



ISWP Training Working Group Integration Subcommittee

April 12th, 2017 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Training Working Group Integration Subcommittee met by conference call on Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 from 07:00 a.m. to 08:00 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

Link to Meeting Recording: <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/p3kqd2fnfn8/>

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 am U.S. Eastern Time

Action Items:

- Next Integration meeting – Yohali to present her ISS presentation, Yohali to post the presentation and syllabus of the hybrid in the google community.

High Level Meeting Update – Joint action plan

- Mary suggested to have a side conversation with WCPT about survey, Barbara Crane expressed her interest to join the conversation with WCPT.
- Share polished version of action plan with organizations who attended the meeting and ask for their feedback on timelines and action items.
- Work through action plan in addition to developing joint position paper. Alongside document like the joint action plan – would be shared with TWG and Advisory Board before being shared more widely.
- In parallel, Paula offered to draft the joint position paper after the ISPO conference.

Discussion:

1. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes from February 23rd 2017 Integration subcommittee call was approved.

3. Welcome to Hybrid:

Lee Kirby, Hybrid Subcommittee chair, described subcommittee's activity. Fourteen (14) Hybrid SC calls have taken place; the last was on January 2017. Committee activity hasn't been high. Most activity focused on Hybrid-Basic course development at University of Pittsburgh – Yohali Burrola's PhD program under Mary Goldberg's supervision.

The hybrid is a combination of the online and in-person training developed using the WHO – Wheelchair Service Training Package – Basic Level. It's available in English and Spanish. 5 Hybrid courses were presented (India (Mobility India and SMOI), USA, Colombia and Mexico). Preliminary results from the India pilot were presented at ISS in March 2017.

The university institutional review board recently approved a 6-month follow-up survey for the course. Evaluations will take over the rest of this year.

Thinking about future, SC was interested in revising content of WHO package and Hybrid-Basic course package based on experience and additional research; course launched in 2012. Example: Add more wheelchair skills training but also revise the packaging of the courses to reflect different learners. Something longer than 5 days or maybe a one-day instructional course to cover highlights. The one-day instructional course is planned to be delivered at the RESNA conference in June 2017. This course will include additional wheelchair skills training, but the presenters are not calling it the WHO package version of the Hybrid.

Nicky requested reports on Hybrids done to date. Also wondered if reports included trainers' perspectives on training and what skills they used. Yohali explained trainers had experience in the field but the project did not include specific criteria. The trainers for the hybrid pilots were: Padmaja Kankipati (India); Maria Toro (Colombia); Yohali

Burrola (Pittsburgh); and Maria Elena (Mexico). Two went to the WHO ToT but the others had extensive experience. Analysis could take a year or more to put together as part of Yohali's thesis.

Mary explained the six-month follow-up is more of additional information in the final report. Currently – pilot results shows that it is as effective as an in-person training. No significant differences among similar groups; e.g., pre-tests showed wheelchair knowledge was the same before the training.

Reason not broadly released mostly logistics – how to enroll trainees and engage instructor. With rollout of WIN, coming later this year, there will be a learning management system so members can access Hybrid there and manage the courses more easily. Mostly due to logistics but not holding anyone back from using, it's available to use.

Yohali will provide Integration SC members access to Coursesites, where course materials and discussion boards are located. Nicky suggested scheduling the demo at a different time since other Training WG members would be interested. Also considering timing since ISPO is coming up – would help to have the call before ISPO conference. Sample scheduler lesson plans will also be shared.

APTA 2018 for a hybrid pre-con has been submitted.

4. High Level Meeting Update – Joint action plan

Minutes of the meeting were shared with WCPT, WFOT, ISPO and ISPRM. One of outcomes was a joint action plan. Mary received feedback and walked through the document for the group. Mary – more effective way forward is joint action plan to maintain momentum. Mary reviewed the plan.

Paula: Should we be more specific about what each organization said it could do in the meeting? If we put all organizations on the action plan – might not get good follow through. For example, WFOT wanted to put two case studies – University of Montreal and Universidad CES – in their newsletters. We have newsletters as an action item but don't specify WFOT. Might get lost if we don't specify ideas and what organizations are offering. Recognize that if too specific – won't sign off on it.

Who's going to read the document? Should be targeted for audience.

The draft scope of practice survey is something that the subcommittee can draft and then request the WCPT for distribution.

Joint action plan could be a good way to start. Mary would like to start a side conversation with WCPT and ask them for the feedback on the timeline and then we work from there.

Which comes first? The action plan or the position paper? Plan: we work on action plan and share it with the organization. And in parallel, we start the joint position paper.

Sue – if not shared with organizations. Understanding from meeting is that WCPT is lukewarm. WFOT is excited. WCPT doesn't think PT provides wheelchairs, and that's how the suggestion came about to find what is the scope of practice for PTs. That's how the survey came about. Has ISWP had more specific discussions about bringing WCPT on board? They didn't seem to be keen on drafting the scope of practice survey but willing to send to members.

Barbara Crane: As APTA members, they are trying to grow knowledge base and activities in wheelchairs. It is recognized as scope of practice in U.S. but not familiar with world congress point of view.

Paula: #wheelchairtraining – from that perspective. Did we envision it being sent globally or just for organizations who attended the high-level meeting? Mary said initially it was just the organizations attending – first step. Transparent enough that it could then be distributed wider.

Nicky: Close to being document for broad use, tweak it according to feedback. Would show anyone reading globally to show there is an investment among the organizations. Second addendum could be action list which would be more specific – by organization.

Lee: Nervous to do something that is recapping a meeting that took place and distributing to attendees is one thing. Broad distribution – need to think about it. Go to working group then advisory board because this had broad implications when distributed so widely.

Sue – maybe not WCPT scope of practice survey, just scope of practice survey. Show that members do have a role. WCPT’s position is that they can’t force members to do anything and won’t change curriculum in countries where PT doesn’t handle wheelchairs but someone else.

Maybe put the top four things (high-level) that all organizations buy into? For example: We agree to.....

High-level reps at groups defer to members.

Paula: Add joint position paper to the list of action items would be good. Maybe we can have it as a point of discussion in Japan at 2019 based on the initial and the 2019 meeting, this is more to guide practice.

Mary – goal would be to circulate joint position paper to be circulated in Japan in 2019. Paula agreed to circulate a draft of the joint position paper before the 2019 meeting and get agreement at that meeting then that would be solid outcome.

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Sue suggested to have some of the action items to be worded as position statements? Paula added that potentially it would be added, she also suggested to write the joint position statements and see what the organizations think.

In Sue’s perspective, a position paper is less threatening than the action plan. A position paper is more conceptual and she thinks that the position paper comes first than the action items.

Action plan to be shared with organization. In parallel, we start the draft of the joint position paper. Paula offered to draft it after the ISPO conference.

Participants (*check mark indicates participation on call*)

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- Karen Fung, University of Montreal
- ✓ Lee Kirby, Dalhousie University
- ✓ Yohali Burrola, University of Pittsburgh
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- Samantha Shann, WFOT
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