



## COVID-END partners coordination call

Notes from 4 March 2021

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

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Jeremy welcomed a new 'citizen partner' participant in the partner calls, Jenny Camaradou

### 2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS

- a. Jeremy pointed partners to the partner notes from 4 February (see attachment 2)

### 3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES

- a. Jeremy provided context to the upcoming discussion about WHO-ECC-19 paper authorship, which will happen with WHO colleagues later today
- b. Jeremy introduced the current draft of the proposal for a global commission on evidence to address societal challenges (see attachment 3) and invited comments on it; comments included that we should consider reaching out to:
  - i. International Network of Government Science Advisors / International Science Council
  - ii. International COVID-19 Data Alliance (which is working with the Bill Melinda Gates Foundation on Grand Challenges) - see <https://icoda-research.org/> (and follow-up with Jenny)
  - iii. Scientific Advice for Policy by European Academies (SAPEA) consortium (which gathers expertise in engineering, humanities, medicine, natural and social sciences from over 100 academies and societies across Europe)
  - iv. Slim Karim in South Africa (CAPRISA and heading the Scientific advisory committee for the South African government)
  - v. well-placed individuals in different regions to help with identifying others (e.g. Jorge Barreto and Jeanette Vega for Latin America)
- c. Co-chairs provided updates on the status of new working groups
  - i. Prioritizing – had first meeting; realized focus was more on operationalizing prioritized topics so the working group may want to consider a name change
  - ii. Accessing – had first meeting; co-chairs not present
  - iii. Advocating – had first meeting; excited about the synergy with the planned Cochrane event in October
  - iv. **ACTION: Partners interested in joining one of these working groups, particularly the Prioritizing working group (which currently has a small number of members), to notify the COVID-END secretariat ([covid-end@mcmaster.ca](mailto:covid-end@mcmaster.ca))**
- d. John walked partners through the key website enhancements that have now been made to the COVID-END website
  - i. Keep current - global inventory spotlight (see attachment 4)

- ii. Inventory – visibility and webpage enhancements
- iii. Priorities for new living evidence syntheses
- iv. Supports for evidence synthesizers
- v. Supports for guideline developers
- vi. Presentations by partners
- vii. Working group co-chairs and members
- viii. **ACTION: Partners to notify the COVID-END secretariat ([covidend@mcmaster.ca](mailto:covidend@mcmaster.ca)) if they have suggestions about how to further improve the site and if they have the resources to support the translation of titles for ‘best evidence syntheses’ (which would allow us to present the inventory and global spotlights in multiple languages)**

#### 4. PARTNER PROFILE

- a. Jeremy introduced the two partners who presented their work supporting the COVID-19 evidence response
  - i. Maureen Dobbins from the National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools
  - ii. **ACTION: Maureen to share her slides with Safa for posting on the COVID-END website**
  - iii. Claire Allen from Evidence Aid

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

- a. Evidence Aid’s COVID-19 project’s 29<sup>th</sup> update
  - i. Prepared nearly 500 short, plain language summaries covering more than 750 systematic reviews relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact
  - ii. All the summaries are freely accessible [here](#)
- b. Evidence Synthesis Ireland’s webinar on ‘Integrating stakeholder-informed evidence in Core Outcomes Set developed: A case analysis of methods’
  - i. Thursday 25 March at 8am EST/1pm GMT
  - ii. Link to register [here](#)

#### 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. No other business