

Meeting of steering committee
Annotated agenda* for 21 September 2021
*(*this agenda is attachment 1 in the meeting package)*

0. Review action items from last meeting and today's agenda	Action items from last meeting - see attachment 2 - all addressed or in progress Other agenda items for today? (key items are in yellow cells)	1 min
OVERALL PROJECT REVIEW		
1. Project progress		
Status overview <i>2.5 months to go on the current grant</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80+ products completed to date Status of conversations with CIHR and PHAC about potentially continuing support for COVID-END in Canada 	5 min
2. Legacy planning		
Evidence Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update about the Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges 	10 min
COVID-END in Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario asset map expected in September, which could be a prototype for a national asset map 	2 min
STANDING ITEMS	Topic (change to 'Notes and actions' in action items doc)	
A) Activity streams		
3. New or updated syntheses		
Intake and prioritization <i>(includes intake for living docs)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of requests and completed products <i>(including plain language summaries)</i> 	5 min
Rapid evidence profiles (REPs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above 	
Rapid evidence syntheses (RSs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above 	
Plain language summaries <i>(includes summaries for living documents below)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing well, in collaboration with citizen partners. Plain language summaries available through the scan evidence products link in the 'resources for decisionmakers' section (and plans underway for additional dedicated page) 	
4. Living evidence syntheses		
Living evidence profiles (LEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above 	
Living evidence syntheses (LES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living behavioural sciences documents funded by PHAC (see link above) 	
5. Inventory of 'best evidence syntheses'		
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10,564 syntheses from high-quality/high-yield sources → 8,008 non-duplicate syntheses → 5,251 decision-relevant syntheses → 556 'best' evidence syntheses (updated 16 September) Additional fields for equity considerations being planned 	
Searchable database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A full database of syntheses from around the world powers the inventory, and it will soon be available in searchable form 	
Inventory spotlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian (see below) and global inventory spotlights 	
6. Evidence-demand coordination		
Canadian Public Health Network (SAC and TAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content from our spotlights is being included in the weekly evidence summary being distributed to all SAC members 	
Other PHAC (e.g., Chief Science Officer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular communications 	
Other federal government Provincial and territorial governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat continues to reach out to government contacts with three calls to action: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> sign-up for the twice-a-month email updates submit a request using the online form (for questions from high-level decision makers) use the COVID-END inventory when looking for the best global evidence and reminders to use the COVID-END website for additional resources 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinars (and presentations) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinars and presentations conducted since the last steering committee meeting (full roster for COVID-END in Canada can be found here: webinars, presentations) • Upcoming: An introduction to economic modelling in the context of HTA (21 September) 	
7. Horizon scanning		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjustments to existing process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizon scans are published once a month and include a briefing note about emerging issues, and a panel summary about priority issues for Canada. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian panel membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 Canadian horizon scanning panel members; three meetings completed (28 April, 26 May, 28 July), two more provisionally scheduled (29 September, 27 October) • Many Canadian members observing the global horizon scanning panel meeting 	
8. Evidence-supply coordination		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence-synthesis teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly meeting of the evidence-synthesis teams (two completed: 29 March, 22 June), and two more provisionally scheduled (27 September, 22 November) • The 'Resources for researchers' webpage has been further enhanced 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian synthesis spotlights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian spotlights can be accessed here 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder to subscribe here (and encourage others to do the same) to the Canadian COVID-19 email update, which provides three types of products from COVID-END in Canada: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian spotlights, • global spotlights, and • horizon scans • Distribution also through partner newsletters, websites, and social media • Plans underway for citizen-focused social media communications (see below) 	
B) Cross-cutting		
1. Citizen partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project with the COVID-END global Prioritizing working group (includes creating documents for citizen engagement targeted to specific review which may be transferable to Canadian reviews) • Website and social media project underway 'for the public' • We have 20 citizen partners who are trained and available to partner with research teams and can provide input into framing the question, feedback on the syntheses, perspectives from their lived experiences, and to support the preparation of plain language summaries and infographics. • Reminder that resources are available to researchers for engaging citizens. • Increased efforts to improve citizen engagement with evidence synthesis teams, and to acknowledge citizen engagement visibly. 	2 min
2. Indigenous peoples engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans underway to connect with five teams who received CIHR funding for knowledge syntheses, and to collaborate with CoVaRR's Indigenous reach and groups such as the Indigenous Primary Health Care and Policy Research (IPHCP) Network based in AB. • Also, advisors identified through the evidence commission work 	
3. Website and communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources for Canadians section of the COVID-END site • Citizen-focused content added, and a separate page being planned to facilitate direct access to plain language summaries 	
4. Measuring impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
OTHER BUSINESS / ARISING ISSUES		
1. Round table: relevant initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief updates about other relevant initiatives underway in Canada 	5 min
2. Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed approach to keep in touch with Steering Committee, Collaborators and Evidence Synthesis teams for the remaining duration of the current project (to end of November) - potentially replace meetings with email updates 	2 min

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(Last updated 20 September 2021)

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