COVID-END partners coordination call
Notes from 30 July 2020
https://zoom.us/j/6163788736

1. INTRODUCTIONS
   a. Jeremy welcomed two new participants in the partner calls
      i. Maureen Smith, who has a long-standing history of consumer involvement in primary research and in evidence synthesis (and is chair of the Cochrane Consumer Executive) and provided a compelling rationale for consumer involvement in the COVID-19 response (including COVID-END)
      ii. Janine Mitchell, who will draw on her decade-plus work in sub-Saharan Africa in supporting the COVID-END Community, particularly its listserv

2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
   a. Jeremy pointed partners to four documents:
      i. COVID-END partners list (see attachment 2)
      ii. Review partner notes from July 23th (see attachment 3)
      iii. Review co-chairs meeting notes from July 28st (see attachment 4)
      iv. Review action items tracker (see attachment 5)

3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES
   a. John provided a de-brief from first horizon-scanning meeting, noting in particular that:
      i. pre-circulated briefing note identified six potential priority ‘health’ issues and six potential priority ‘economic and social’ issues based on a review of horizon-scanning work being done by other groups around the world and COVID-END’s own review of documents and websites
      ii. more than 20 individuals participated in the call and we will now begin to follow-up with invitees from whom we’ve not yet received a response
      iii. we have committed to provide a thematic summary of the call within three business days, so partners can access both the briefing note and thematic summary on the COVID-END website by early next week
      iv. ACTION: Anna to include the updated ‘quick view’ of confirmed and invited panelists along with the notes from this meeting at next partners meeting in August
   b. Newman gave a presentation about current membership of the COVID-END Community (see attachment 6)
      i. Listserv has 148 participants; 27 partners represented
      ii. Majority from academic institutions, but also many NGO’s and governmental organizations
      iii. All WHO regions covered, with biggest participation among those in the European Region, followed by the Americas
c. **Jeremy noted that he and John will be giving a presentation to the Enhancing Value in Research (EViR) funders forum, that the slide deck was included in the meeting materials (see attachment 7), and that registration remains open** (**register here**) **for the webinar today at 9:30-11:00am EDT**
   i. **ACTION:** Anna to share a recording of the webinar if one is made available

d. **Jeremy noted that we will be working with Maureen Smith, Richard Morley and others about engagement with consumer groups**

4. **UPDATE FROM SCOPIING WORKING GROUP**
   
a. **Ruth Stewart provided a presentation about the draft commentary on supporting evidence informed decision-making for COVID-19 in low- and middle-income countries** (see attachment 9)

5. **NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS**
   
a. **Jeremy noted the upcoming Evidence Synthesis Ireland webinar:** *Engagement of Key Stakeholders in Evidence Synthesis* with Nancy Santesso of Cochrane and GRADE; webinar will be recorded and available on the website.
   
   **DATE:** Tuesday August 11th
   
   **TIME:** 2:00-3:00pm BST

   b. **Tamara Kredo noted that there is a planned GIN webinar:** “Global guidance and local application during the COVID-19 pandemic: Best practice for adaptation of guidelines”
   
   **DATE:** Wednesday 19 August
   
   **TIME:** 14:00-15:30 BST

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
   
a. **Jeremy reminded partners that no regularly scheduled COVID-END meetings (partners meeting, co-chairs or working group meetings) are scheduled for next week**