

## Meeting report HPH Governance Board Meeting

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**Observers:** Martin Von Krauss (WHO EURO), Jürgen Pelikan, Rainer Christ (HPH Congress Secretariat), Jeff Kirk Svane (Int. HPH Secretariat), Thor Bern Jensen (Int. HPH Secretariat & rapporteur).

### 1) Opening and welcome to new GB/ MK

MK welcomed the new GB to the first online meeting.

### 2) Opportunities and challenges and for our 2 years to come, suggestions for scope of work and discussion on priorities to make /MK

As there are many issues for discussion and planning, MK had planned for a longer meeting (2 hours) to ensure sufficient time. MK invited the GB to become a working GB taking initiatives and acting as working partners. The GB agreed.

### 3) Ratification of new members/Secr

There were no new members to be ratified.

### 4) Developing the Global HPH Strategy 2019-2021. Process of work and start of working group / SF

The paper provided by SF prior to the meeting was presented and discussed. The topic of having a longer time period for the new HPH global Strategy was shortly discussed/mentioned at the GA in Bologna. If the period is prolonged, this will have influence on the development of the HPH Global Strategy. SF sees a draft of the strategy to be finalized by the end of the year so it can be presented in Poland.

Decision: The GB approved the establishment of a WG with SF as WG leader. SF will invite WG members per email and will draft ToR for the WG prior to the next GB Meeting.

### 5) Remaining questions on relationships between the International HPH network and WHO Europe / WHO-E - MKvK

MKvK had been invited to clarify the background for the change in relationship between WHO Europe and the HPH Network. Division of Health Systems and Public Health (MKvK's division

under WHO Europe) had been contacted by WHO legal office with questions to the partnership with the HPH network and function of HPH secretariat as a Term of Reference for WHO-CC for evidence-based health promotion for hospitals and health services (WHO-CC Copenhagen). Also, the use of WHO emblem on HPH documents was raised as a concern as well as the mentioning of independent entities within recognized UN member states (i.e. the nature of Regional HPH networks seem to be a potential cause for misunderstanding).

The legal office recommended to keep the MoU with the HPH Network, to remove the function as secretariat from the WHO-CCs, to ensure the WHO emblem was removed from HPH documents and websites, and to ensure replacement of HPH certificates with new certificates without the WHO emblem.

It is stressed that once the HPH Networks becomes independent from WHO, the HPH Network can as a result decide more freely how to refer to countries and regions thereof.

WHO Europe, however, remains as committed as ever to the HPH Network and in fact wishes to strengthen some areas of collaboration even further.

The process of change of HPH certificates will not be started until an official letter from WHO Europe stating their decision in change in partnership is developed. The status of the HPH/WHO partnership was further discussed, and the GB agreed that this link is important to countries and members. The phrasing that the network was “initiated by WHO” was highlighted as an acceptable way forward to emphasize the strong link also in future. MKVK would look into an officially approvable phrasing, such as this, to be used and the possibility of adding this to the new certificates.

**Decisions:** It was decided that the secretariat will send out the GA meeting report without the decision letter from WHO, while the process of changing the certificates will wait for the official letter. The GB decided to split the re-issuing process into two steps: 1) The secretariat will now contact N/R network coordinators and ask that member lists to be sent for update and confirmation by the N/R coordinator, and 2) the issuing of certificates will wait for the accompanying letter from MKvK and WHO Europe.

#### **6) Relationships to WHO Head Quarter / MKvK**

MKvK suggest that a staff member from WHO HQ be invited as an observer to the GB.

The proposed new observer is Ann-Lise Guisset, a WHO Technical Officer, who has worked with Oliver Groene on the original Manual and Self-assessment forms, is experienced in Quality management and Public Health and now works in the area of Health Services.

This proposal was welcomed by the GB. An invitation will be sent from the GB Chair in order for Ms Guisset to be authorized by WHO HQ to take on the role as an observer. MKvK highlighted that he in fact also needs such an official invitation as his observer role has not officially been authorized by WHO Europe previously. The will be sent by the GB chair too.

**Decision:** The GB agrees to invite Ms Guisset. The Secretariat and MK will write both invitation letters for Ms Guisset and MKvK.

**7) Global conference on Primary Health Care in Astana, Kazakhstan, Oct 25-25 2018. Alma Ata 40 years: an opportunity for the HPH network! /MKvK**

M KvK informed the GB that participation from the HPH Network in Astana would be an opportunity for HPH and useful for WHO. The GB agreed that the conference could be a way to make use of momentum in the interest from WHO Europe in the network.

