

## ISWP Policy Adoption Subcommittee

### March 7, 2016 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Policy Adoption Subcommittee met by conference call on Monday, March 7, 2016 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

**Meeting Recording Link:** <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/p23jyx7a1jm/>

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 4, 2016 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm EST

### Action Items

1. Michael will talk to Tamsin to request recommendations on countries for the case studies.
2. Christine and Erica will define key elements by March 18, 2016.
3. All members to review scope of work for Padmaja Kankipati (consultant), and send comments to Mary Goldberg.
4. Michael is to send out revised scope of work to subcommittee.
5. Michael is to draft a small funding proposal to submit to the subcommittee by the first week in April for feedback. The proposal will be submitted to ISWP by the April 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline.
6. Michael and Mary to call people on an individual basis to gain more participation from the subcommittee.

### Discussion

#### 1. Subcommittee Meetings

The subcommittee has not met too frequently due to scheduling conflicts, but with the help of a consultant will hopefully be able to move forward.

#### 2. Policy Advocacy Toolkit



The priority is to work on a policy toolkit amidst other to do's. The toolkit will be broken down into two different categories, policy promotion and policy implementation. Policy promotion is for places where there is no wheelchair service provision policy already initiated in the healthcare system, while policy implementation is to support the development of wheelchair provision policies and implementation where initial steps have already taken place.

The policy promotion toolkit has been set as the priority and a survey was sent out requesting feedback on the priority order of the 10 elements included. Only 3 responses were received, therefore, it was hard to come to a conclusion, especially since responses varied widely. Therefore, Mary, Michael, and Jon came up with a priority list on which to focus.

The key elements to work on first are listed below:

1. Overview Documents
2. Case Studies
3. Marketing Materials (strong one-pagers); Advocacy Materials
4. Packet of all existing resources

Michael asked the group if there was agreement on the priority list above.

Christine agreed on the list and suggested "Marketing Materials" be called "Advocacy Materials" and stated the WHO position paper would be a great resource to include in the packet.

Jon suggested highlighting standardization, certification, products, and service providers in the case studies to establish guidelines. Michael responded a framework for the case studies needed to be developed and emphasized the need to be clear on what the subcommittee wants to understand, promote, and implement, especially since there would be cross over between the policy promotion and policy implementation toolkits.

Michael asked the group if they knew of other existing materials and case studies to build off of rather than start from scratch.

Marc asked if there was a connection with ISPO. Mary updated that ISPO is leading ISPower Campaign and have developed materials that are available on the website. She is representing ISWP on the committee and David Constantine is representing Motivation. They were interested in how to co-brand materials for awareness and have an interest in case studies. An in person meeting will be held the first week in May. ISWP will be participating in-person or remotely.

Jon stated ISWP is looking for a direct point of contact for ISPO to discuss collaborative efforts. Friedbert Kohler, president elect, is the "go-to" contact for feedback. Michael responded the more we can cross collaborate among various assistive technology groups, it strengthens not only the group, but GATE as a whole. Christine agreed on the collaboration and inclusiveness of groups on wheelchair provision.

Michael stated a consultant will be leading the case study process, however, before doing so, he wants to make sure the subcommittee is clear on the desired outcome. He asked if there was anybody who would be willing to spend some time defining the key elements above so we reach our desired outcome.

Erica agreed to work on Overview Documents and Advocacy Materials. Christine agreed to work on Case Studies and Resource Packet.

Christine asked if advocacy should also include educational materials. Mary responded the Awareness SC is concentrating on materials that can be distributed at conferences, some type of brochure with strong imagery to be used not only by ISWP, but by other organizations as well. What would be helpful are promotional materials about the actual advocacy toolkit and the awareness of need. Some effort should be made towards sharing the materials widely.

Christine was concerned about the division between subcommittee groups as overlapping may be an issue and suggested the name be changed to Policy Promotion materials. Christine and Erica will Skype with Michael for more clarification and direction on action items.

Michael stated we have funding to support 2 case studies, and we should use countries that have made some progress in wheelchair provision, for example South Africa. The goal is to understand how that progression happened, how the policies were put into place, and their impact on that country. When running a pilot, we need choose a country in the early stages of the policy implementation process. We are asking the consultant to help lead the process, however, it's up to the working group to decide in which countries we do the case studies.

Michael asked Christine if she could help outline the specifics and criteria that need to be met in order for a country to be chosen for the case study. Christine is concerned that only two countries are being represented. She asked if we should look at a wider number of countries and different areas so countries know that a certain goal is within reach.

Michael responded we need to define and understand how countries in the case studies interact in terms of policy implementation and development. Mary added keeping

the scope focused is beneficial for the timeline; therefore, we should stay close to the original intent of the project.

Jon asked if the case studies would illustrate wheelchair provision or if other AT would be used as the model. Michael stated the case studies would be wheelchair specific. He asked if people were aware of other countries where there has been increased wheelchair provision. Christine responded Uganda. Marc added it would be beneficial to look at countries that have implemented disability and health policy as well. Michael added to include countries where there have been lessons learned in hopes the subcommittee can learn from them.

### **3. Scope of Work**

The scope of work for the consultant was modified to give more time to collect information for the case study.

Padmaja Kankipati, PhD, a University of Pittsburgh graduate, is the consultant for the project. Her background is in engineering and she has extensive experience in technical service, training, and research with a focus on developing countries.

### **4. Policy Implementation Toolkit**

Michael asked the group if both the policy implementation and policy advocacy toolkit should be worked on at the same time. Christine suggested we start working on the policy advocacy toolkit, which could then provide guidance for the policy implementation toolkit.

April 22 and June 17 are when funding proposals can be submitted to ISWP. By June 17<sup>th</sup> the process should be defined, including costs. The consultant's work would not start until July if the group chooses June 17<sup>th</sup>. Jon and Mary agreed two smaller funding requests could be submitted to support preliminary work done by the consultant. Michael volunteered to draft a proposal and send to group by the beginning of April.

### **Participants** *(check mark indicates participation on call)*

✓	Michael Allen, UCP Wheels, Chair, U.S.
	Ken Johns, Brunner, U.S.
	Chris Lewis, American Wheelchair Mission, U.S.
	Don Schoendorfer, Free Wheelchair Mission, U.S.
	Eric Wunderlich, LDS, U.S.
✓	Christine Cornick, Consultant, South Africa
	Antony Duttine, Handicap International, U.S.

	Hisaichi Ohnabe, Niigata University, Japan
	Miriam Zisook, Perkins School for the Blind, U.S.
✓	Marc Zlot, ICRC, Switzerland
✓	Erika Garnier, Motivation
✓	Jonathan Pearlman, University of Pittsburgh
✓	Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh
✓	Mary Goldberg, University of Pittsburgh
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