



PreVAiL Business Meeting – October 18, 2017

Brief Summary

Updates (moderated by Nadine Wathen & Harriet MacMillan)

- PreVAiL recently received a two-year grant from the Public Health Agency of Canada; the focus is evolving PreVAiL as a Knowledge Mobilization (KMob) Network in Family Violence, with a specific mandate to share knowledge with Canadian policy audiences.
- During the meeting, Susan Jack, Andrea Gonzalez, Barb MacQuarrie and Traci Afifi described their seed-funded PreVAiL projects.
- Other members described their ongoing, PreVAiL-specific or –relevant work and opportunities for knowledge sharing and mobilization.

Value of PreVAiL ('round the room)

- Knowledge mobilization (i.e., policy briefs)
- Emphasis on resilience; developed definition for PreVAiL and now short-item measure that can be incorporated in surveys
- The focus on health and the health sector response to family violence, including the health sector as a workplace (and various forms of trauma and violence experienced by health providers).
- Intra-PreVAiL knowledge sharing and collaboration; linking networks to other networks. Strategic international partnerships and collaborations (e.g., WHO, PAHO, WPA, ISPCAN, WONCA etc.).
- Capacity building was a key component of the CIHR-funded iteration of PreVAiL; how will we engage trainees, going forward (and absent specific funding)?

Suggestions for enhancements ('round the room)

- Evolution of KMob strategies:
 - Sharing “branded” resources in policy-relevant ways, including infographics.
 - Continuing the practice of synthesizing evidence through policy-relevant research briefs.
 - More linkages to Canadian policy, especially provinces and territories.
 - Social media, podcasts, and, for example, a YouTube channel (e.g., science of KMob).
- A focus on resilience and a lifespan approach, integrating across different violence experiences.
- Consider ways to more meaningfully engage those with lived experience into knowledge-sharing products and processes (avoid tokenism).
- Support learning around the processes of governance, policy and scaling up of interventions.
- Provide structure and coordinating function around evolution of child maltreatment and IPV measures such as the Composite Abuse Scale (CAS), and Canadian implementation of CAS(revised)-Short Form.
- Enhance role as a Federal level “influencer”; find ways to get more policy input. One idea was to hold a knowledge sharing and priority-setting forum and invite key government officials.

Role of Advisory Committee (moderated by Simon Davidson)

- What role, if any, for the PreVAiL Advisory Committee? A scaled-back approach is envisioned but there is still a need for guidance in areas such as membership, how to integrate trainees, and, perhaps, vetting higher-level (i.e., Network-, not project-, specific) key messages.

Next steps (moderated by Donna Stewart)

- Examine possibility of another PreVAiL meeting (later in 2018) about evidence and capacity building, including working groups on policy and scale-up. Consider funding or co-funding options.