Action items from the Advocating Working Group meeting of 2 June 2021

1. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTIONS ITEMS
   a. Review notes and action items from previous Advocating WG meeting - attachment 2
      • Jenn to circulate the description of report chapters
      • Jeremy to provide input from the Sustaining Working Group
      • Jenn to circulate the revised four-page backgrounder

2. GLOBAL COMMISSION (update)
   a. clarification on role of advisors (carried over from last meeting):
      o who:
         - well-positioned members of different types of decision makers
         - staff of or advisors to networks on the evidence demand side
         - staff of or advisors to networks on the evidence supply side
         - staff of or advisors to international agencies that also act as evidence intermediaries
         - staff of or advisors to national or international agencies that provide windows to key societal challenges
      o engagement:
         - as volunteers, being solicited for specific advice, interaction in the form of quick individual calls
         - acknowledged on website with the specific affiliation that most closely relates to the scope of our work
   b. commissioners RSVPs - attachment 3
      • seven commissioners confirmed to date; alternates identified and invited for those who declined
   c. testimonials
      • the secretariat is contacting individuals to collect testimonials from representatives of key groups, and from prominent individuals, about their strong interest in the work of the commission, and plans to post them in the four-pager and on the website (in addition, quotes from other commissions will be used for the same purpose)
   d. partnerships
      • the secretariat is putting together a two-page document to be used with individual partners, to describe benefits, engagement opportunities

3. COCHRANE CONVENES - (update & discussion)
   a. Cochrane Convenes Advisory group - attachment 4
      i. first set of potential members to be approached (in bold on the list attached)
      ii. any further input would be welcome
         • consider representation from industry and/or innovation in the broader sense
         • consider representation from perspectives such as behavioural health;
   b. Cochrane Convenes themes update – attachment 5
      • Sylvia walked participants through a set of slides outlining the framework and the themes being planned for the two-day event
      • Feedback from participants included:
         o for the ‘evidence production by existing structures’, add ‘new’ (so existing and new structures)
         o consider emphasizing the implementation aspect
         o opportunity to talk about the human emotional connection related to recovery (but be mindful that the ‘re’ words (REwork, RESet, REimagine, Redesign) may not necessarily be received positively by everyone
         o work towards human aspect but evidence and articulated from the point of view of citizens (similar to this example from WHO)
4. **COLLABORATION in PLANNING** (discussion)

   a. Timelines for Evidence Commission and Cochrane Convenes
      i. discuss interdependencies and key planning milestones
         • bring to the next meeting
   
   b. Special session of the World Health Assembly end of November/ beginning of December
      • the special session will take place between 29 November and 1 December 2021 and may be an opportunity for a brief statement about the work of the Evidence Commission

   c. Joint approach of key stakeholders (advisors, partners, funders)
      • bring to the next meeting

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

   a. Any other items not captured above
   
   b. Action items and next steps
   
   c. Reminder of upcoming WG meeting on Wednesday 7 July 2021
      • In the meantime, planning staff will keep working together and communicating by email.