

**Primary Health Care Expert  
Group Second Meeting  
Stockholm, Sweden  
21 October 2016**

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| <b>Title</b>            | Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of Primary Health Care Expert Group                        |
| <b>Submitted by</b>     | ITA PHC EG  |
| <b>Summary / Note</b>   | This document contains information on the main topics discussed at PHC EG 2nd meeting |
| <b>Requested action</b> | For adoption  |
| <b>List of Annexes</b>  | Annex 1 – List of participants  |

### **1. Welcome and opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by Dr. **Yulia Mikhailova**, the Chair of PHC EG, Federal Research Institute for Health Organization and Informatics of Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation.

After Dr. Mikhailova introduction, the meeting was chaired by Mrs. **Irene Nilsson Carlsson**, Vice-Chair of PHC EG, National Board for Health and Welfare of Sweden.

### **2. Introduction of participants**

The participants introduced themselves. List of participants is attached.

### **3. Adoption of the agenda**

The Meeting adopted the Provisional agenda with timetable (document PHC EG 2/3/1)

### **4. Discussion of the results of the Seminar on methods of monitoring and analysis of primary health care.**

Irene Nilsson Carlsson (Vice-Chair PHC EG) summarized results of Seminar on indicators for monitoring and evaluation primary healthcare performance (held on the previous day) – during the Seminar each partners made presentations of their set of indicators.

The participants supported the idea to choose overlapping indicators for primary healthcare, and for elderly patients with multi-pathologies in particular, for monitoring of EG PHC progress.

Russian delegation agreed to collect information (during one month) and make draft of the set of overlapping indicators for future discussion with PHC EG.

### **5. Template to describe and analyse primary health care indicators**

Irene Nilsson Carlsson (Vice-Chair PHC EG) introduced the Template to gathering information from partners on indicators for primary health care analysis. Countries **agreed** to produce list of primary health care indicators for their countries using the Template and to send it to Russia as agreed in point 4 of this Report.

## 6. Progress report of the Expert Group on Primary Health care of 2016

Zulfiia Izhaeva (ITA for the PHC EG) presented information from the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting Committee of Senior Representatives which took place on 29 April in Copenhagen (document CSP 26 Meeting minutes<sup>1</sup>). She informed that Expert groups will need to report on their progress on Work plan 2016 activities at Spring 2017. A “Template for monitoring and reporting of the NDPHS progress” was presented for expert groups during the CSR and it was noted that not only information about projects, but also information about countries’ policy documents should be included there. Preparation of the report has been already started.

Anna Korotkova (Russia) presented an information about on project “Assessment and development of recommendations to improve medical and social outpatient care for patients with chronic noncommunicable comorbidity in Northwest Federal District of the Russian Federation” implementation, in cooperation with other countries operating within Northern Dimension Partnership in public health and social well-being.

Yulia Mikhailova (PH EG Chair) raised the issue of increasing expert’s responsibility and importance for the countries to expand the influence of the NDPHS and dissemination of experience. She informed that she will report next week to the Board of the Russian Ministry of Health about the elderly and of the NDPHS project in the Kaliningrad region.

The Meeting agreed that a formal interaction process is needed at the country level in order to inform executive management about PHC EG activities.

Inga Inkina (Latvia) presented a information about the European Forum of Primary Care Conference (EFPCC), which took place in Riga, Latvia 4-6 September 2016. She suggested the Expert Group to participate to the next EFPCC in Porto, Portugal 24-26 September 2017 and to present information on NDPHS with details about PHC EG work.

Jacek Putz (Poland) invited the group members to take part in WONKA Forum in Poland at 2018.

Irene Nilsson Carlsson (Vice-Chair PHC EG) suggested to organize the preparatory workshop before upcoming EFPCC to discuss group participation on it.

The Meeting discussed the presented proposal and **agreed** with those suggestions.

## 7. Approaches on implementation of point 3.1.2. PHC EG Work plan 2016

Anna Korotkova (Russia) informed participants about work on point 3.1.2. of the PHC EG Work plan 2016. She presented the «Template of the expert’s reporting about country-partner activities within the framework of NDPHS» for reporting on point 3.1.2. and other relevant information to reflect on partner countries’ activities within NDPHS framework.

Anna Korotkova (Russia) also suggested to apply for funding from NDPHS Secretariat to prepare posters, presentations, and for conference fee to promote NDPHS and PHC EG activities.

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<sup>1</sup> Can be found at [http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs,csr\\_26\\_\\_copenhagen](http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs,csr_26__copenhagen)  
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Valery Chernyavskiy noted that Expert Group on PHC and NDPHS' for the formal relationship with other organizations should be legally recognized in order to simplify participation of PHC EG's in any meetings.

The Meeting discussed the presented proposal and **agreed** with those suggestions.

## **8. "Innohealth" flagship project development**

Arnoldas Jurgutis (Ex-ITA PPHS EG, current – WHO representative) presented information on progress and development of project proposals for EC flagship project. In 2015, project application was unsuccessful because it lacked innovations issue. Therefore, the proposal has been redesigned to "Preventable hospitalization" under InnoHealth project (The consortium led by Latvian National Health Services).

The next week, in October there will be a meeting of the consortium in Malmo. The situation where potential partners from Russia were not informed and invited in great advance developed because of the change of project structure and contact persons in each country and not delivering successful transition of information on matter of potential partners in Russia. Current Project partners are from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Russia and potentially Denmark. The project will need a letter of support from the NDPHS EG, and therefore more closer cooperation with the group is needed to develop it. This question must be raised in the PAC.

