



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 (53%) 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*