

**ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group
Country Data Subcommittee**

March 17, 2016 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group Country Data Subcommittee met by conference call on Thursday, March 17, 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/p8bxn8z1jl5/>

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2016, 10:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

Discussion (action items in bold/underline)

1. ***Collaboration with Other Working Groups:***
 - a. Padmaja talked with Tamsin Langford from Motivation to discuss a needs assessment Motivation has conducted. Tamsin was very interested in collaborating and gave Padmaja contacts for more information.
 - b. Deepan Kamaraj, Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Subcommittee co-chair, and Karen Rispin, CER Subcommittee member, joined the call to describe the CER's objectives and to understand what the Country Data Subcommittee is planning to collect. Karen suggested there might not be much information about the actual wheelchair effectiveness and customer satisfaction; most she has seen was about the wheelchair user and service provision. Padmaja clarified the Country Data Subcommittee's goal: to develop a tool that can be replicated in other countries. It will be a simple snapshot of what is happening in the country relative to wheelchairs.
 - c. Padmaja updated on the Advocacy Working Group progress. The working group has identified 4 key elements of a Policy Promotion Toolkit to focus on initially:



- Overview Documents, covering topics such as what advocacy means; why wheelchair service provision is important; list of and links to collaborators and supporters; various advocacy methods; and roles for various stakeholders.
- Case studies
- Marketing materials promoting importance of appropriate wheelchair service and training and statistics
- Existing resources, including information on UN CRPD, WHO Wheelchair Guidelines and WHO Wheelchair Training Packages

2. **Focus Countries:** Padmaja asked the group for further feedback on the criteria for country selection:

- Strong partner in country
- Country size (population)*
- Number or some measure of stakeholders who could use data
- Whether country ties into another Working Group project

*Maria Toro suggested adding the number of states, departments or divisions in each country.

The Advocacy Working Group is considering piloting in Romania, South Africa, and Thailand. Rachel updated that the Advocacy Group also suggested Uganda at the most recent meeting. Tamsin Langford was also interested in asking the Training Working Group for input on countries.

Padmaja suggested the subcommittee prepare a list of countries with data on criteria and circulate to other Working Groups for input so that efforts can be collaborative. **Padmaja/ISWP staff** will draft a spreadsheet of country possibilities and send to Working Groups. Initial list will include these countries:

Colombia	Sierra Leone
Ghana	South Africa
India	Tanzania
Kenya	Thailand
Philippines	Uganda
Romania	Zimbabwe

Participants

- ✓ Maria Toro Hernandez, Universidad CES
- Astrid Jenkinson, Motivation UK
- ✓ Padmaja Kankipati, SMOI
- ✓ Eric Wunderlich, LDS Charities
- ✓ Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Rachel Gartz, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Erin Higgins, University of Pittsburgh

Guest Participants from the Comparative Effectiveness Research Subcommittee:

- Johan Borg, Lund University
- Nathan Bray, Centre for Health Economics and Medicines Evaluation
- Molly Schengel, Free Wheelchair Mission
- Kavi Bhalla, Johns Hopkins University
- ✓ Karen Rispin, LeTourneau University
- ✓ Deepan Kamaraj, University of Pittsburgh

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