**COVID-END partners coordination call**
*Notes from 17 September 2020*
*https://zoom.us/j/6163788736*

1. **INTRODUCTIONS**

   a. *Jeremy welcomed a new participant: Janet Curran, School of Nursing, Dalhouse University, who is (along with George Wells) replace Andrea Tricco, as the partner representative for the SPOR Evidence Alliance, and who is also involved in the Joanna Briggs Institute*

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

   a. *Jeremy pointed partners to the partner notes from 10 September 2020 (see attachment 2)*

3. **COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES**

   a. *Jeremy noted that the COVID-END article in the Cochrane supplement has been accepted (see attachment 3)*
   b. **ACTION: Partners to check that we have the right name of your organization (as a partner in COVID-END), provide the right URL for the organization, check that we have the right details about each of you as an individual member of the authorship group, and flag any conflicts of interest that should be declared**
   c. *Jeremy suggested that in future COVID-END members restrict their comments to 'red flags' that are critical to edit (and not spend lots of time providing detailed wordsmithing)*
   d. *Jeremy noted that this was a test run of the authorship policy and invited comments on the policy*
      i. *Several partners noted that they find the authorship policy to be fair*
      ii. *Sally noted we need to clearly differentiate between two different intentions: 1) declining authorship based on a contribution we don't think is sufficient for authorship; and 2) declining authorship because we don't feel we can be accountable for the paper- quite different intentions (and Jeremy indicated he would follow up about this with Sally, and Sandy noted that the latter intention may mean we disagree with the paper's content and could suggest there are still important issues to discuss either before publication of a particular paper)*
   e. **ACTION: Partners to review the authorship policy before the next meeting and be prepared to flag any final changes to the working version that we will use going forward**

4. **UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS**

   a. *Updates and inter-working group collaboration opportunities*
      i. *Scoping – Jeremy had no significant updates*

ii. *Engaging* – *Maureen noted that the working group has not had a meeting since the last partner meeting, that she and Laurenz have met with Janine who will be playing a more active role in supporting the listserv, and that they have now planned another month of topics with accompanying facilitators*

iii. *Digitizing* – *Linn noted that they continue to work on the list of databases about COVID-19 evidence, and can accommodate a full range of digital tools (such as any options for automotation of data extraction to support efforts like the identification of 'best evidence syntheses' for the COVID-END inventory)*

iv. *Synthesizing* – *David noted that the working group has: 1) begun reviewing the interactive flow diagram and accompanying resources to identify updates that need to be made (e.g., equity) and welcome input from partners (e.g., Tamara suggested adding EviAtlas and Sysrev); 2) recently met with the equity sub-group to discuss synergies, 3) been discussing (along with the Recommending working group) work on core outcomes sets; and 4) is reviewing meeting times and planning additional joint meetings with other working groups*

v. *Recommending* – *Anna noted that the working group: 1) discussed the presentations by John about the COVID-END inventory and by Yasser about his guidelines quality study; and 2) continues working on the resources for guideline developers*

vi. *Prioritizing and packaging* – *Jeremy noted (in Ben's absence) that the working group will be returning to partners with revised terms of reference*

vii. *Sustaining* – *Jeremy noted that partners should have received the baseline assessment of what partners do*
**ACTION: Partners to check their emails to confirm they received the email and to review the assessment of their organizations and provide corrections or updates as needed (by Tuesday 22 September)**
**ACTION: John to notify the secretariat which partners noted in the chat box that they had not received the email invitation**

## 5. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

a. *Jeremy noted that his group ([https://covid-acts.ahrq.gov/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=17035175](https://covid-acts.ahrq.gov/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=17035175)) continues to advance their work on supporting the transfer of computable data from evidence syntheses to guidelines to decision support, and COVID-19 testing and triage (in ambulatory and emergency department settings) and anti-coagulation, and welcomes expressions of interest from those interested in contributing to this work*

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. *No other business*