

## Minute of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Task Force on HPH and Environment

Date and Time: 17:30-18:40, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011

Venue: Room Europa, Hotel Caribia, Turku, Finland

Chair: Shu-Ti Chiou (STC)

Participants: Jeff Svane (JS), Pendo Maro (PM), Anja Leetz (AL), Sonia Roschnik (SR), Marie-France Noël (MFN), Michael Wong (MW), You-Chen Chao (YCC), Hermann Schmied (HS, in place of Jürgen Pelikan)

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Reference: as distributed in the meeting

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### Discussions on current progress and future plans for reaching the Terms of Reference of the TF on HPH and Environment

1. For visualizing environment-related health promotion issues in existing HPH Models and Tools
  - 1-1 SR and MFN addressed that the current HPH and Environment Manual lack clear definitions of environment-friendly criteria. It was discussed that the terminologies explicitly addressing environmental friendliness should be incorporated into the manual. STC suggested the possibility of a glossary of terms, and Health Care Without Harm will provide a half-page document for the glossary as an appendix of the manual. For definition of sustainable development in the glossary SR will provide the definition used in the UK.
  - 1-2 JS will assist in manual word revisions by supplementing “environment-friendly” elements, or modifying them to more explicitly address environment-friendliness.
  - 1-3 The definitions of environmental friendliness should be focused on establishing a clear and simple set of indicators that hospitals can follow. These indicators should reflect the definitions of environmental friendliness.
  - 1-4 PM suggested that corporate commitment from the managerial level on environment-friendly should be appended into the Standard 1; for example, the

significance of green procurement in healthcare management policies.

1-5 AL suggested that the draft Healthier Hospital Initiative Tier 1 Goals which PM extended can be linked with the standards in the Manual. Goal 1, for example, is about senior leadership, and this relates to the management policy in Standard 1.

1-6 STC suggested incorporating the proposed HHI standards to fit into the current standards, using them as examples for hospitals to follow.

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

2-1 HCWH is establishing a global version (Global Green Hospitals – GGH) of the HHI standards which will be launched in Argentina in October.

2-2 “The Catholic Webinar.ppt” offered by PM has many good practice examples of environmental-friendly hospitals and healthcare institutes. This document will be uploaded onto the Task Force website for benchmarking after this meeting.

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

3-1 PM addressed that converting formulas and tools among is not necessary for the time being since each country has its own condition and system.

3-2 SR offered the insight on the Defra (Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs) methodology, which is a nationwide mandatory environment-related guideline for departments and institutions in the UK to comply with. This allowed UK to have a more systemic topology of the progress of environment than other countries.

3-3 STC indicated that the TF should select one set of “mainstream” methods for hospitals to adopt, and that this set of tools should be easy for hospitals to collect and use. SR further suggested that this data collected by hospitals should be updated and modified as needed in the future.

3-4 JS stated the indicators of the manual should be presented as a set of “living documents”, and able to adapt to changes as needed.

3-5 SR suggested the possibility of setting a public, statutory reporting mechanism, where hospitals may submit their data on promoting environment-friendly measures and share them to the public. This will allow hospitals to evaluate and compare between themselves and other hospitals, creating peer pressure so that they would strive to make a difference. Global Green Hospitals will have voluntary web-based reporting on meeting the various goals.

3-6 STC suggested that MFN, SR, and YSH work together to figure out a “simple but feasible tool”, and that a Skype meeting in-between the TF Meetings be held to decide whether to use calculators or indicators.

4. For disseminating the best practice examples and HPH Models and Tools through the network

4-1 The HPH and Environment Symposium would take place on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and there would be 2 oral presentations, 1 oral mini presentation and 7 posters on the topic of “Environment-Friendly Health Services & Arts in Health Services” delivered during the Conference. The task force will work hard on collecting good practice examples from these presenting hospitals.

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

5-1 STC expressed that indicators and tools will need to be established first before setting a database for hospitals to share knowledge with.

STC closed the meeting with the remark that healthcare sectors should shift from putting emphasis on technology into more health promotion and intervention.