

CANADIAN TASK FORCE ON PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE

Meeting of March 7 – 8, 2011

785 Carling Avenue – Ottawa, Ontario

PUBLIC RECORD OF MEETING

Present:

Task Force Members

Chair: Dr. Marcello Tonelli

Dr. Patrice Lindsay

Vice-Chair: Dr. Richard Birtwhistle

Dr. Patricia Parkin

Dr. Maria Bacchus

Dr. Kevin Pottie

Dr. James Dickinson

Dr. Elizabeth Shaw

Dr. Michel Joffres

Dr. Harminder Singh

Dr. Gabriela Lewin

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)

Dr. Lesley Dunfield

Nathalie Holmes

Dr. Sarah Connor Gorber

Alejandra Jaramillo

Tess Grisé

Peter Levesque

Nancy Hajal

Catherine Makris

Meaghan Isaacs

Christopher Murray

Note Taking

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Evidence Review and Synthesis Centre (ERSC)

Dr. Donna Ciliska

Donna Fitzpatrick-Lewis

Mary Gauld

Amanda Hammill (via teleconference)

Regrets

ERSC: Dr. Nicole Hodgson

Task Force: Dr. Neil Bell, Dr. Paula Brauer, Dr. Martin Fortin

PHAC: Dr. Karen Grimsrud, Dr. Sue Pollock

1 Review of November 2010 Meeting Minutes and Terms of Reference

Members reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting and noted action items that were completed.

2 Breast Cancer Update

Marcello Tonelli informed the Task Force that the Breast Cancer Guidelines had completed peer review and had greatly benefitted from this process.

3 Publications Strategy

Members reviewed the document “Planned Publications of the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care” which had been circulated with the meeting background materials. The Chairs encouraged members who were interested in authoring specific publications to inform the Co-Chairs and/or staff.

4 Task Force Office: Update on Activities

Nancy Hajal and Catherine Makris provided an update on the activities of the Task Force Office related to strategic planning, partnership strategy, upcoming meetings and conferences and introduced new Task Force Office staff members.

5 Performance Measurement

Patty Lindsay provided an overview of the proposed process to identify performance measurement indicators for clinical practice guidelines.

6 Working Group Breakout Sessions

At the end of Day One of the meeting, the Methods, Diabetes, KT&E, Cervical, Obesity and EMR Working Groups held brief meetings.

7 Diabetes Update

Dr. Kevin Pottie and Donna Ciliska presented the preliminary findings regarding screening for Type 2 Diabetes. In addition, the Task Force reviewed draft Canadian recommendations and discussed partnerships.

8 Endorsement Adaptation Process – Patty Lindsay

The Task Force reviewed a draft endorsement adaptation process including a protocol which was provided in the meeting background package.

9 Working Group Presentations

9.1 Methods

Marcello Tonelli discussed new methodological approaches that integrate GRADE and stressed that analytic frameworks do not include all factors that are associated with clinical preventive services. The focus should be first on critical outcomes that are determined based on how important they are to patients and decision makers. The Task Force also discussed modelling and referred this issue to a modelling subgroup for further discussion.

9.2 Hypertension

Mary Gault and Amanda Hammill presented the McMaster Evidence Review and Synthesis Centre's Hypertension Screening Report on their review of the evidence needed to provide recommendations on hypertension screening. It was noted that there is not as big a pool of studies as was originally anticipated.

9.3 Depression

Michel Joffres outlined a proposed work plan / timeline to develop guidelines for screening for depression. He presented reviewer comments and an initial and revised framework.

9.4 Cervical Cancer Screening

Jim Dickinson provided an update from the Pan-Canadian Cervical Screening Initiative (PCCSI) and reviewed the Cervical Cancer Analytic Framework, the Key Questions and the Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria. The ERSC has completed the key and contextual question searches and identified citations. The Working Group is on schedule to meet its timelines.

9.1 Obesity Adult/Child

Sarah Connor Gorber reported that preliminary meetings have been held to determine the scope of the obesity recommendations and how it might be narrowed. Key questions for obesity should be developed by the end of April.