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## **INVESTMENT OF NEARLY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN NEONATAL NURSING TO REDUCE MORTALITY FOR SMALL AND SICK NEWBORNS**

[Yardley, PA, October 10] – The Council of International Neonatal Nurses, Inc. (COINN) received \$497,847.00 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support neonatal nurses and educators in low-income settings.

Supported by grant funding from the foundation, COINN will create a Community of Neonatal Nursing Practice (CoNP) to support the education of nurses caring for the small and sick newborn in countries in Africa. “This grant will provide funding for the development of a virtual CoNP where resources, toolkits, and lectures can be shared,” said Professor Carole Kenner, CEO of COINN.

The CoNP, which will be available to those interested in neonatal nursing care 2023, will be an open access platform with real-time virtual teaching and educational activities. “This novel digital interactive platform will allow the sharing of knowledge between nurses, midwives, neonatal educators, and policy makers and will improve neonatal care” said Professor Karen Walker, President of COINN

Neonatal nurses are integral to achieving reduction in mortality and morbidity for the small and sick newborn and to do this, they must have sufficient knowledge, education and resources.

COINN is a recognized global leader in neonatal nursing care and is committed to fostering excellence in neonatal nursing, promoting the development of neonatal nursing as a recognized global specialty, and improving healthcare outcomes. Grant support from the foundation will enable broader regional and international participation in addressing maternal and child health issues and allow the expansion of COINN’s work to improve the outcomes for the small and sick newborn and their families.