



COVID-END partners coordination call
Notes from 17 December 2020

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. John apologized for the late start and the last-minute change in the meeting platform
- b. John noted that there are no new partners to introduce today

2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS

- a. John pointed partners to the partner notes from 10 December (see attachment 2)

3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES

- a. John walked partners through the proposed working group reorganization (see attachment 3) and invited comments during the call (or afterwards by marking up the Word document)
- b. Lynn asked whether we looking at how much patient and public involvement there has been in the research that we are looking at (and noted that she was recently involved in a rapid review of evidence looking at vaccine-uptake strategies and, out of 30 primary studies, only two had involved public contributors). Sandy asked whether we could highlight when citizens are involved in guiding syntheses. John noted that we don't typically look at primary research but as Sandy noted we could look at citizen engagement in evidence syntheses (and this could be part of or an extension of the equity-focused work that we plan to do as part of the inventory).
- c. **ACTION: John to add citizen engagement in evidence synthesis to our list of potential work to be done as part of or alongside our equity-focused work on the inventory.**
- d. Jerry asked about the difference between the Profiling and Recommending working groups. John noted that the Recommending working group co-chairs supported the addition of the Profiling working group and had committed to revising their terms of reference accordingly, so the differences should become clearer early in the new year.
- e. Updates
 - i. Funding – Jeremy shared the embargoed news that CIHR has funded COVID-END, with 55% of the funds going to contextualized evidence syntheses for Canadian decision-makers and much of the remainder being available to support COVID-END's global work.
 - ii. Sustaining group baseline survey – Jeremy provided an update about continued progress with the baseline survey.
 - iii. WHO ECC-19 position paper – Jeremy noted that the writing team would be prioritizing this in early January.
 - iv. Australian partner meetings – Jeremy noted that he had organized the inaugural meeting with COVID-END partners in Australia or nearby time zones and this went well and would continue going forward

4. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

- a. Jeremy noted that the eCOVID-19 recommendation map has now been made available online - link [here](#)

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Jeremy noted that there was no other business and concluded by thanking COVID-END partners for their collaborative spirit and extraordinary contributions during a difficult year and wishing everyone a restful holiday and healthy 2021