it is great to hear the ENSIPP is doing well and that the EN profile is building.

EN's on the ENSIPP are asking about a bridging program from the diploma to RN degree.

In my workplace, our two new graduate enrolled nurses continue to move forward in their practice and I have been busy writing up their professional development feedback and continue to provide hands on teaching.

We have also had DEN student placements and I have had the pleasure, like Dorothy to precept these students and the calibre has been definitely of a high standard. I was however surprised that even though they were in their second semester, that they were not aware of the ACE programme. I have been busy with giving preceptor feedback to the students but I have to say its just another day at the office and a pleasure to be actually doing these and to see student enrolled nurses out and about at ADHB.

Primary Health (PHC)

One of our committee members works with a team of RN's and 3 other EN's in PHC, where she feels appreciated in her role as an EN and completed the on line requirement for provisional vaccinating Covid, which this year stopped in her workplace and changed to standing orders with ProCare which means if she wanted to move to another non ProCare medical practice she wouldn't be able to vaccinate.

Student nurses come through this area too and buddy with EN's and RN's in different clinics but RN's sign them off.

In Closing

Stay safe everyone, the Covid ride is not over yet and there is a lot of anxiety in the mix with daily numbers rapidly rising. We are all walking this walk together as Covid increases nationally.

Have a great and productive first meeting for 2022 and we hope to hear more good things about enrolled nursing in NZ for the up and coming year.

Thanks Team.

Canterbury Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 17 February 2022

Representatives Name & Title: Michelle Prattley (Chairperson)

Regional Membership Number: 148

Last Annual General Meeting Date: April 2021

Last Meeting:

Next Meeting: TBC

Well not a lot to report from the Canterbury section. We were hoping to reschedule our study day to hold it in May instead of conference but given the current situation with Omicron we have decided to hold off.

On a positive note, the Committee are excited about being the host of the 2023 conference. We are planning to hold it at Rydges (still TBC). Watch this space for more details soon and fingers and toes crossed that we can go ahead with it.

We are still having issues with safe staffing throughout some of the areas. Staff are getting frustrated about study days being cancelled at present as this is impacting on them being able to get their education hours needed. There is also lots of frustration around pay equity claim despite the latest update sent out.

On a final note the Canterbury section would like to wish Robyn Hewlett all the best as she comes to the end of her term at National Chairperson. Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to the National committee. All the best Robyn and take care.

Stay safe everyone and keep up all the good work in this stressful time.

Regards

Michelle Prattley
Chairperson
Canterbury Enrolled Nurse Section

Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 18th February 2022

Representatives Name & Title: Robyn Hewlett, Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 129

Last Annual General Meeting Date:

Last Meeting:

Next Meeting:

Education in Region

Otago Polytechnic and Southland Polytechnic NZ Diploma in Enrolled Nursing programmes commenced in February 2022, with 30 at Otago and 25 in Southland. I have been invited as the Chairperson for Southern to present to the EN Students at Southland Institute of Technology in June 2022. The NZNO professional nursing advisor is also going to attend and present on code of conduct and professional boundaries.

Current Issues in Region:

Like everyone other member of NZNO in the DHB's we are waiting for Pay Equity.

Covid – 19 – Omicron is beginning to be rampant throughout the whole Southern Region and especially with all the university students coming back to Dunedin. Two testing stations in Dunedin are being kept very busy, with one testing station on the highway north out of Dunedin causing road blockages, going back for 4-5 blocks.

Like every other DHB throughout New Zealand, Southern Hospitals are very busy, heavy patients, short staffed, staff being asked to do doubles, staff getting exhausted etc. Workloads via trendcare are usually very high and at times unmanageable.

News

NICU at Dunedin Hospital are currently investigating employing enrolled nurses within NICU. I attended a meeting with the NICU's local data council on the 14th February 2021 to discuss the enrolled nurse scope of practice. The CNM asked if the Enrolled Nurse Section had a generic enrolled nurse scope of practice document. NICU received a lot of extra FTE's out of their trend care data, in December 2021. NICU can be very busy, with babies from Otago and Southland and sometimes they are full with babies from other DHB's and none locally. Southland Hospital has a NICU, but at a lower grade to Dunedin Hospital's, so some of their babies are airlifted to Dunedin. Have suggested that perhaps they should contact Otago Polytechnic in regards to having an Enrolled Nurse student on clinical placements in the future.

Enrolled Nurses at SDHB, may be a step closer to doing IVAB's, as I bought it up with the Director of Nursing, who attended the NICU meeting. EN's are being left behind, with the DHB's HCA's getting more

recognition and education than the Enrolled Nurse. I am personally monitoring what the HCA are being educated on.

Enrolled Nurse Positions being advertised throughout the region have increased significantly. This has enabled some Enrolled Nurses to change their areas of practice, something that did not occur years ago. Enrolled Nurse Positions have been advertised at the private surgical hospital, Mercy Hospital, in a new overnight stay ward; Ashburn Clinic – private psychiatric hospital; Dunedin and Invercargill hospitals, aged care, Oamaru trust hospital. Wakari Hospital have an open advertisement for Enrolled Nurses in most mental health areas.