



STRATEGIC PLAN
NZNO Mental Health Nurses
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Introduction

The NZNO Mental Health Nurses Section was formally re-established in 2001 to provide an informed viewpoint forum for mental health nurses and individuals care for in all health setting.

The focus of the section is on recruitment of members, giving a national voice and increasing the profile of Mental Health Nursing.

First group re-established 2001-2004

NZNO Mental Health Section National Committee members 2004

Chairperson: Marie Crowe
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Treasurer: Rebecca Clark
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2013-2015 - Committee List

Position	Name
Chairperson	Gina Soanes
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Mission Statement

The Mental Health Nurses Section is a specialty professional section of NZNO dedicated to the provision of leadership, education and professional development of mental health nursing in New Zealand/Aotearoa.

Vision Statement

To bring mental health nurses together in their diversity to positively influence policy and practice for the development of personcentered care in New Zealand/Aotearoa.

Purpose

- To be one of the recognized professional organization of Mental Health Nurses in New Zealand.
- To recruit nurses practising, identifying with, and/or interested in Mental Health care to belong to the Mental Health Nurses Section.
- To practice in accordance with Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- To provide a communications network for all members including regular newsletters, conferences/forum and disseminating information on issues pertaining to Mental Health nursing.
- To liaise with appropriate authorities 2013-2014 stakeholders and associated professional colleges on social and health issues relevant to Mental Health nursing and community health eg: Te Ao Maramatanga and e Pou.
- To encourage, promote and support educational programmes / seminars for Mental Health nurses...
- To encourage, support and promote research into Mental Health nursing.
- To actively facilitate the ongoing strategic and professional development of Mental Health nursing in conjunction with NZNO and appropriate health authorities.
- To communicate and liaise with other Mental Health organisations at a national and international level.

Key Goals

Goal 1 Leadership

The Mental Health Nurses, NZNO will promote and participate in aspects of mental health nursing nationally and internationally.

Goal 2 Practice development

The Mental Health Nurses Section will promote in practice development of mental health nursing, innovative practice, research, education and workforce development strategies.

Goal 3 Membership

The Mental Health Nurses Section will recruit members from throughout New Zealand and involve them in its activities.

Goal 1 LEADERSHIP

The Mental Health Nurses Section, NZNO will provide an informed viewpoint for mental health nurses at a national and international level.

Rationale

By raising awareness of the contribution of mental health nursing to healthcare in New Zealand and providing an informed viewpoint for mental health nurses at national and international levels, nursing profession will have a role in setting its agenda for the future of mental health care in New Zealand.

Objectives

- 1) To build collaborative relationships within other nursing organisations and other professional groups, as previously stated.**
- 2) To actively promote the professional status of mental health nursing in New Zealand.**
- 3) To represent the interests of mental health nursing to the Ministry of Health, Nursing Council of New Zealand, the Mental Health Commission and to other national and international mental health nursing organisations**

By:

- Encouraging mental health nurses to identify, participate in and develop their speciality nursing practice.
- Collaborating with New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses (Te AO Maramatanga), and other professional nursing organisations.
- Participating in local and national opportunities for the development of mental health nursing practice and articulate current professional issues.
- Providing professional support to members.
- Promoting the development of leadership skills and encourage leadership opportunities within the mental health nursing workforce.

Goal 2 PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT

The mental health nurses section of the NZNO will promote practice development of mental health nursing, and be innovative in its practice in the areas also of research, further education and workforce development.

Rationale

The NZNO mental health nurses believe that knowledge and communication will facilitate professional development, and that mental health nursing has a unique scope of practice which.

Objective

To actively promote mental health nursing education and professional development.

By:

- Providing an informed viewpoint on the development of mental health nursing practice.
- Using opportunities such as the Mental Health Nurses Section magazines, Head to Head, and other agencies and resources. Kai Tiaki to disseminate information in regards to practice development.
- Working alongside key stakeholders to promote innovative mental health nursing practice.
- Encouraging, promoting and supporting nursing portfolio initiatives including education and research.
- To encourage the participation of specialised Mental Health Nurses.

Goal 3 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Mental Health Nurses will recruit members from throughout New Zealand to encourage and promote their professionals and practice development. and involve them in its activities

Rationale

Active recruitment of members will strengthen the status and position of the Section to enable the interests of mental health nurses to be represented effectively.

Objectives

- 1) To increase the awareness of the Section and its activities among mental health nurses in New Zealand.**
- 2) To recruit members from throughout New Zealand.**

By:

- Ensuring promotional material is available in all mental health service delivery areas within New Zealand.
- Being fiscally responsible as a committee to maximise resources for members e.g. scholarships or education grants.