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Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health

3rd Working Group meeting on Tools and methodologies for assessing the performance of primary care

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Wednesday 3 May 2017, 10:00 – 16:00 h CET

MINUTES

1. Participants

1.1. Members

Jan De Maeseneer – Chair (JDM)
Dionne Kringos – Rapporteur (DK)
Christian Anastasy (CA) apologies
Margaret Barry (MB) via videolink
Liubove Murauskiene (LM)
Sabina Nuti (SN) via videolink
Luigi Siciliani (LS) via videolink

1.2. Secretariat

Federico Paoli (FP)
Patricia Sanchez-Villacanas Cabrera (PSVC)
Päivi Kontinen (PK)

2. Welcome and apologies

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

3. Adoption of the draft agenda

The agenda was adopted without modifications.

4. On-going work on the opinion

4.1. Mandate

The Rapporteur had prepared and distributed a set of documents in advance of the meeting. She started by giving an overview of these documents, which included classical primary care indicators and dimensions. These documents will serve as ground work for parts B and C of the mandate and help with the drafting.

A question was raised concerning possible link to health systems performance assessment (HSPA) frameworks. The idea is to merge the two areas at a later stage.

A question was raised concerning the number of indicators that are used in the countries where they have been designed. This issue links with the work of the HSPA Expert Group and the recent survey, which was sent to Member States to collect experiences at national at regional level in assessing the performance of primary care. The results of this survey will help determine the real use of indicators and frameworks. A preliminary analysis of the results will be ready by June and can thus be integrated into the opinion when appropriate.

It was emphasised to align the WG's work with what has been done in other institutions, e.g. WHO and OECD to avoid unnecessary overlapping. It was also decided to use the list of indicators developed during a previous plenary meeting of the Expert Panel as a starting point.

It was emphasised the need to distinguish between primary care capacity and performance in future work.

The draft Opinion will consist of four parts:

Part A will set a scene of the opinion.

Part B will cover specific indicators and use e.g. the information from the HSPA expert group survey.

Part C will investigate links from indicators to policy-making, core issues and dimensions, possibly including indicators that document continuation of care through different levels.

Part D will propose some advice for a possible EU agenda on primary care performance assessment

Action points

1. Secretariat will send all supporting material referred to at the meeting to the WG members.
2. Parts A, B and C were divided between the WG members and various deadlines set.
3. First drafts to be ready for reporting at the Plenary meeting on 16 May 2017.

4.2. Practical arrangements

Next WG meeting is scheduled for **15 June 2017 at 3:00pm-5:30pm CET**