CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The CNMF President and Board wish all those CNMF members and friends who celebrate Christmas, a happy and peaceful Christmas 2017.

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On 12 December 2017 marks the five year anniversary of the historic United Nations resolution on universal coverage which was passed unanimously by all countries.

Health is a human right, but we have a long way to go until everyone, no matter who they are, where they live, or how much money they have, can get the quality health care they need. At least half of the world’s population cannot obtain essential health services, according to a new report from the World Bank and WHO, and each year, large numbers of households are being pushed into poverty because they must pay for health care out of their own pockets. Currently, 800 million people spend at least 10 percent of their household budgets on health expenses for themselves, a sick child or other family member.

CNMF draft POLICY STATEMENTS

At the 22nd CNMF Biennial meeting of members held in London March 2016, a number of policy issues were debated and a decision made for the CNMF to develop policy statements on particular issues.

Three policy issues were discussed at the 22nd Biennial and the following statements were developed as an outcome of the debate and discussion. These policy statements will go to the 23rd CNMF Biennial meeting of members to be held March 2018 for endorsement.

Any comment on the policy statements can be forwarded to the CNMF Executive Secretary, Jill Iliffe (jill@commonwealthnurses.org).

POLICY STATEMENT ON NURSING AND MIDWIFERY WORK

The Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation supports the position that all workers providing nursing and midwifery care are part of the nursing and midwifery family: from novice to expert, from lower level cadre to higher level cadre. Position titles should include the words: nurse or nursing; midwife or midwifery so that the worker is clearly identified as being a part of the nursing and midwifery profession (for example registered nurse; enrolled nurse; nurse or nursing assistant; registered midwife; enrolled midwife; midwife or midwifery assistant). As all nurses and midwives work together as a team, delegating care to or between each other, in order to protect worker and client, all workers providing nursing and midwifery care should be educated within a nursing or midwifery faculty, and be regulated by a nursing and midwifery regulatory body.

POLICY STATEMENT ON PROFESSIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL COVERAGE FOR NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation endorses the position that all workers who are part of the nursing and midwifery family (however titled), and who provide nursing and midwifery care, should be eligible to be a part of, and be represented professionally and industrially by, an organisation that is led or governed by nurses and midwives who can provide input into and influence decisions made on their behalf.

POLICY STATEMENTS TO BE DEBATED AT THE 23RD CNMF BIENNIAL MEETING

There are two policy statements which will be debated at the 23rd CNMF Biennial Meeting March 2018:

- The relationship between nursing and midwifery,
- Continuing professional development for nurses and midwives.