

COVID-END global partners meeting
Notes from 3 March 2022

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Jeremy welcomed colleagues, Mike Wilson (McMaster) and Jean-Louis Denis and Samia Chreim (University of Montreal and University of Ottawa), who will be presenting later in the meeting

2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS

- a. Jeremy pointed partners to the partner notes from 2 February

3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES

- a. John provided a brief update on the Evidence Commission – see attached slides – including efforts to align our efforts with the synergistic recommendations from Cochrane Convenes and the WHO EVIPNet call for action

ACTION: Partners to consider filling in or updating their existing text in the “[ways you can help](#)” sign-up sheet

Maureen Smith provided an update on her and others’ efforts to support action based on the citizen-targeted recommendation from the Evidence Commission

ACTION: Partners to email Maureen (maureen.smith@rogers.com) and the Evidence Commission secretariat (evidencecommission@mcmaster.ca) with suggestions of civil-society groups and citizen leaders who can help with this work

- b. Mike Wilson gave a presentation about plans for rapid country assessments and for a newly funded COVID-19 evidence-response study

ACTION: Partners to consider whether they would be interested in leading or contributing to a rapid jurisdictional assessment in their country or province/state – see attached slides – and, if so, notify Mike (wilson2@mcmaster.ca)

- c. Jean-Louis Denis and Samia Chreim gave a presentation on findings from their evaluation of communities of practice, including COVID-END – see attached slides

John noted that it’s very interesting to be on the side of being studied rather than studying others -- and how important it will be key to build on these insights as we think about ideal organizational forms to address a range of societal challenges going forward (as Alfonso has said, we can't just rely on groups naturally coming together to reduce duplication, enhance coordination, etc.). He also noted that it would be great if one day the same approach could be applied to COVID-END in Canada, which involves a (largely) different set of organizations, a different set of activities, a much narrower geographic scope, etc.

Maureen Smith noted that it would be interesting to have some information on “unlikely” partners like citizens and how they fit in.

ACTION: Partners who missed the call to consider reviewing the attached slides and providing feedback to the research team (via jean-louis.denis@umontreal.ca) and ideas about how COVID-END can support action based on the insights to the COVID-END secretariat (covidend@mcmaster.ca).

ACTION: COVID-END | Evidence Commission secretariat to organize a meeting with Jean-Louis, Samia and others to talk through how COVID-END can support action based on their insights

4. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

- a. Claire Allen noted that Evidence Aid is responding to the Ukraine crisis by updating its collection of evidence of refugees: <https://evidenceaid.org/evidence/health-of-refugees-and-asylum-seekers/>.

ACTION: Partners to email Claire at callen@evidenceaid.org if they can help with an editorial role (finalizing summaries), a checking role (for draft summaries) or as a member of a small advisory group.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. No other business