COVID-END partners coordination call
Notes from 22 October 2020
https://zoom.us/j/6163788736

1. INTRODUCTIONS
   a. Jeremy welcomed a new partner: Margaret Sampson, Librarian Reserve Corps

2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS
   a. Jeremy pointed partners to the notes from 8 October (see attachment 2), and noted in particularly:
      i. need to follow-up with those who indicated they could connect us to citizen groups
      ii. small number partners have not yet responded to the survey

3. ENGAGING WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION
   a. Maureen Dobbins and Janine Mitchell presented on behalf of the Engaging working group
      i. Listserv membership has grown to 284 members, with 3-7 new members joining per week
      ii. Membership survey results
         1) 33% response rate
         2) Most well represented groups are academic organizations (33%) and government departments (21%)
         3) Most well represented regions are PAHO, AFRO and then EURO
         4) Most are very experienced (25%) or experienced (35%)
         5) Most heard about the COVID-END community from a professional contact (46%)
         6) Professional roles span the gamut of scopes covered by the COVID-END working groups, with some clustering in recommending and packaging (although there is some differentiation of roles by region)
         7) Topics of interest are diverse but with public-health measures of most interest across the four parts of the COVID-END taxonomy and with evidence synthesis of most interest among evidence-related roles
      iii. Interesting list of past and future discussion topics
      iv. Lessons learned
         1) Keep posts short
         2) Seek input from others / ask how others do this work
         3) Increased posting of information items
         4) OK for members to observe only (as opposed to post)
         5) No spamming or tricky behaviour occurred
         6) JISC isn't perfect but is fit-for-purpose
         7) Majority of members have heard about the listserv through a professional contact, which may suggest members are happy with the listserv and promoting it as a result
v. Challenges
   1) Ongoing identification of new discussion topics
   2) Identification and coordination of topic facilitators
   3) Growth of membership has slowed over past month
   4) Facilitating membership among decision-makers
   5) Encouraging members to initiate discussions

vi. Webinars
   1) One conducted (living hub of hubs) and three planned (horizon scanning on 4 December, tour of website in December, and citizen access to evidence in January)
   2) Have a list of potential future topics

vii. Next steps
   1) Implement findings from member survey
   2) Develop communication plan for membership
   3) Identify indicators of success for listserv and webinars
   4) Assess impact

viii. ACTION: Partners to consider joining the listserv and promoting it with their networks and provide any reflections and suggestions to Maureen and Laurenz

4. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES

a. The Lancet commentary
   i. Ruth noted that the commentary has now been published
   ii. She also noted that the group is working on a longer paper

b. Other papers
   i. Jeremy noted that the Cochrane paper will be published in November (likely later in the month)
   ii. Jeremy also noted that the proposed Lancet commentary, being written in conjunction with Cochrane and WHO's ECC-19 network, will be ready for partner input in the coming weeks

c. Living hub of knowledge hubs
   i. Laurenz described the progress with the living hub and John shared his screen to demonstrate the enhanced functionality

d. Key projects:
   i. Inventory – John provided an overview of the flow chart demonstrating progress in building the inventory
      1) 2,790 reviews harvested
      2) 2,158 reviews eligible for assessment after 618 duplicates removed
      3) 970 reviews assessed and included in the full database
      4) 119 reviews assessed and included in the inventory
      5) 276 rapid reviews and 2,143 protocols remain to be assessed
   ii. Horizon scanning – John noted that we have had three panel meetings and are gearing up for our fourth panel next week
### iii. Priority topics and opportunities for new synthesis development – John shared the current list of priority topics for living evidence syntheses as well as the key considerations for teams considering responding to these priorities

### iv. ACTION: John to share the slides for priority topics *(done)*

### 5. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

   a. *Nikita Burke presented highlights from Evidence Synthesis Ireland’s Priority III study: setting priorities for rapid review research*

   b. **ACTION:** Partners to consider responding to the survey - for more information, link [here](#)

### 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

   a. *No other business*