



ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group Comparative Effectiveness Research Subcommittee

August 4, 2016 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group Comparative Effectiveness Research Subcommittee met by conference call on Thursday, August 4th, 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/p6haocanbk7/>

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 1st, 2016, 10:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time.

Discussion (action items in bold/underline)

1. Dublin Meeting Recap- June 12th 2016

During the Dublin meeting, the framework was updated. At the end of the meeting, the thought was to start writing up definitions and kind of have a brief description on what we are trying to achieve with the model; like an introduction section for a paper.

And the second part was to discussions on writing this as a paper and submitting them for outside funding opportunities. Dr. Pearlman suggested to submit it as a paper to the African Journal of Disability where ISWP will have a special issue that is due in November/December 2016.

Nancy updated the group that we also received feedbacks from Karen Rispin who tested the draft on the minimum uniform dataset questionnaire in Kenya.



Nathan mentioned in developing the conceptual framework, we have moved to finding the independent variables and dependent variables which relates to the evidence. This will be a basis on how we will move forward with CER subcommittee's activities. Deepan added on developing protocols that we can start writing about. Along those lines was the proposal that was submitted to ISS.

2. Intern job requirements and specifications

ISWP is in the early stages of looking into students from the University of Pittsburgh School of Engineering. Nancy added that the proposal itself gives a good outline for the requirements for the student during placement. ISWP has expressed interest for resumes from the School of Engineering.

Nathan wanted to know the start date and the duration of the co-op student. The student will work only for the fall semester and Deepan anticipates the start date around September 15th or end of September.

Deepan questioned the group if we should look into other departments like School of Public Health. Nathan agreed that it would be very useful to look into other school's too.

Action: Nancy to confirm the group with the start date and the duration of the co-op student. Nancy to take the comments from the call and to bring it up to Dr. Pearlman if we would broaden the search for the student including students from public health department.

3. Plan and Timeline for paper submission

African Journal of Disability – ISWP to have a special edition soon. November 15th is the deadline to have the paper ready for this submission. Nathan wanted to know if there are any guidelines available.

Deepan suggested to write a brief description of the model, what we are trying to achieve based on our discussions in Dublin with each individual segment and how we define it just so when we have the co-op student, they will have a better idea on these terms and what are they looking for when they are looking for a systematic review and what kind of paper they should focus on and how do they classify based on the

definitions. Nathan agreed that it would be really helpful and to use it as a starting point for the paper and structure the paper around it.

Johan shared the link on the African Journal of Disability with the group:

<http://www.ajod.org/index.php/ajod/pages/view/authors>

During the Septmeber subcommittee's call, the group can start planning on how to write the paper and then have everyone's comments on the draft.

Action: Nancy to check with Dr. Pearlman regarding the guidelines and the word limit for the special edition. Deepan to send out a draft of the introduction section, along with the description of the various domains in the model (as it stands currently) to the group.

4. ISS abstract update

The ISS is from March 2nd to 5th 2017 in Nashville, Tennessee. Deepan submitted the abstract to ISS to present what has been done so far along with the outcomes of Dublin meeting and framework. Deepan received approval – abstract approved for 75 minutes' presentation. They requested changes in title and indicate objectives/outcome for attendees and so Deepan will make those changes and re-submit. Regarding the funding, the group needs to think about it and discuss about hosting another in-person meeting at the ISS.

Action: Deepan to re-submit the abstract to ISS with the necessary changes.

5. Next Steps

The group should focus on the paper for the African Journal of Disability. Deepan to send out the initial thoughts on the work from Dublin. Also, the group to work on the ISS paper towards the end of the year.

Participants:

- ✓ Deepan Kamaraj, University of Pittsburgh(*co-chair*)
- ✓ Nathan Bray, Centre for Health Economics and Medicines Evaluation(*chair*)
Molly Broderson, Free Wheelchair Mission
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- ✓ Johan Borg, Lund University
- ✓ Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Krithika Kandavel, University of Pittsburgh

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