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I am a mental health nurse, currently employed as the Clinical Nurse Director, Mental Health and Addictions at Counties Manukau District Health Board.

I am fully committed to developing, growing and supporting the mental health and addiction nursing workforce in partnership with Māori Caucus, Te Ao Māramatanga. I have been an active member of the College in various roles since 2000.

I am the immediate past President and am currently involved in supporting the new President and Kaiwhakahaere in any ways they might want. I am supporting the credentialing work that the College is leading and also actively supporting the Equally Well agenda.

I can see that the direction of nursing in mental health is growing and evolving. I believe that the future is bright for nursing in this area with lots of opportunities to support people in their mental health recovery.

I have been nursing for 38 years, always in mental health. I believe in what the nursing profession offers, and am happy to still be of service to the National Board.