

COVID-END Coordination Meeting

Notes from Zoom call on 20 April 2020

<https://zoom.us/j/6163788736>

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Welcoming new collaborators (see 'participants' attachment)
 - i. From organizations not previously represented on calls
 1. David Tovey (daviditovey@gmail.com) who is semi-retired and supporting COVID-NMA and Evidence Aid (UK)
 2. Gabriel Rada (radagabriel@gmail.com) from Epistemonikos (Chile)
 3. Isabelle Boutron (isabelle.boutron@aphp.fr) and Philippe Ravaud (philipperavaud@gmail.com) from COVID-NMA (France)
 4. Jeff Knezovich from the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (Switzerland)
 5. Per-Olav Vandvik (per@magicproject.org) and Linn Brandt (brandtlinn@gmail.com) from MAGICapp (Norway)
 6. Taryn Young (tyoung@sun.ac.za) and Tamara Kredo (tamara.kredo@mrc.ac.za) from South Africa
 7. Vivian Welch (vwelch@campbellcollaboration.org)
 - ii. From organizations previously represented on calls
 1. Ruth Stewart from the Africa Centre for Evidence (South Africa)
 2. Emmanuel Kamga from eBASE Africa (Cameroon)

2. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS

- a. See attached notes from the meeting on 13 April 2020

3. DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NAME AND LOGO

- a. Confirmed COVID-**END** as the name of the initiative and option 6 for the logo, and the additional steps being taken to further differentiate it from Julian Elliott's initiative, Covidence:
 - i. it will always be written in all caps (COVID-END), not sentence case (Covidence);
 - ii. in colour it will always appear in two different colours (COVID-END), not all dark blue (Covidence)
 - iii. the logo will include the full name written out and the virus image, versus having neither (Covidence)

This name and logo are hopefully fairly time-limited and post-COVID we will either cease using it or morph the initiative into something that requires a complete re-naming anyway.
- b. Confirmed <https://www.covid-end.org> as the URL
- c. Confirmed @covid_e_n_d as the Twitter account

4. DISCUSSION ABOUT WORKING GROUPS

- a. See updated terms of reference, co-chairs and participants on the website
 - i. Simon: where does horizon scanning / foresight / pre-positioning of evidence fit in? I think that Anthrologica gave some thought to this in relation to Ebola and social impacts (<https://www.anthrologica.com/>) and we could consult with them on whether they used a particular framework for this. I guess there are many in the HTA environment who have also worked on horizon scanning. CEPI may also be an important partner for this aspect of the work
 - ii. Sally: can we frame the first point in the Sustaining working group more positively

- b. Jeremy reviewed the status of co-chairs (and Ruth's helpful comments about handling balance during the difficult time) and plans for upcoming calls
 - i. Jeremy clarified that the co-chairs will kick-start each group and their preliminary discussions should include a discussion of the draft TORs

5. DISCUSSION ABOUT A 'LAUNCH'

- a. Introduced the draft webpages text (<https://covid-end.org>) and invited comments, particularly
 - i. Text on the home page, which sets the tone for the whole initiative (mission statement, vision and overall structure of the groups)
 - ii. Re-organized guide to evidence sources (which will now have a new URL)
 - 1. John clarified that we're hoping to have partners ensure their work is linked to from the guide to evidence sources (rather than separately cataloguing them ourselves)
 - iii. Proposed model for a scalable rapid-evidence service, with other scalable models also being considered
 - 1. John and Jeremy clarified that this is a place-holder for a potentially longer list of scalable models that could be adapted by those already supporting decision-makers
 - 2. Patrick reflected on the need to support the adaptation and use of existing resources in LMICs
- b. Proposed a push on social media starting on Tuesday
 - i. Partners (organizations and/or individuals) agreed to be tagged and offered the following accounts specifically for tagging
 - 1. @3ieNews and @IDCG_Campbell
 - 2. @ACE_UJ @Africa_Evidence @RuthS3 @Laurenz_ml
 - 3. @cebhc
 - 4. @CovidNma
 - 5. @CRI_AUBMC
 - 6. @epistemonikos @epistemonikoses
 - 7. @EPPICentre, @profdavidgough, @profsandyoliver and @James_M_Thomas
 - 8. @EvidenceAid
 - 9. @EvidSynIRL and @CochraneIreland
 - 10. @GESI_Initiative
 - 11. @JBIEBHC
 - 12. @lesleycrd, @crd_york
 - 13. @okwen and @kemma2000 and @ebase_africa
 - 14. @SACochrane and @CochraneAfrica
 - 15. @SandraZLewis
 - 16. @tripdatabase
 - 17. McMaster PLUS and EvidenceAlert
 - 18. NCCMT

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS