



## ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group January 17, 2019 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group met by conference call on Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am U.S. Eastern Time

**Link to Meeting Recording:** <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/phhg24nrd8o3/>

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

**1. New URC/USAID Award:** ISWP is working with a new grant management firm, University Research (URC), for the next round of USAID funding which covers 1.5 years; we received the award on December 20, 2018.

ISWP will focus on three areas in the new award:

1. Wheelchair product standards
  - a. Target product profiles
  - b. Test methods to support installation of test centers
  - c. Product development/ selection support
  - d. Data collection through partners via ADDEP
2. Wheelchair service standards
  - a. Professional Standards Board (PSB) in place
  - b. Methods of recognition for wheelchair service providers
  - c. Easily-accessible testing methods for providers
3. Sector Collaboration
  - a. ISWP committees in priority areas
  - b. Process for developing recommendation to update WHO guidelines
  - c. Five-year operational plan for ISWP

A fourth area which ISWP submitted in its proposal to USAID -- contextualization and socialization of product and service standards in less resourced settings -- was awarded to ISPO and collaborators. ISWP looks forward to working with ISPO in this area.

**2. EBP Working Group contribution:** With regards to sector collaboration on the ISWP priority areas noted above, Dr. Pearlman requested the group's thoughts about continuing as there is no formal work plan or funds available in the new award to support the group's activities. ISWP can continue to facilitate calls, if the group would like to continue to meet.

Karen Rispin thinks the group should continue to meet as there is a variety and depth of expertise among group members who can contribute to moving an idea into real-world practice.

Mark asked whether there is overlap between Evidence-based Practice and other ISWP committees, and/or if there is an opportunity to have EBP members participate on committees that will be working moving forward. Nancy explained the Standards Working Group is a long standing group of wheelchair technical staff. The Professional Standards Boards (PSB) includes members who have been appointed, with each member serving 1 or 2 years and elections taking place in years 2 or 3; members may be asked to stay on longer as the credential launch approaches. **Nancy** to discuss with Jon and Mary.

With regards to Advocacy, ISWP will know more about next steps after discussions with USAID, ISPO and collaborators. ISWP will continue to maintain the Policy Advocacy Kit (PAK) website.

**3. ADDEP Update:** Four studies (from 8 countries) are available in the Archive of Data on Disability to Enable Policy and Research (ADDEP). One study is pending (Kenya; Minimum Data Set from LeTourneau). We now have a dedicated ISWP page -- <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ADDEP/series/786/studies> -- and are working to secure a dedicated ISWP URL.

Please note the correction on the list of available studies, shown below:

Countries	Source
Mexico	Teleton
Indonesia	UCP Wheels for Humanity and University of Pittsburgh
Kenya, Philippines	Jhpiego
El Salvador, India, Kenya, Nicaragua, Romania	World Vision ACCESS Project

Karen Rispin indicated she sent caster testing data to University of Pittsburgh to be added to the data repository. **Nancy** to check on status.

ISWP encourages data contributions to ADDEP; here is the link to deposit data: <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/ADDEP/deposit.html>. [Instructions for depositing data are included with the meeting recap.](#)

ADDEP pilot project applications being accepted: <https://www.utmb.edu/cldr/pilot-projects/pilot-projects-info>. [The deadline for large data pilot studies and secondary analysis of specified completed studies for early career researchers was February 1, 2019. ADDEP accepts applications year round for researchers to](#) archive data from completed studies related to rehab, recovery or disability. Funding is \$10,000, including indirects.

**4. Minimum Uniform Dataset (MUD):** A paper on the MUD development is on the work plan for the new award. Nancy will share a draft with the group for feedback. The Google WC User's Voice project is using the MUD in its second phase in this year and has incorporated the MUD into Kobo Toolbox; 40 service providers will be using the MUD in Kobo Toolbox as part of the project.

**Participants:**

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- Molly Broderon, Free Wheelchair Mission
- ✓ Louisa Cotton, Independent Consultant
- ✓ Mark Harniss, University of Washington
- ✓ Maria Toro Hernandez, Universidad CES
- Astrid Jenkinson, Motivation UK
- ✓ Padmaja Kankipati, SMOI, *Chair*
- Karen Reyes, WHO
- ✓ Karen Rispin, Assistive Technology Catalyst Project
- Chandra Whestine, World Vision
- ✓ Jennifer Wong, Free Wheelchair Mission
- ✓ Eric Wunderlich, LDS Charities
- ✓ Megan D'Innocenzo, University of Pittsburgh
- Deepan Kamaraj, University of Pittsburgh
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