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## ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group Comparative Effectiveness Research Subcommittee

### October 6, 2016 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group Comparative Effectiveness Research Subcommittee met by conference call on Thursday, October 6th, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

**Link to Meeting Recording:** <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/p4iej2byec8/>

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 3rd, 2016, 10:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time.

**Discussion** (action items in bold/underline)

#### ***1. Review recap from August 2016 meeting***

The meeting notes from the previous meeting was approved.

#### ***2. ISS Meeting: presenting outcomes framework***

Deepan mentioned that the paper has been accepted for a 75 mins presentation. He proposed Nathan to co-ordinate on how to structure the presentation. Nathan mentioned that he won't be able to attend the ISS 2017 conference but he will contribute in helping to design of the presentation. Deepan mentioned that in terms of the content, hopefully the African journal article will be up by then and so the presentation at ISS would be a summary of the paper. The group decided that the first step is to complete the paper and then to develop the presentation.

### **3. Follow-up ESS Dublin meeting – June 2016**

**a. Working document progress: See “Defining Effectiveness” on Google drive**

#### **b. African Journal of Disability Submission**

Nathan mentioned that we won't be able to make it to the AJOD by the deadline. He added that the final version of the paper would be ready by the middle of November. He also added that if we are opting for the editorial (1500 to 2000 words), then we can certainly go for the AJOD but if its more than 3000-4000 words then it might be a challenge. Nathan mentioned that he will be happy to lead the publication plan for it. He would then put it up in the google drive for other's comments. He also asked the group if there is a minimum word limit for the paper.

**Action:** Nancy to check with Dr. Pearlman regarding the word limits.

Deepan also requested to ask Jon about the hard deadline for the paper submission, it would be helpful if it can be extended beyond November 15<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Action:** Nancy to check with Dr. Pearlman on the hard deadline.

Nathan confirmed with the group if the paper will focus on how we came up with the framework and then presenting the framework as the new conceptual framework. Deepan added that leading from that is to identify the models, variables, dependable variables and do a review on what work has been done pertaining to each variable and so forth which would aid us in developing some kind of research protocol for any kind of comparative effectiveness research. Nathan questioned if a brief literature review will be a part of the paper. Deepan answered yes and they both agreed on the topic.

**Action:** Deepan and Maia to work on the initial review and collect papers and send it to Nathan.

Nathan to start with writing about where the conceptual framework came from, how we identified the different stages and then we can use the literature review to broaden the paper. Deepan added that he will loop Nathan in all the communications with Maia and proposed to have an update every now and then to speed up the paper process.

Nathan mentioned that it would be great if we can work around the deadline for the AJOD after confirming with Dr. Pearlman.

**Action:** Nathan to start to formulate the text around on how we came with the framework, the different aspects and variables.

#### ***4. Internship and systematic review progress***

Deepan introduced Maia Alexandra Krivoruk as the new intern who will start working with the group. Her interest in on global health.

The group then discussed on the next steps following the literature review. Nathan posed a question to the group: Systematic or conceptual review: Is this something that we had planned for the paper or something that we would apply for a separate funding? Deepan answered that once we identify what papers exists and then identify where the gaps are then potentially look for funding options. We can also do a pilot study to demonstrate that the group can function to assess and analyze or conduct a research study based on the framework. He also suggested that we should bounce back to the group for more ideas on this.

Nathan shared with the group that he got approved for a 4- year fellowship. He also added that there is potential to add some data collection points to his project. He asked the group if there is any particular data to be included into his project. Data collection is a part of his research. It will focus on the wheelchair users and he's looking into collecting information from 250 participants. This will be discussed more in detail in the next meeting. The participants will be from the UK (England and Wales) mainly focusing on the publically funded wheelchair services and private or charitable based wheelchair services. The research will involve survey and interviews based on data collection. He also added he will be happy do a survey or data collection from staff members of wheelchair services with regards to our project. It might lead to topics for the systematic approach. It's difficult to know what to do with these opportunities at this moment. It's useful to find a way for the next steps along the way. Deepan agreed and added that as we write the paper we will have a better understanding on the next steps.

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