

Engaging Working Group Notes from the Microsoft Teams call on 8 September 2020

1. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS	5 min
a. Review previous notes and action items from meeting on August 25th (see attachment 2)	
• Group reviewed the previous meeting notes and ensured that the action items are completed	
2. UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT	5 min
a. Latest numbers (see attachment 3)	
 Currently into week 9 in which the subscriber numbers have gone up to 242 Update from Janine 	
 Currently working on developing a standard operating procedures document for the COVID-END account that outlines the roles and responsibilities for Janine, Safa and Newman 	
 Will begin to look at membership details (number and profile characterstics) and gather some topical ideas that are being discussed in the listserv 	
 Initial information of engagement and polished SOP document (which will be routinely updated as necessary) should be gathered by mid-September ACTION: Maureen and Laurenz to check in with Janine on a more regular basis 	
3. SEQUENCE OF CONFIRMED TOPICS	10 min
a. Week of Augsut 31: Evidence 2020	
b. Week of September 7: Open-access principles for synthesis publications (facilitator: Tamara Lotfi)	
Laurenz to check in with Tamara on whether this is still good to go (completed)	
c. Week of September 14: Living reviews and how to disseminate and support the use of COVID-19 reviews (facilitators: Jennifer Yost and Maureen Dobbins)	
 Group agreed that these dual topics should be separated out into two discussions 	
 Week of September 14 Living reviews (not just COVID-19 reviews) (facilitator: Jenny Yost) 	
Week of September 21: Critical appraisal and time stamping of living reviews (facilitators: Jenny Yost and Maureen Dobbins)	

4. SEQUENCE OF FUTURE TOPICS

15 min

- a. Suggestions for new topics/ideas for future weeks:
 - Time stamping based on date of search (i.e., how to address a fastmoving field) – this could likely best be addressed as part of the same discussion period as critical appraisal (above)
 - Critical appraisal has been neglected in previous discussions and is still critical to address.
 - Group agreed that critical appraisal <u>and</u> time stamping can be addressed as a separate topic but still within a discussion around living reviews
 - ii. Difference between expert opinion-based guidance and guidance developed using a robust process
 - Sandy raised the issue of long-COVID (e.g. emerging as a critical issue in the UK)
 - Group agreed that the topic of long-COVID can be added which can flow into a separate conversation on the implications and differences between expert opinion-based guidance and guidance in a fast-moving field (Maureen has reached out to Ivan and Per about leading a discussion on guidelines in mid-October)
 - Timing for these two topics are to be determined, potentially the week of September 28th
 - Group asked whether this is a worthwhile discussion for the Recommending WG to consider too?
 - iii. Rapid Response / review focused discussion (facilitator: Maureen Dobbins)
 - Group agreed to leave this topic until it can be decided when would be the best date to address
 - iv. Discussion on LMICs paper led by Scoping WG
 - v. Challenges (time delays, cost of updating) faced by translation of products into other languages (week of September 28th)
 - ACTION: To be added to the list: Dissemination of the living reviews is this within the Prioritizing and Packaging WG's scope that can be a listsery topic for a future date?

5. WEBINARS FOR THE COVID-END COMMUNITY

20 min

- a. Complementing the listserv with webinars targeting the COVID-END community (e.g., the presentation to the EViR webinar, a presentation about the key insights from the LMIC-focused paper)
- b. Frequency: Monthly
- c. Deciding on the first webinars and possible dates
 - Group decided that the first webinar to be scheduled for mid-end of September and to be on horizon scanning

- ACTION: Maureen to connect with Heather Bullock to see if horizon scanning can be a webinar topic, with the 2 panels (briefing note and insights) as a discussion point
- Timing: Potentially to be held at two times in one day, early morning and afternoon (EST)
- Group asked whether the webinar can be recorded and posted on the COVID-END website?
- Webinar topics for:
 - October: Living hub of hubs (maybe to be led by Cristian, liase with GESI on co-branding, and can be coordinated by Laurenz)
 - o November: Living reviews
- Janine's survey of membership engagement of the listserv could also help raise some topics for discussion in the webinar

d. Ideas for topics:

- Priority setting
- Horizon scanning
- Tour of the COVID-END website as well as introduction to the listserv
 - Question raised around whether this can include short-term visions and discussion around long-term visions of COVID-END?
- Living hub of hubs (either alone or co-branded with GESI) (for October)
- LMIC paper
- Global scene setting e.g., Steven Hoffman on the UN COVID Recovery Research agenda, Lancet commission
 - ACTION: Maureen to reach out to Steven to potentially include this early in 2021
- Planning the next evidence phase for the pandemic (articulating the need for curated, high quality living stock of reviews addressing key questions)
- A guide to COVID research resources for synthesis (we are beginning to map out the content coverage, strengths and weaknesses of the different evidence portals, etc.)
- Working group specific presentation

ACTION: Safa to re-post the updated list of ideas for topics on MS Teams

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5 min

No other business was raised