There were three types of possibilities for events from partners: 1) a side-event mini conference next to the main conference; 2) a more informal and interactive pop-up event to take place at the conference venue, and 3) market place presence in the form of an HPH Booth like the both at the HPH conferences. MKvK will provide communication links to MK to investigate this further. Also MKvK will provide MK contact details to WONCA and IHF in order for her to explore joint participation possibilities.

The Secretariat noted that there are no allocated funds in the HPH Budget for such external meetings, while compilation and shipping of documents and advocacy materials can be done by the secretariat. Specifically, it was noted that previous costs related to Secretariat participation in external meetings, such as WHO Regional Committees and other WHO meetings, were covered by the WHO-CC budgets outside of the Secretariat, and since the function of the HPH Secretariat has now been removed from the WHO-CC's ToR, this will no longer be a possibility.

Without a budget for these kind of meetings, the options of the pop-up event or market place presence were discussed as the most likely options. Creative ideas from GB members that could generate budget for this would be welcomed, and the proposal of setting up a working group looking at alternative funding could be useful for such meetings in future.

**Decision:** The GB agreed that the possibility of participation at the conference in Astana should be explored, and that MK would be the focal point from the GB to consider the possibility. MK will reach out to WONCA and IHF. SF and JP both volunteered to give input for MK.

**8) Standards for HPH. Strategic decisions and next step after discussions at workshops in Bologna/ MKvK.**

Since the workshop in Bologna, MKvK, MK and SF had worked on a proposal for a plan for the finalization process. As a new development, MKvK, MK and SF now proposed to have two sets of standards: one set on behavioral interventions; and one which would be a broader set of health promotion standards for health services (and hospitals) which would embrace the full breath of the HPH vision. If this turns out to be acceptable to the GA, then the group would propose that the standards on behavioral interventions should come out as an HPH publication in line with other HPH TF standards. The second set of standards would be a type of umbrella standards for health promotion in hospitals and health services, which could come out as a WHO publication. For both publications a strong ownership in the network would need to be secured.

The proposed plan for the finalization of the standards for behavioral interventions included the establishment of a GB Working Group to finalize the draft. The WG would include MKvK, MK, SF and also JKS, MS and designated Swedish expert nominated by MK, Mats Lowen.

MKvK stated the HPH Task Forces and the Planetree Patient and Family Council to review the standards and to involve the N/R HPH Networks and to instigate an online vote with the GA to secure needed approval for this approach. (The GA mandated the GB along with MKvK to finalize the WHO standards on Behavioral Interventions, but since the document is now a HPH document, the HPH Network will be asked for input and for endorsement for the GB WG).

The GB WG would also follow-up on the established evidence base for the standards by way of a consolidated report later on. Regarding the further editing, it was proposed that RC and JKS would be put in charge of the process.

Further discussions on the WHO umbrella standards were postponed for the next GB meeting.

**Decision:** The GB established the new WG and mandated it with describing the finalization process of the standards as discussed, before involving the N/R Networks.

**9) Mode of working for the GB: Frequency and duration of meetings. Preparatory work before to make meetings more effective. Focal points for GB members /MK**

As there are many topics for the GB to work on, MK invited for a discussion of the number of meetings and the time for each meeting was discussed. Timely dissemination of relevant documents is highlighted as important for securing effective meetings.

The GB was asked to consider, which focal point each of the GB members would like to be engaged in for the next period.

**Decision:** The GB agreed on having monthly meetings of 90 minutes duration.

**10) Time for next meeting- August?**

GB was asked to send their availability during August to the Secretariat, MK and the Secretariat will then send out a Doodle with suggested dates. GB was asked to send dates for their availability during August.

**11) Start of a working group for generating additional income sources and resources for the international HPH network /SF**

The establishment of the WG was postponed to the next meeting. The possibility of additional income and resources could have an influence on the development of the HPH Global Strategy (item 4).

**12) Roles and task for Coordinators, next step for a concrete and helpful tool /MK**

The role and task for the coordinators will be integrated in the new platform for exchange and discussion (item 13).

**13) HPH platforms for exchange and discussions: The new homepage, new brochure? /Secr.**

The GB was invited to send comments/input to the new HPH Website to the secretariat. The secretariat will continue to work set-up/preparing the new website so it can go online in August/September.

**14) AOB**

No other business was discussed.