

Pacific Society for Reproductive Health



19th south Pacific Nurses forum and 8th SPCNMOA meeting
Rarotonga Cook Islands 2018



**The Royal Australian
and New Zealand
College of Obstetricians
and Gynaecologists**

Session Theme : Transforming Leadership in Maternal and infant Health

ACKNOWLEDEMENT

- On behalf of the board would like to thank the madam President of the Cook Islands Nurses association and for your invitation to have a midwife representative from the board to deliver this short presentation on-behalf of the PSRH.
- Other sister Country nurses and midwives who are present today here at the SPNF.

Background

- The Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH) is a charitable trust which is a not-for-profit non-government organization designed to contribute to the improvement of reproductive health and related services in the Pacific region since 1993.
- Its membership comprises health professionals from 15 Pacific island countries and encompasses New Zealand, Australia, and England.
- The membership includes academic health and political leaders, clinical specialists, maternal newborn experts, midwives, and nurses, public health specialists, program analysts, researchers, educators, and community health workers—all with vested interest for improved reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health (RMNCAH) by building the capacity and capability of the Pacific workforce.

The PSRH board

- The board provides governance-strategy, policy decisions and oversees operations
- 9 members of the executive board elected after every 2 years other two comprise of the immediate past president as an ex-officio 4 of them are midwives
- A member and a representative of RANZCOG appointed by its president.

PSRH has been supporting Midwives in their professional Development

- Fellows awards through PMLP (Pacific midwifery leadership fellowship program)
- Provide venues for midwives to contribute and present their papers during PSRH biennial meetings.
- Showcase their projects by having a market place in the PSRH forum which they share ideas and experiences to improve on their midwifery practices at their place of work.
- Even our trainers and midwifery educators come down to our level to give support to our midwives which improves us to do our work well.

Pacific Midwifery Leadership Fellowship Program

The PMLFP is a seven week program in professional and leadership development for Pacific midwives. The program focuses on leadership and communication skills, by interaction with senior midwifery leaders and hospital teams in Australia. The program provides encouragement and skills in research and supports Fellows to develop a practice improvement project for discussion with colleagues back home, as part of their Return to Work plan following completion of their Fellowship.

Pacific fellows 2014



Pacific fellows 2015



Follow up visits and training for fellows in country 2017 – 2018 Solomon Islands



2018 follow-up visit by RANZCOG trainers to Solomon Islands



Integrated trainings to nurse managers and Midwives on communication skills and networking at NRH and Good Samaritan Hospital



Men as partners training with the two Nurse Educators and our male nurses Obstetrician Dr



Midwifery Education

- Midwifery education –that increasing number of nurses to be trained as midwives so that they can address the increasing rate of NCDs in pregnancy's
- Now that NCDs on the rise in rural areas as well therefore rural women should have the opportunity to be attended by a skilled Midwife to provide the quality of care they need
- To work in partnership with other health professionals to address these challenges
- In order for them to be agents for changes more mid wife's need to be placed in the remote areas.

Midwifery regulations

- Pacific midwives need to have set of standards that will regulate their practice in the pacific in-terms of addressing NCDs and other Public Health issues which are arising at an alarming rate now

Midwifery Associations

- That can deal with Midwives scheme of services and assist with attractive re numerations with good conditions of services to motivate passionate midwives to be retained in their positions.
- PSRH to support the development of pacific midwifery association that will help become members of the ICM
- PNG can share their information with the PMA

Associate Prof : Pusher (remarks)

PSRH role in building capacity for our Pacific midwives

- 1)Professional Development-Leadership and Safety in Health Practice-Our leadership Programs supported by our Partners, Brain Spurret Award, Pacific Midwifery Network and Workshops where they learn and work in partnerships. Needs to start off.
- 2)Compassion, Empathy and Team Spirit –It is there but needs strengthening by Communication skills and also incorporating Ethics – PSRH has stood behind midwives where they have worked together with our medical staff and has empowered them to be actively involved in team dynamics
- 3)Critically Analysing and doing Research is one of the qualities that PSRH wants to develop and foster in all midwives in the Pacific

Going forward

- PSRH –To include small pacific county to be members of PSRH – focal points in terms of communication and training on research
- Need a mentor for Pacific midwifery fellows to support research and support past RANZGOG fellows
- Scholarship career partway for midwifery (master PHD etc)
- Need to develop a standardized Pacific midwifery regulation with the support from other sister association who are members of the ICM
- Funding budget to support international forum
- Country work-plan should include and support Midwifery important events at country level and international level.
- Train more midwives to better implement for the model of continues care which was introduce in midwifery school.
- Need to involve and include a ref from the midwifery association in the south pacific chief nursing and midwifery officers alliance (SPCNMOA)
- Implement AOP 2018 -2019