

## Digitizing Working Group Notes from Webex call on 24 July 2020 <a href="https://mcmaster.webex.com/meet/rise">https://mcmaster.webex.com/meet/rise</a>

Participating on call:	
Christopher Mavergames Alfonso Iorio Brian Alper Gabriel Rada Gord Dooley Jerry Osheroff Kevin Ojiambo  Secretariat: Anna Dion, David Tovey, Kaelan Moat and Safa Al-Khateeb	
1. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS	5 min
a. Review meeting notes from July 17 (see attachment 2)	
2. 'ENHANCE MY RIS FILE' PROJECT	40 min
<ul> <li>a. Debrief of demo case presentation for Synthesizing Working Group (see attachment 3 for the slide deck)</li> <li>Four from our group attended the presentation (Chris, Alfonso, David,</li> </ul>	
Gabriel)  In general, group felt the presentation went well, despite few questions (which	
<ul> <li>seemed like there was clarity around the presentation)</li> <li>The fact that the group was quiet could be seen as a positive, but also could be viewed as a negative (could be we're not delivering what they expected?)</li> <li>A few comments that were made that might be important <ul> <li>Consider if we need to be presenting to more technical side of the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
synthesis process  Probably important to engage information specialists as a 'bridge' between digitizing and syntehsizing (this will help us really understand whether this is useful for the synthesizing community)  From Jeremy:	
<ul> <li>Listing of Meta-Data in each of the repositories that could be useful and shared via RIS file pilot</li> <li>Clarifying and communicating for folks that the RIS file pilot to share meta data could be placed as a requirement into funding calls and would be very low cost</li> </ul>	

- David said that it could be that there are others that need to be engaged to help prioritize work, and as Chris mentioned, we just need people to test, try and give feedback as a way to help us understand where to go next. Next steps could be to further engage other portals to implement something similar.
- Chris noted that there are not many 'next steps' at this point, but will come out of this work
- Ongoing ACTION: Group to continue to think about other audiences (particularly information specialists) within own networks
- b. Discuss user case document (see attachment 4)
  - Kaelan described framing of user case under two broad categories: 1) comprehensive, whether it be for new reviews or updating existing reviews; 2) focused on the best possible evidence product
  - David and Alfonso made the case that you'd have people looking just for single studies, or just for guidelines/recommendations
  - Also have people looking for guidance or what other jurisdictions are doing – many people agree that this is important
  - Group discussed many different ways to adjust use cases
    - E.g., other use cases involve those 1) searching for primary studies vs. reviews (which may still require filter for comprehensive vs quality approach); and 2) searching for evidence products related to guidelines, recommendations, policy statement in different jurisdictions (produced following a robust process or not). Many guideline and guidance documents already included in repositories, however comprehensive search often requires additional hand searching
  - Other considerations were that perhaps we need to think beyond RIS, and David noted that Brian Alper is well-positioned to help with solutions, and as we continue to flesh out use cases and goals, we are in a much better position to keep identifying opportunities to add value
  - The 'use cases' document is going to be key for us to get on the same page with others outside of this group, the 'algorithm' document is where we likely need to roll up our sleeves and think about what is already being done, and importantly what else can be done to meet the needs of users, with input from all other folks on the call
  - Consider whether we find small 'wins' that can be easily implemented to show people that they need what we're offering
  - Brian noted that you don't need to have a visual/overview of ALL of the pieces that can work, you can start with one good functional piece, or ideally 3-4, our colleagues will get on board and be willing to buy in.
  - ACTION: Kaelan to add another consideration/nuance under the 'comprehensive' use case: those searching for existing reviews vs. those searching for single studies

o ACTION: Kaelan to add 'jurisdictional' scanners and guidelines	
groups (whehter robust or not)	
o ACTION: Kaelan to change last two columns: Supports for production	
and supports for dissemination/re-use	
o ACTION: Kaelan to add to the algorithm document need to prioritize	
tangible things (if not already included)	
• ACTION: Jerry to share ACTS site to the group for inspiration about	
how to frame our effort to think through our cool/Kaelan to sign up to	
get access otherwise	
3. DIGITAL SOLUTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN EVIDENCE	10 min
SYNTHESIS PROCESS	
a. Updates to existing or potential tools relevant to steps in synthesizing algorithm (see attachment 5)	
ACTION: Everyone to brainstorm next week about key industry ideas (e.g.,	
Kayak, Trivago) that provide inspiration for types of ideals that we could	
pursue as a group	
<ul> <li>Kaelan shared example of using existing digital tools (e.g. Distiller, Revman)</li> </ul>	
to pull in data from all other repositories through building on COKA's	
structure	
<ul> <li>Brian shared visual analogy of evolution of location services from print-digital- executable to computable, to demonstrate evolution of digitization space of</li> </ul>	
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4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	5 min
a. Reminder of adjusted summer meeting schedule, no partners meeting, co-chairs	
meeting or working group meetings scheduled for the weeks of:	
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August 31st - September 4th	
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