



CANADIAN TASK FORCE ON PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE

February 11 – 12, 2013 Meeting

PUBLIC RECORD OF MEETING (REVISED: MAY 28, 2013)

Present:

CTFPHC Members

Chair: Dr. Marcello Tonelli

Dr. Michel Joffres

Vice-Chair: Dr. Richard Birtwhistle

Dr. Gabriela Lewin

Dr. Maria Bacchus

Dr. Patricia Parkin

Dr. Neil Bell

Dr. Kevin Pottie (telecon)

Dr. Paula Brauer

Dr. Elizabeth Shaw

Dr. James Dickinson (telecon)

Dr. Harminder Singh

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)

Dr. Sarah Connor Gorber

Chantal Plante

Dr. Lesley Dunfield

Amanda Shane

Dr. Karen Grimsrud

University of Alberta

Brandee Borne

Dawn Opgenorth

Alejandra Jaramillo

St Michael's Hospital

Dr. Sharon Straus

Evidence Review and Synthesis Centre

Dr. Donna Ciliska (telecon)

Leslea Peirson

Donna Fitzpatrick Lewis

Regrets

Dr. Parminder Raina

Mary Gauld

Guests

Leigh Cotton

David Rodier

Dr. Julia Moore (telecon)

Kasha Pyka

Note Taking

Diane Finkle Perazzo, Wordsmith Writing and Editing Services

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1 **1 Welcome and Meeting Document Review – Marcello Tonelli**

2 Marcello Tonelli welcomed the CTFPHC members. He thanked them for attending the
3 meeting and a round table of introductions was held.

4 **1.1 Approval of October 2012 Meeting Minutes – Marcello Tonelli**

5 CTFPHC members reviewed the Minutes of the October 2012 Meeting. No errors or
6 omissions were noted. Gabriela Lewin moved to accept the Minutes of the October 2012
7 meeting and Marcello Tonelli seconded the motion. *Approved.*

8 **1.2 Review of Actions from October 2012 Meeting – Marcello Tonelli**

9 CTFPHC members reviewed the list of actions stemming from the October 2012 Meeting.

10 **1.3 Review of Meeting Agenda – Marcello Tonelli**

11 CTFPHC members reviewed the meeting agenda. There were no revisions noted.

12 **2 Contribution Agreement Details / Indemnification – Marcello Tonelli**

13 Marcello outlined the terms of the Contribution Agreements between PHAC, the ERC and
14 the University of Alberta. This new process has allowed for more flexibility regarding
15 meetings, travel and the use of contractors.

16 Karen reviewed a document entitled “Summary of the Contribution Agreement between the
17 University of Alberta and the Public Health Agency of Canada.”

3 eHealth / EMR Working Group Update – Rick Birtwhistle

18 Rick provided an update regarding the CTFPHC’s mobile app development and reviewed a
19 flow chart which outlined its key functions. Rick also mentioned that it was not possible to
20 put together a proposal for the current round of CLASP Grants which are designed to take
21 known research and put it into practice.

22 **4 Depression Working Group Update – Michel Joffres**

23 Michel provided an update on the external review process, the main issues raised by
24 external reviewers and their response to comments. He also reviewed the summary of CPGs.

25 24 reviewers from 18 organizations were engaged in the review of the depression CPGs and
26 provided 317 comments by December 20, 2012. All comments were addressed by the end
27 of January 2013.

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5 Childhood Obesity Working Group Update – Patricia Parkin

28 Patricia Parkin provided an update regarding the work of the Childhood Obesity Working
29 Group research questions and timelines. She reviewed the current primary and secondary
30 prevention key questions and their inclusion/exclusion criteria as well as the contextual
31 questions.

6 Endorsement and Critical Appraisal – Amanda Shane

32 Amanda Shane presented an update on the integrated process for endorsement and critical
33 appraisal. She reviewed the action items from the October 2012 meeting and outlined next
34 steps. The Critical Appraisal Working Group was absorbed into the Methods Working Group
35 and two new steps were added to the critical appraisal process:

7 E-infrastructure – Alejandra Jaramillo and Lesley Dunfield

36 Alejandra Jaramillo presented information regarding efforts to select an IT infrastructure
37 that best meets the needs of the CTFPHC. She reviewed and compared the basic features of
38 two functionalities: *Google Drive* and *Basecamp*. It was agreed that *Basecamp* would be pilot
39 tested by the Colorectal Cancer Screening Working Group.

8 Knowledge Translation Working Group Update – Sharon Straus

40 Sharon outlined the work of the KT Working Group regarding the Type 2 Diabetes,
41 Hypertension, Cervical Cancer, Depression CPGs, KT tool development process,
42 dissemination activities and the CTFPHC website. She thanked the members of the KT
43 working group for their support and valuable input.

9 ERSC Update – Donna Fitzpatrick-Lewis and Leslea Peirson

44 Donna provided a brief update regarding the work of the ERSC.

10 Colorectal Cancer Working Group Update – Maria Bacchus

45 Maria Bacchus provided an update on the work of the Colorectal Cancer Working Group.
46 She reviewed action items and progress since the last meeting, the Analytical Framework,
47 key questions, contextual questions and next steps.

11 Cervical Cancer Debrief – Jim Dickinson, David Rodier and Leigha Cotton

48 Jim Dickenson, David Rodier and Leigh Cotton provided an overview of the media coverage
49 associated with the release of the Cervical Cancer CPGs. The Canadian Task Force on
50 Preventive Health Care released an updated guideline calling for cervical cancer screening.

