

The Minute of the Taskforce on HPH and Environment

Date and Time: 3:30 to 4:30pm, 16th April, 2010

Venue: Room 406, Manchester University, UK

Chair: Shu-Ti, Chiou

Participants: Jeff Svane, Gary Cohen, Pendo Maro, Michael Wong, Chin-Lon Lin

Not attending: Susan Wilburn (ex-officio role), Hanne Tonnesen

Minute summarized by Mingnan Lin and Michelle (Miauh-Shin Chen)

Part I: Regarding subsequent actions about ToR of the Taskforce

1. For visualizing environment-related health promotion issues in existing HPH

Models and Tools :

1-1 The Copenhagen Collaborating Center will do a mini-review of the HPH standards, tools and key HPH documents to see what matches and misses with Taskforce Proposal after Jeff gets the agreement from Copenhagen.

2. For giving examples on best evidence practice related to HPH Models and Tools

2-1 Collect best practice examples according to each HPH standard or strategies in Ottawa Charter, for example, management policies, supportive environments, participation and collective action, improving health professionals' literacy and re-orienting healthcare services. Gary and Pendo will help collect examples.

2-2 Put best evidence practices on TF website, then publish it after collecting.

2-3 Gary will help in contacting best evidence practice hospitals, Miles hospital and Swedish ambulance services, in Florence, Italy and also provide existing examples in HCWH(Gary will be there in June)

3. For developing tools for monitoring the effect of environment-friendly intervention programs

3-1 Indicators in monitoring the environment friendly hospital include carbon footprint, energy and water consumption, hospital waste and so forth. To look about tools at least shared around carbon, waste and water.

- 3-2 Some tools have existed in different organizations and countries, such as in UK, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Sweden, but every country has its own different system. Pendo will summarize a list of the existing tools and then which one is more useful and universal can be discussed.
- 3-3 As for indicators, e.g., in order to see how energy efficiency among countries, the total amount electricity consumed each month by hospital and by bed can be comparable. Gary expressed a fantastic tool in US that can translate carbon into public health impacts, but it is not to be useful outside US.
- 3-4 Jeff reminded that based on other taskforces' experiences, if the tool is very detailed and complicated, it will be hard to use in hospitals.
- 3-5 Hospitals such as Tzuchi in Taiwan and Alexander in Singapore can adopt and try those existing tools.
4. For disseminating the best practice examples and HPH Models and Tools through the network
- 4-1 HCWH will provide present prepared standard speech slides to increase health professionals' literacy about climate change and health impacts through different specialty annual conventions. Pendo will also summarize some related websites and e-mail to all Taskforce members.
- 4-2 There are lots of good policies from global health professional organizations such as AMA, ANA, APHA, and WMA. Gary will provide the information for references, and they may be translated into different languages to persuade domestic associations to adopt.
- 4-3 For government policy formation, Gary will discuss with Susan in WHO if Susan can help in developing the recommended policy for government.
- 4-4 European has had tips for health professionals to be environment-friendly. Pendo can provide the information and Tzuchi will also provide some tips.
- 4-5 To create international awards in different categories, like high performance hospitals, after all tools for management developed. Perhaps more official

competition over the website will be done till next year or 2012.

5. Establishing a database for environmental friendly hospitals and health services programs

5-1 WHO-CC in Copenhagen is revising the HPH website in 2010, and each Taskforce will have their sub-website. The timeframe will be late 2010.

5-2 As HCWH website has already had many climates and health literacy stuff, sideshows, research documents and other materials, the Taskforce sub-website can link to that, and the HPH logo can be put on HCWH webpage. People will be allowed to post their studies to the existing website with 7 categories.

Part II. HPH conference in June, 2011 in Turku, Finland

1. To arrange a symposium and parallel sessions in 2011 convention:

1-1 Gary and Pendo will help in organizing one symposium about environment-friendly hospital in 2011 convention.

1-2 Two parallel sessions such as “environment-friendly health care” and “food and health” that may attract people to submit their studies, Dr. Chiou will propose it in the scientific committee of HPH.

1-3 Gary can disseminate the message in HCWH.

Part III. Further Contact

1. To build up an e-mail list which can make the sharing easier
2. Next meeting time will be as the same as the Governance Board meeting in November at Copenhagen. The date will be decided as soon as possible. As for members who can't go there, Tzuchi will assist Jeff in technical details for web-based conference.