Engaging Working Group



Notes from call on 13 April 2021

1. INTRODUCTIONS

a. Laurenz welcomed a new citizen partner (Phil Collis) and another new working-group member (Zahra Saad) to the call.

2. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS

a. Laurenz walked working-group members through the previous meeting notes and action items (see attachment 2)

3. UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

a. Laurenz walked members through the update on listserv membership (see attachment 3)

4. SEQUENCE OF FUTURE TOPICS

- a. Confirmed topics:
 - Broadening beyond topics that are directly COVID-focused to address topics that move beyond COVID-19

Date: Week of 12 April Facilitator: Laurenz Langer

ii. Tips for using the inventory

Date: Week of 19 April Facilitator: David Tovey

- b. Suggestions for new topics/ideas for future weeks:
 - i. Series of topics related to the resources to support decision-making in general and then for each of them in detail (when and how to use each of them)

Date: TBD

Facilitator: Secretariat

- ii. How are people using evidence to address the COVID-19 evidence response, how would they do things better next, and how can we better support them next time Facilitator: TBD
- iii. Citizen engagement Phil had many ideas about links to other work underway
- iv. COVID-END anniversary reflection (possible linked to (ii)) John indicated that the secretariat would be happy to organize something
- v. Whether and how to incorporate 'old' COVID articles (e.g., from March) in evidence syntheses

Date: May

vi. Possible topics linked to queries for the COVID-END inventory from listsery members

vii. Possible topics coming from the co-chairs and partners calls

c. Delayed:

i. Duplication

Date: TBD in May

Facilitators: Lesley Stewart from PROSPERO and Cristian Mansilla from COVID-END

secretariat

d. Dropped:

i. How the 'knowledge can sit' with patients/citizens as much as with academics and others in an area of fast-moving science, with 'long COVID' of one examples

Date: TBD

Facilitator: Sandy Oliver

5. SEQUENCE OF FUTURE TOPICS

a. Upcoming list of webinar topics

ii. Tentative plan for Friday 23 April: Addressing COVID-19 Misinformation in Africa Facilitator: Laurenz Langer's colleagues at the Africa Centre for Evidence Action: Laurenz to start a conversation with Steve from McMaster

iii. Tentative plan for May: Whether and how to incorporate 'old' COVID articles (e.g., from March) in evidence syntheses

Facilitator: Maureen Dobbins

- iv. Tentative plan for June: Ideas for future topics: COVID-END anniversary reflection Facilitator: COVID-END secretariat
- v. Additional ideas
 - a. Global scene setting e.g., Steven Hoffman on the UN COVID Recovery Research agenda, Lancet commission
 - b. Mapping the content coverage, strengths and weaknesses of the different evidence portals, etc.) e.g. to be added to the next database/repositories group meeting agenda and who will lead the webinar
 - c. Working group specific presentation

ACTION: Safa to include a prompt for WG members to think about possible topics when sharing the notes.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. No other business