



COVID-END partners coordination call

Notes from 30 July 2020

<https://zoom.us/j/6163788736>

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. *Jeremy welcomed two new participants in the partner calls*
 - i. *Maureen Smith, who has a long-standing history of consumer involvement in primary research and in evidence synthesis (and is chair of the Cochrane Consumer Executive) and provided a compelling rationale for consumer involvement in the COVID-19 response (including COVID-END)*
 - ii. *Janine Mitchell, who will draw on her decade-plus work in sub-Saharan Africa in supporting the COVID-END Community, particularly its listserv*

2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- a. *Jeremy pointed partners to four documents:*
 - i. *COVID-END partners list (see attachment 2)*
 - ii. *Review partner notes from July 23th (see attachment 3)*
 - iii. *Review co-chairs meeting notes from July 28st (see attachment 4)*
 - iv. *Review action items tracker (see attachment 5)*

3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES

- a. *John provided a de-brief from first horizon-scanning meeting, noting in particular that:*
 - i. *pre-circulated briefing note identified six potential priority 'health' issues and six potential priority 'economic and social' issues based on a review of horizon-scanning work being done by other groups around the world and COVID-END's own review of documents and websites*
 - ii. *more than 20 individuals participated in the call and we will now begin to follow-up with invitees from whom we've not yet received a response*
 - iii. *we have committed to provide a thematic summary of the call within three business days, so partners can access both the briefing note and thematic summary on the COVID-END website by early next week*
 - iv. **ACTION:** Anna to include the updated 'quick view' of confirmed and invited panelists along with the notes from this meeting at next partners meeting in August
- b. *Newman gave a presentation about current membership of the COVID-END Community (see attachment 6)*
 - i. *Listserv has 148 participants; 27 partners represented*
 - ii. *Majority from academic institutions, but also many NGO's and governmental organizations*
 - iii. *All WHO regions covered, with biggest participation among those in the European Region, followed by the Americas*

- c. Jeremy noted that he and John will be giving a presentation to the Enhancing Value in Research (EViR) funders forum, that the slide deck was included in the meeting materials (see attachment 7), and that registration remains open ([register here](#)) for the webinar today at 9:30-11:00am EDT*
- i. ACTION: Anna to share a recording of the webinar if one is made available*
- d. Jeremy noted that we will be working with Maureen Smith, Richard Morley and others about engagement with consumer groups*

4. UPDATE FROM SCOPING WORKING GROUP

- a. Ruth Stewart provided a presentation about the draft commentary on supporting evidence informed decision-making for COVID-19 in low- and middle-income countries (see attachment 9)*

5. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

- a. Jeremy noted the upcoming Evidence Synthesis Ireland webinar: [Engagement of Key Stakeholders in Evidence Synthesis](#) with Nancy Santesso of Cochrane and GRADE; webinar will be recorded and available on the website.
DATE: Tuesday August 11th
TIME: 2:00-3:00pm BST*
- b. Tamara Kredo noted that there is a planned GIN webinar: “Global guidance and local application during the COVID-19 pandemic: Best practice for adaptation of guidelines”
DATE: Wednesday 19 August
TIME: 14:00-15.30 BST*

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Jeremy reminded partners that no regularly scheduled COVID-END meetings (partners meeting, co-chairs or working group meetings) are scheduled for next week*