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51 The Guideline was published in the CMAJ on Monday, January 7th, 2013 and distributed to
52 national media on the same day. Coverage from the outreach totaled more than 55 million
53 media impressions across Canada. The coverage was positive with key messages,
54 spokesperson quotes and guideline changes prominent in most of the stories. As
55 anticipated, the journalists' main point of contention was surrounding the frequency and
56 age-specific recommendations for screening.

57 Coverage was broad and included publications such as the Toronto Star, The Globe and Mail,
58 Canadian Press, CBC, QMi Agency, Global, Postmedia and CTV. It is estimated that the reach
59 was over 55 million. Coverage was largely positive/neutral and slightly negative/neutral.

12 Timelines – Alejandra Jaramillo

60 Alejandra reviewed a chart which predicted the timelines for the development of guidelines
61 for depression, obesity (adult), obesity (childhood) colorectal, prostate and cognitive
62 guidelines. These approximate timelines are based on historical information which has
63 allowed for the determination of average processing times.

13 Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) – Rick Birtwhistle

64 Rick Birtwhistle reported that he'd met with several members of CAR regarding their plans
65 to develop guidelines on breast cancer screening. CTFPHC members felt that while it was
66 important to harmonize where possible, the recommended guidelines should not be
67 changed.

14 Frequency of Working Group Meetings – All

68 There were concerns raised about the tendency of CTFPHC members to re-assess and make
69 changes to previously-made decisions. It was suggested that Working Group Chairs be
70 more assertive in managing the process and discouraging redundant discussion.

15 CTFPHC / OCTFPHC / U of A / ERSC / KT Coordination – Karen Grimsrud

71 Karen reviewed a document entitled "Summary of Roles and Responsibilities in Support of
72 the CTFPHC" which provided guidelines regarding the roles of each group in supporting and
73 providing input in the development of recommendation statements, enhanced
74 dissemination of CTFPHC CPGs, development of partnerships for guidelines, evaluation of
75 the uptake and impact of CTFPHC guidance, public communications and administrative
76 support.

16 Break Out Sessions

77 At the end of Day One, the Colorectal and Prostate Cancer Working Groups held meetings.

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DAY TWO

17 Recap Day One and Discussion of CTFPHC Meeting Dates for 2013 – Marcello Tonelli

78 Marcello and Rick welcomed the members to the second day of the CTFPHC Meeting.
79 Brandee outlined the dates for future meetings and encouraged members to provide
80 feedback regarding locations and facilities.

18 Methods Working Group Update

81 *18.1 Upgrading / Downgrading – Leslea Peirson*

82 Leslea Peirson reviewed the detailed GRADE process used for upgrading and downgrading
83 recommendations.

84 Sarah Connor Gorber reviewed the Task Force publications strategy and provided an
85 update on new processes such as selecting high risk groups and the scoping process.

86 *18.2 Incidence as an Outcome – Maria Bacchus*

87 Maria presented rationale to include or exclude incidence. It is very important to be able to
88 justify our inclusion of these factors, e.g. where incidence is lower and mortality is lower.
89 Previously held dogma about biology does change and it should not be used as the sole
90 criteria.

91 *18.3 Overdiagnosis – Neil Bell*

92 Neil pointed out the issues surrounding screening for diseases that may not cause
93 morbidity or mortality, e.g., prostate cancer. He stressed the importance of communicating
94 these values to patients.

95 *18.4 Benefits and Harms – Michel Joffres*

96 Michel asked for more clarity on the comparison of benefits and harms and stressed the
97 need for consistency. The problem arises for the interpretation of benefits and harms in a
98 weak recommendation and this can be difficult to solve. This is an ethical decision and we
99 need a strong, balanced and clear rationale.

19 Adult Obesity Working Group Update – Paula Brauer

100 Paula reviewed the purpose and background, key questions, contextual questions and
101 decisions made by the Working Group. She also presented and discussed the USPSTF and
102 the Australian obesity screening recommendations.

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20 Prostate Cancer Working Group Update – Neil Bell

103 Neil reviewed the milestones achieved for the Screening for Prostate Cancer CPGs. An initial
104 draft was completed in November and a final version was ready for peer review in
105 December. In January, peer review comments were incorporated: analytical framework and
106 key questions updated; subgroup analysis elaborated; harms of screening specified; and
107 definitions for watchful waiting and active surveillance were included. In addition, new
108 questions on risk assessment tools and differential screening were added. The final
109 protocol was developed early February.

21 Topics Working Group Update – Lesley Dunfield

110 Lesley provided an overview of process and topic selection and reviewed appropriateness
111 and selection criteria as well as reviewing the top ten topics and resulting input from the
112 CFPC and family physicians. She also provided an update on possibilities for USPSTF
113 partnership.

22 Task Force Office Update – Karen Grimsrud

114 Karen provided a brief update regarding the work of the OCTFPHC. Replacements are
115 currently being sought for two CTFPHC members and a sub-committee will be established.
116 Karen met with the USPSTF and discussed a variety of ways to collaborate. The OCTFPHC
117 has developed a “lessons learned” document regarding the cervical cancer CPGs and it was
118 pointed out that there is a need for process around quality assurance of KT products.

23 Break Out Sessions

119 At the end of Day Two, several of the Working Groups held meetings.

24 Next Steps and Adjourn – Marcello Tonelli

120 Marcello and Richard thanked all present for their hard work and contributions. There was
121 some discussion about a variety of different types of meeting timings schedules that might
122 allow for better travel arrangements.