Arnoldas Jurgutis (Ex-ITA PPHS EG, current – WHO representative) informed the PHC EG that it is possible for the PHC EG to participate in the Almaty, Kazakhstan at the conference dedicated to 40th anniversary of Primary Health Care Declaration. It was decided to organize Forth PHC EG meeting in Almaty in spring (April 2017), before the Conference, and prior to that – side-event on PHC evaluation.

He also proposed to organize the next PHC EG Meeting in WHO Geographically dispersed office for primary health care in Almaty, Kazakhstan, at April 2017.

Yulia Mikhailova (Chair) promised to forward a letter of justification - why the group meeting will take place not in the partner country.

The Meeting discussed the presented proposal and **agreed** to organize the next PHC EG Meeting in Almaty, Kazakhstan, at April 2017.

## **9. The project deliverables and experience exchange through the website NDPHS.**

Irene Nilsson Carlsson (Vice-Chair PHC EG) suggested to discuss this issue when country indicators will be collected in the joint template.

The Meeting members agreed with this suggestion.

Irene Nilsson Carlsson (Vice-Chair PHC EG) reminded that as it was already discussed with Secretariat, the present NDPHS website is not very user-friendly for cooperation purposes (for collecting data etc.) and a template or some kind of database is needed to upload and make use of materials and documents. She suggested to discuss this issue (and its financing for the next year) on the upcoming PAC meeting.

The Meeting agreed with her suggestion.

## **10. Update of the PHC EG Terms of Reference.**

Yulia Mikhailova (Chair) suggested renaming the Irene Nilsson Carlson Vice-Chair position to Co-Chair, as a representative of Co-Lead Country.

As well she suggested to introduce the new position - Vice-Chair (as it was done in the Non-communicable disease expert group), which don't need any funding. Chair has broad responsibilities as a Coordinator of NDPHS activities in Russia, and she needs person who will help to implement activities in the primary health care direction.

Yulia Mikhailova (Chair) suggested Anna Korotkova on the Vice-Chair position, as having high knowledge in international work in health care and in primary health care - in particular.

The Meeting members agreed with Irene Nilsson-Carlsson to be the Co-Chair and Anna Korotkova to be elected as Vice-Chair.

## **11. Implementation of activities of PHC EG Work plan 2017.**

Zulfiia Izhaeva (ITA for the PHC EG) presented information on the structure of the EG Work plan for 2017, including the activities to achieve the expected results of the NDPHS action plan.

Irene Nilsson Carlsson (Vice-Chair PHC EG) suggested to make the Work plan 2017 more detailed, to clarify the resources, methods and deliverables.

The Meeting discussed points for realization in the Work Plan and details of the report for 2017 based on the Work Plan.

Inga Inkina (Latvia) clarified the record format of the diagnosis and ages of the patients with multy-morbidity to include them in the table for reporting at 2017.

Yulia Mikhailova (Chair) replied that it depends on age indicators in the country, for example, Russia will present information about people 60 years and older.

Edita Bishop (Lithuania) asked about the difference of collected indicators, which was discussed before.

Yulia Mikhailova (Chair) replied that indicators would be collected in two packages. First of them will be collected on the Template, which was presented by Irene, and these indicators will serve as an example of collecting indicators on prevalence of multimorbidity in the elderly population. The second package of indicators will include information on health care organization for elderly population with multimorbidity in each country.

The Meeting discussed the deliverables of the Work plan 2017.

On implementation of point 3.2.3 of the Work plan 2017 Edita Bishop (Lithuania) suggested to organize a Workshop in some partner countries of PHC EG.

Yulia Mikhailova (Chair) offered to organize one of the planned Workshops in the Kaliningrad oblast' of the Russian Federation and preferably in September – October 2017.

Jacek Putz (Poland) commented that its difficult for experts and even organizations to plan the Future work without Ministries of Health offered. He suggested making general information for the Executive Teams of the PHC EG member countries about the Work plan 2017.

Yulia Mikhailova (Chair) noted to the Terms of reference of the PHC EG, and on the scientific possibilities of the scientists.

Anna Korotkova (Russia) raised a question - is it possible for group members to share – on behalf of their EG – project results on various conferences and events organized by various stakeholders.

Arnoldas Jurgutis (Ex-ITA PPHS EG, current – WHO representative) replied – yes, if we have an EG permission to share them.

Yulia Mikhailova (Chair) suggested to organize a Workshop on implementation of point 3.1.3 of the Work plan 2017 in Kaliningrad oblast' in the Russian Federation. This 3.1.3 point provide arrange the international workshop in the member countries of the PHC EG with knowledge provider's health, and social care administrators to discuss existing good practice in resource allocation and possible incentives supporting an integrated and better-coordinated care for patients with multi-morbidity.

The Meeting **agreed** with these suggestions.

## **12. Next PHC EG meeting**

The PHC EG members **agreed** with the Arnoldas Jurgutis (Ex-ITA PPHS EG, current – WHO representative) proposal to organize the third PHC EG meeting in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on April 2017.

## **13. Adoption of the meeting minutes**

Zulfiia Izhaeva (ITA for the PHC EG) proposed to send out draft of PHC EG First Meeting minutes to the participants by November 7 and that comments on the draft would be due, at the latest, on 14 November 2016. The revised minutes would be distributed on 21 November 2016 to be adopted per capsulam provided that no further comments are submitted within one week.

The Meeting took note of the presented information

## **14. Closing the meeting.**

The Meeting closed on October 21, 2016 at 14:00.

