Evidence-Based Research Network.
Steering Group Meeting
Tuesday 24 February 14:00 – 15:00

Members present: Hans Lund, Mona Nasser, Hanna Nykvist, Karen Robinson, Matt Westmore, Maureen Dobbins, Klara Brunnhuber

Agenda:

1. **Emails –** sincere apologies from Hans and Hanna for all the emails you have received, but at this early stage many decisions have to be made.
2. **Status from the Press Release Launch** – we launched our press release on the 18th of February and the tweet was re-tweeted 31 times reaching approximately 65 000 followers. The result was an increase in followers from 3 to the current 69 and the website traffic increased from 48 visits on the 17th of February to 207 on the 18th. We are now 59 members. Hanna will send a list with the names and affiliations of the new members to everyone in the Steering Group.
3. **Publication Plan** –
Regarding #1
Hans and Klara have tried to establish an outline for the 1st paper "Evidence-Based Research. An introduction and a systematic review". The general outline is to introduce the idea of the scientific ideal, the assumptions, the evidence and the solution. They will send an adjusted outline to Iain for comments and then email everyone who was invited to the Bergen meeting and ask for comments and co-authors. Klara suggested that the Bergen Statement could be published at the same time as the 1st paper. We intend for the 1st paper to be published in BMJ and the Bergen Statement to be published in several other journals in addition to BMJ. Everyone in the Steering Group should think about which journals to approach. Once we have agreed on an outline for the Bergen Statement one person will contact the suggested journals to see if they are interested in publishing it. These two papers are what we should focus on now.
Task regarding this item: Everyone in the Steering Group should think about which journals to approach.
Regarding #2
It was decided that we should add the implications of EBR in education.
Regarding #3
It was decided that it would make more sense to combine paper 6 and 7. It is also important to take into account the different purposes. A systematic review to inform funder's decision is not the same as one performed to inform e.g. clinical decisions. As to whether or not we should write separate papers for different studies we agreed that some high general principles must be agreed upon and then implementation can differ from research areas. We should also consider different target areas e.g. different research communities. One way to do this is to identify a lead author from the community we are targeting so that it will have a greater impact once published.
Regarding #9
This is a key question, but we do not have the answer now. We need more research and knowledge in this area and we should try and promote different research groups to look into these aspects.
Ultimately, we do not have the knowledge today to write all these papers, but by identifying the various steps we can set out a roadmap. We have the first two papers now in the beginning and the rest will follow in the next few years. Hans

will edit the publication plan and send it to everyone for comments. The idea is not to make quick decisions but rather to exchange opinions. We will also arrange meetings where we can discuss our ideas and suggested papers.

Hans will make a list of the suggested papers and what they are meant to cover. We will, thereafter, email it to the network and ask everyone to give their thoughts on whether or not there is enough material, if we should arrange a meeting to discuss the topic, if the message is worth promoting etc. This way we can identify a roadmap and we have a better idea of what we should prioritise.

Task regarding this item: Hans will prepare an adjusted roadmap for publications from the EBRNetwork.

Where to publish

Peter Tugwell has approached the network and asked if we want a series of papers in the JCE. We have also have been approached by Research Media who wants to write an article about us, but Hans will look into the organisation before we make any decisions.

Task regarding this item: Hans will stay in contact with JCE, and check Research Media

4. **Minutes from Steering Group** – it was decided that the minutes from the Steering Group meetings will be published on the website. All members will, however, be given 4 days to comment on the minutes before they are published.

5. **Website** – on the Steering Group website we will only include name and affiliations of the members.

   Bibliography – We are thinking of using Zotero to collect all relevant papers.
   Task regarding this item: Mona and Karen will come up with a system to categorize all papers relating to EBR. Hanna and Hans will investigate how we can link Zotero to the website and if it is a good idea to use it.

6. **Cochrane Colloquium** – abstracts are due on the 25th of March. We decided to apply for a workshop, a special session and a poster. The topic of the poster could be the establishment of the network. We will also apply to have an open meeting, but the calls for meetings does not open until the 29th of April. We will also have a closed Steering Group meeting.
   Task regarding this item: Mona will stay in contact with Cochrane Colloquium and tell us when we need to write abstracts and alike

7. **Associate Partners** – this will be the first thing to discuss at our next meeting on the 23rd of March.