

Sustaining Working Group Notes from Webex call on 20 May 2020 https://mcmaster.webex.com/meet/rise

1. INTRODUCTIONS	2 min
a. Welcoming working group members (if applicable)	
2. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS	10 min
a. Revised terms of reference (see attachment 2)	
• After much discussion there was not consensus on a goal statement	
• Group liked the framing of the former goal statement as starting from the perspective of the evidence ecosystem but liked the clarity of the second in terms of teasing out role with respect to COVID-END and broader ecosystem	
ACTION: David and Heather will work to refine wording of purpose statement and bring it to the next meeting	
• Group suggested that it would be helpful for each group to produce a "Goals" statement as this would support evaluation	
ACTION: Heather and Jeremy will bring this suggestion back to the Secretariat and raise at a future co-chairs meeting	
• Changes to TOR item #5 was discussed	
• Group preferred the original language with the term "funders" changed to "stakeholders"	
ACTION: Heather to revise ToR item 5 according to feedback	
3. DISCUSSION ON ACTIVITIES	30 min
a. Logic model for COVID-END (see attachment 4)	50 1111
• Agreement that this logic model should focus on COVID-END	
 Group felt that a bigger ecosystem logic model or visual would be important as well so that everyone "gets" the big picture and how things related to one another 	
 Suggestion to add more "pull" framing to the model (right now it reads as "push") 	
• Overall group felt it was shaping up nicely and we should aim for "good enough"	

	CTION: Revised draft logic model to be shared with partners on call tomorrow	
b.	Social network analysis (see attachments 5, 6, 7 shared by Heather Husson)	
•	Need to consider how to get this piece of work going	
•	SNA one part of a richer set of data that we want to collect	
•	Try to do a baseline in the next few weeks	
•	What is the target audience of COVID-END – could we do a needs assessment?	
•	Need to be careful about the burden being placed on COVID-END partner organizations in terms of asking for input, etc.	
•	We could explore how partner organizations dramatically switched, almost on a	
	dime, to start to address COVID-19 needs, including reason for need for COVID-END and why the partners saw value in this	
•	Does this need ethics approval? Go for REB that will be most sympathetic for	
	what we are trying to achieve and that will understand the relative risk, frame it as	
	quality improvement and ask for a note/email confirming that we do not need	
	REB or alternatively, that we can get expedited approval	
•	ACTION: Jeremy will explore this through Ottawa REB	
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	Initiative – contacts: Ruth Stewart or Patrick Okwen (for EEI)	
xix.	What Works Centres (UK), which includes groups like Education Endowment	
	SPOR Support Units (Canada) – contact: Andrea Tricco	
	Ludovic Reveiz	
xvii.	Red de Evaluación de Tecnologías en Salud de las Américas (RedETSA) – contact:	
	National Collaborating Centres (Canada) - contact: Maureen Dobbins	
	TBD	
XV.	International Association of Health Technology Assessment Agencies - contact:	
xiv.	Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) – contact: Lucy Henry, HTAi	
	contacts: Per-Olav Vandvik and Zachary Munn	
	Guidelines International Network (GIN), including its regional sub-networks -	
xii.	Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI) – contacts: Tamara Loutfi and Elie Akl	
	Reveiz	
	Evidence-Informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) – contacts: John Lavis and Ludovic	
х.	Evidence Aid – contact: Ben Heaven-Taylor	
	Claudia Wild, Austrian HTA agency	
ix.	European Network for Health Technology Assessment (EUnetHTA) – contact:	
,	for Evidence	
V111.	Collaboration for Environmental Evidence – contact: Ruth Stewart, Africa Centre	
, 11.	members) – contact: Sylvia de Haan	
V11	Cochrane Geographic Groups, including Cochrane US Network (4 EPCs are	