A virtual Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Research

Presentation of draft document for the SA Nursing & Midwifery Research Collaborative
Statement of purpose

- The South Australian Nursing & Midwifery Research Collaboration aims to develop sustainable partnerships between the health industry, the education sector and clinicians to enhance nursing and midwifery research which develops the body of knowledge that informs and guides best practice in Nursing and Midwifery and contributes to improved outcomes for consumers.

- Develop nurses and midwives as intelligent users of research and support, foster and encourage nurses and midwives in becoming enquirers into their own practices.
Terms of Reference

- Provide leadership in nursing and midwifery research in South Australia
- Support the development of a research and evidence based culture.
- Align nursing and midwifery research with broader health research initiatives.
- Identify the gaps and priorities in nursing and midwifery research against local and national health priorities.
Terms of reference cont

- Undertake health and government research, working collaboratively with other groups and organisations.

- Develop an action plan to address the identified and agreed upon nursing and midwifery research priorities including identification of funding to support nursing and midwifery research.

- Foster and support beginning researchers in undertaking the development of research proposals.

- Build the capacity and capabilities of the nurses and midwives in regards to research development.
Terms of reference  

- Align practice development, quality and safety initiatives with the application of evidence into everyday practice.

- Develop and utilise information technology to support research practice and application.

- Continue to build links and relationships with key stakeholders including the education sector to foster research initiatives.

- An Executive Committee will be established to assist in coordinating the activities of the Collaborative.
Annual Review Process

- Undertake an annual review on progress against the work to be undertaken, changes implemented and ability to discharge the terms of reference and to assess the ongoing need for this Collaborative.
Specific key performance outcomes to be met include:

- Participation of Collaborative members in policy development and higher level decisions related to the application of evidence and research into practice by nurses and midwives across South Australia.

- Extent to which identified outcomes are achieved against priorities.
Annual review of progress cont.

– Extent to which the meeting's action items have been completed,

– Extent, to which recommendations from the Collaborative are
  - endorsed for implementation by a range of stakeholders.
  - raised, discussed and endorsed for implementation by a range of stakeholders.
Proposed membership

- Chief Nurse, Department of Health
- Department of Health N & M Office Representative
- Education Sector
  - University of South Australia
  - Flinders University
  - University of Adelaide
  - Joanna Briggs Institute
  - TAFE
- N & MELF Representatives
- Country (SA) N & MLF Representatives
- Community Sector
  - RDNS
- Private Sector Representatives
- Age Care & Residential Sector Representatives
- DFC (Disability & DOM Care)
- M & N Clinical Leaders
- NICCS Scholarship recipient, University SA
- NICS Fellowship Recipient (Current & Past)
- Clinician Representatives
- Stakeholders will be co-opted as required
- Proxy will be nominated to assist continuity
Process

- Rules of engagement
- Quarterly meetings
- The Chief Nurse will be chair for 12 months and will be reviewed as part of the annual review process..
- No funding at this stage
- There is a workshop being planned for late this year to progress its implementation