



ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group

July 7, 2016 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group met by conference call on Thursday, July 7th, 2016 from 09:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 4th, 2016, 09:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time.

Discussion (action items in bold/underline)

The following are the updates from the various activities of the working group:

1. Minimum Uniform Dataset (MUD): Rich gave the updates on the MUD. The tool was pilot tested in Kenya by Karen Rispin and based on the feedback, modifications were made.

- Erin Higgins from ISWP is working on electronically transferring the data set into Zoho, a platform currently used for ISWP's database and marketing.
- The electronic version is currently going through edits. Besides the MUD, WHO Quality of life- BREF and WHO Disability Assessment Schedule (WHODAS) are also electronically transferred to Zoho.
- These tools are to be piloted by World Vision with the help of Chandra Whestine.
- Currently, the reporting measures part of the WHO-Quality of life is going through some technicalities in Zoho which is in the process of being sorted. Nancy mentioned the pros/cons for selecting Zoho software and that it is a learning experience.

Action: Rich to share the revised Minimum Uniform Dataset with the group.

2. Comparative Effectiveness Research Subcommittee: Deepan and Nathan led a full day meeting at Dublin prior to the ESS conference on June 12th 2016. Some highlights of the meetings are as follows:

- The framework was revised to better address the goals and objectives for the subcommittee and discussions on the data to be gathered were made.
- Funding request for a co-op student was submitted to help to do an extensive literature review for each of the proposed framework and to come up with an action plan/next steps on what data to be collected.
- Karen Rispin provided the feedback on the minimum uniform dataset that she piloted in Kenya. ISWP is in the process of getting an approval for the co-op student, it only makes sense to have the student based in Pittsburgh so they can directly report to Deepan and help in the process. The student is expected to begin in late July or early August depending on the availability of the students.
- There is also a paper to be followed on the framework by December.

Action: The revised framework is to be shared with the working group members.





3. Data Collection Subcommittee Updates: Eric updated the group with the data collection subcommittee activities.

- Funding was approved for the data collection project and Romania was chosen as the first country to pilot test.
- Negotiations were just concluded with Motivation Romania, the in-country partner who will help in the data collection process.
- The subcommittee members agreed on the proposed budget and timeline and an approval to proceed was recently issued.
- A short report is expected by September and a complete report by the end of this year from Motivation Romania.
- Nancy updated the group with the intern works. One of the work the students are helping with is to try to collect data in Romania and Kenya to validate the data collected through Motivation Romania. The students collected data in parallel in both Romania and Kenya to see how difficult it to gather those data. Some preliminary reports from the students suggest that some high level data are available but actual in-country data is not readily accessible. Hence, it's a good strategy to have some level of partnership established with these countries.
- As a next step, Nancy suggested to start to look into identifying partners in Kenya while the work in Romania is being carried in parallel.

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