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Annual Report for ACDN Membership and Grants 2024:

Membership:

An advantage of belonging to the college is the ability to apply for funding for Professional Development activities. Belonging to the college also provides an opportunity to network, build relationships with other college members and keep up to date with current issues. Membership also provides the opportunity to be involved in having a voice in matters relating to diabetes in New Zealand.

Our current membership total sits at 411, as at 09/02/2024. This is an increase from 2023 where there were 391 members. Those who make up the ACDN membership include clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, practice nurses, community-based nurses, and Maori health providers.

NZNO are to generate membership reports on a fortnightly basis. It is the right and responsibility of the ACDN Memberships & Grants Coordinator to formally welcome new members to our college by way of email outlining who ACDN are, key places to locate information about the college and its activities, grant application information, meeting information, accreditation information, and newsletter information.

ACDN have experienced difficulties receiving timely membership reports, whereby months can occur between reports being received. ACDN do not have access to its current membership lists and are required to request an updated membership list as needed. ACDN would like increased information on its current members including ethnicity, workplace, and location to better understand our current members and needs. Delayed membership reports, and no access to membership lists or increased information remains a challenging aspect for the ACDN committee to fulfil its rights and responsibilities, as well as a barrier to future opportunities within the college.

Grants:

Professional Development Grants are available to assist members to maintain their knowledge and skills to better support people living with diabetes. Grants are awarded twice yearly with eligibility criteria available on our website. In the past, the annual amount available for grant payments has been \$6000.00 p.a, with an individual maximum allowance of \$750.00. Those who are successful grant recipients are required to provide a written report which may be published in the ACDN's newsletter "On Target". Recipients may also be invited to speak at an ACDN forum about what they have learned.

In 2023-2024, there were eight professional grants awarded assisting members to apply for accreditation/reaccreditation, as well as attend meetings with a diabetes focus such as diabetes prescribing meetings or attend meetings with the European association for the study of diabetes. This is a great increase from 2022-2023 whereby only three grants were awarded.

ACDN are proposing to develop a grant specific to Māori and Pacific nurses with diabetes focus, however this continues to be explored at present.

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