

Toronto-Oxford Psychiatry Collaboration

Executive Committee Meeting

12 January, 2022 | 16:00-17:00 (GMT) / 11:00-12:00 (ET) | Via Zoom

Attendees Nick Broughton (NB), Andrea Cipriani (AC), Mike Denis (MD), Belinda Lennox (BL), Tracey MacArthur (TM), Benoit Mulsant (BM), Vicky Stergiopoulos (VS), Katherine Stevens (KS)

Apologies Trevor Young (TY)

Summary Minutes

Welcome

- Introductions, and collaboration report overview provided by Andrea Cipriani, and Mike Denis (2021_Oxford Toronto_Work-in-Progress Report.doc - shared in advance of meeting).
- Action - KS add job titles to report, and recirculate.

Alignment opportunities

- COVID recovery discussed as a unique and ongoing challenge across all four institutions.
- Three key areas identified, and agreed by all parties:
 1. Digital health (burning platform – features on all strategic agendas)
 2. Precision mental health
 3. Clinical pathways
- Education and training flagged as an important additional central theme (across levels, and areas).
 - Identified the need to expand Operational Committee ongoing activities to incorporate a broader educational approach.
 - Noted education activities are critically captured in the scope of the MOU.
 - Updated - nursing counterparts (CAMH/OHFT) have already planned nursing student exchanges.
 - Noted first joint Grand Rounds taking place in Feb 2022 (Catherine Harmer (Oxford), presenting virtually at Grand Rounds in Toronto).
 - Keen to encourage cross-pollination between institutions in a decentralised way.
- A commitment to EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) is agreed as an additional shared priority. A subsequent goal for the Operational Committee in 2022 is to proactively engage with the theme of EDI, and health inequalities.
- Discussed shared interest in forensic research, and awareness that forensic initiatives would be well received.
 - CAMH noted opportunities for forensic projects, connected to the rebuild of part of their campus.
 - Action – KS add item to agenda for the next Operational Committee meeting, to begin to build a bridge between Oxford-Toronto in forensic areas. Share details, identify researchers/staff to connect.
 - Noted that health inequalities theme aligns with forensic program, and that there is a particular lack of interaction with early intervention, and forensic programs.
 - CAMH has ongoing project in restriction reduction, within forensics. Action: if Oxford identify collaborators, VS can leverage some of the work and data to address research questions.

Direction setting

- Discussion around the possibility of developing a 'marquee project' for the collaboration. Operational Committee could work on a demonstration project, which should lie at an intersection of the core themes identified.
- A shortlist of 'marquee projects' could be submitted to the Executive Committee for pilot funding. This would be foundational funding, and must demonstrate that matching grants could be found.
- Mechanism of identifying 'marquee projects' discussed, including guiding principles that could be used. Agreed that project should align with local and national drivers, to ensure relevance and future investment.
 - Suggestion: digital psychiatry to improve access, quality, and structured care.
 - Noted digital therapeutics are key, factoring digital offerings into care pathways.
 - Oxford Health and CAMH noted could capitalise on linkage with NHS (Dr Timothy Ferris, Director of Transformation) and CAMH (Ontario Health).

AOB

- Agreed to bi-annual Executive Committee meetings. Deputies can be implemented in future, if key attendees are unable to be present.
- Agreed annual report length & format is acceptable.
- Noted that the Chair for Operational Committee will rotate to Toronto in April 2022.

Meeting closed.