Engaging Working Group



Notes from call on 11 May 2021 Link: <u>Click here to join meeting</u>

1. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS

a. Maureen pointed working-group members to the previous meeting notes and action items (see attachment 2)

2. SEQUENCE OF FUTURE TOPICS

- a. Maureen and working-group members reviewed the
 - 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: TBD

- 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 Date: TBD
 - Facilitator: potentially David Tovey based on his summary of the Ravaud paper series (what was working well and what needed to be improved in the evidence ecosystem before COVID-19, with additional reflections on what got better and what became more challenging with COVID-19) **ACTION:** John to speak to David about willingness to facilitate this topic and if yes, timing
- i. How to engage citizen partners in rapid syntheses? (note that citizen partners could contribute to a webinar once they have participated in several ultra-rapid syntheses) Date: May 10

Facilitator: Maureen Smith

ACTION: Phil to pass along relevant resources to Maureen and Laurenz to decide what is relevant for the listsery and then post to the listsery

iii. Duplication

Date: To be booked one week in June

Facilitators: Lesley Stewart from PROSPERO (with or without Cristian Mansilla from COVID-END secretariat)

- b. Maureen and working-group members discussed the potential to have webinar facilitators address their webinar topics in listserv posts (possibly in the week following their webinars)— see list of facilitators in the next section
 - i. May COVID-END anniversary reflections June 7
 - ii. June Whether and how to incorporate 'old' COVID articles (e.g., from March) in evidence syntheses
 - i. July Where are the most pressing gaps in living evidence syntheses to address COVID-19
 - iii. September Portals for best evidence about COVID-19
 - iv. October National lessons learned

- c. Suggestions for new topics/ideas for future weeks:
 - i. What constitutes a living evidence synthesis (or what parameters of living evidence syntheses that should be explicitly documented)?
 - ii. How to approach the quick and clean enough appraisal of guidelines?
 - iii. How to fill the gap left between what existing evidence syntheses are addressing and what decision-makers are asking?
 - iv. Possible topics linked to queries for the COVID-END inventory from listserv members
 - v. Possible topics coming from the co-chairs and partners calls

3. SEQUENCE OF FUTURE TOPICS

- a. Upcoming list of webinar topics
- b. Tentative plan for May: COVID-END anniversary reflections:

Facilitator: COVID-END secretariat

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

Facilitator: Maureen Dobbins

- d. Global scene setting e.g., Steven Hoffman on the UN COVID Recovery Research agenda; someone from the Lancet COVID-19 Commission
- *** Note that August is a COVID-END quiet month ***
- i. Tentative plan for September: Portals for best evidence about COVID-19 Facilitators: Ruth Stewart and Holger Schunemann, co-chairs of the Accessing working group
 - ii. Tentative plan for October: National lessons learned e.g., Canadian and South Africa reports planned for September

Facilitators: TBD

- iii. Ideas for future topics:
- e. Back up plan for July: Where are the most pressing gaps in living evidence syntheses to address COVID-19

Facilitator: Ruth McQuillan and Jorge Barreto, co-chairs of the Prioritizing working group

f. Working group specific presentation

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. No other business