

**Sustaining Working Group** Notes from Webex call on 13 May 2020 https://mcmaster.webex.com/meet/rise

1. INTRODUCTIONS		5 min
i. He	<ul> <li>a. Welcoming working group members</li> <li>i. Heather Husson, National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools (NCCMT), Canada</li> </ul>	
2. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS		20 min
a. Revi	sed terms of reference (see attachment 2)	
<ul> <li>Discussion regarding the role of funders (ToR point #5)</li> <li>COVID-END will not speak for, or take the place of, individual organizations and their relationships with funders</li> <li>Focus will be on learning from funders how we can position an optimized evidence ecosystem using COVID-END as a demonstration case</li> <li>We could seek 'friendly funders' that would be willing to share the wisdom of how funders think and that we could bounce ideas off of</li> <li>Need nuance on this ToR in terms of specifying: 1) short-term goal that is about support for COVID-END activities and 2) long-term goal of support for an integrated evidence ecosystem</li> <li>Could aim to get COVID-END on the agenda for HIRU (global collaboration of research funders)</li> <li>ACTION: Heather to do the notes and take a first stab at integrating feedback on ToR item 5 and send it to co-chairs</li> </ul>		
	SSION ON ACTIVITIES	15 min
O	c model for COVID-END	
C	ecosystem Could be helpful to have two versions: 1) COVID-END and 2) Ecosystem w COVID-END embedded in it	

**ACTION:** Heather and Jeremy to work on it this week, and share with co-chairs and Scoping group Baseline data collection i. Supporting the conduct of a small qualitative research study (document analysis, website scan and qualitative interviews) for the Sustaining working group that explores the evolution of work that has occurred in the evidence ecosystem (COVID-END members) from prior to COVID-19 to present Social network analysis **ACTION:** Jeremy to reach out the Jean Louis Denis (Montreal) **ACTION:** Heather H to send info on SNA that was done for NCCMT by postdoc student ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS 15 min Discussing questions brought up by Digitizing working group i. What do you see as the biggest blocker to your work right now? ii. What is your biggest technical blocker? b. Any additional organizations that are currently supporting decision-makers from list shared by Engaging working group ii. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Evidence-based Practice Centers iii. Africa Evidence Network, which includes groups like: • Africa Centre for Evidence, University of Johannesburg • Centre for Rapid Evidence Synthesis, Makerere University iv. Centre for Learning and Evaluation Results v. Cochrane Geographic Groups: • Cochrane US Network (4 EPCs are members) vi. Collaboration for Environmental Evidence vii. Evidence Aid (UK) viii. EVIPNet ix. National Collaborating Centres +/- SPOR Support Units (Canada) x. What Works Centres (UK), which includes groups like: Education Endowment Initiative xi. Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI) Deferred to next meeting

5 min

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**