



Annual Report 2006

Committee membership 2006

The Centre committee for 2006 was Maureen Ryan (chair), Dr Sandie Bredemeyer OAM, Hannah Dahlen, Shelley Reid (minutes secretary), Jan Polverino, Hala Phipps, Kate Griew, Kate Cheney, Marilena Pelosi, Mary Lantry, Kate White and Maureen Boughton.

Unfortunately Charlene Thornton's position as research midwife came to an end and she resigned from the Centre. We thank her for her participation and expertise and wish her well in the future.

Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, Sydney University appointments

Kate Griew was appointed Clinical Senior Lecturer, Midwifery.

Shelley Reid was appointed Clinical Senior Lecturer, Neonatal Nursing.

Visiting Fellow

The Centre agreed to nominate an internationally prominent Professor of Midwifery for the University of Sydney Short Term Visiting Collaborative Research Fellow Scheme, offered for the first time in 2006. Professor Tina Lavender from Liverpool, UK accepted the invitation in November and plans to visit mid 2007.

Centre Research Project

The Centre aims to undertake joint projects as well as assisting individual members in their various research projects. In October 2005 the health care company Baxter made a donation for the purpose of supporting a defined research project and it was agreed to undertake a project revolving around near-term babies managed on postnatal wards. This group of babies has special needs that so far are not well investigated. A study protocol was developed and named *Care Under Special Protocol* (CUSP). Two midwives were selected, Meredith Laylim and Wendy Faulkner, and work has commenced on data collection. Project is expected to complete in 2007

Inaugural Conference

The Centre had discussed holding a one-day conference, and with the confirmation of Professor Tina Lavender it was decided this was an ideal opportunity to launch an annual conference. Work on this project was to begin in early 2007.

Conference presentations 2006

NSW Lactation College Conference

5 August, Coogee, NSW

Mary Lantry

Confounding Consultancy Cases: Looking Beyond the Square

ANN 17th Annual Conference

27 – 28 October, 2006

Maureen Ryan, Sandie Bredemeyer, Cherie Desreux

Poster: Safe sleeping and the prevention of SIDS: the role of the midwife and nurse.

Sandie Bredemeyer, Ester Carman

Informed consent and perinatal research

Jan Polverino, Coralie Batchelor, Sandie Bredemeyer, Jane Davey, Shelley Reid

What neonatal nurses really think – ANN Survey

Publications 2006

Bredemeyer SL, Polverino JM (2006). Assessment of jaundice in the term infant – a clinical challenge: Part 1. *Neonatal, Paediatric and Child Health Nursing* 9:3, 15-20.

Collaborations

Faculty of Nursing, University of Sydney

The Heads of Agreement for Affiliation is now with the Dean of Nursing and Midwifery.

In 2006 Sandie Bredemeyer continued in her two-year part time Research Fellow position with the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Sydney.

RPA Nursing and Midwifery Research Advisory Group

Shelley Reid and Sandie Bredemeyer continue to represent the Centre at meetings and liaise between the two groups. Shelley Reid represented this group at the SSWAHS Research Advisory Council.

SSWAHS Research Advisory Council

Following Charlene Thornton's resignation, Shelley Reid represented the Centre on this council. Meetings were suspended after August as Professor Rhonda Griffiths was seconded to the School of Nursing at UWS until the end of the year.

Written by Shelley Reid on behalf of the RPA Women and Babies Centre for Midwifery & Nursing Research.