



Meeting of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health

Minutes

Brussels, 6 September 2019

Working group meeting on Health Promoting Health Systems (via WebEx)

4 September 2019, 10h00 –12h00 CET

1. Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting

The agenda was approved without changes as well as the minutes of the previous meeting.

2. Nature of the meeting

The third working group (WG) meeting on Health Promoting Health Systems took place on 4 September via WebEx. The meeting, which was chaired by Jan De Maeseneer, was a non-public meeting.

No declarations of interest that could in any way interfere with the topic discussed were submitted from any Panel member.

3. List of points discussed

Ongoing work on opinion

The updated draft of the opinion was circulated before the meeting. The rapporteur, Margaret Barry, briefly reminded the members that the Opinion is divided into three parts: first on conceptual and policy frameworks, second dealing with what progress has been made, identifying enablers as well as barriers to progress, and the third on mechanisms for strengthening health promoting health systems.

She stressed that the Opinion aims at giving a broad-based perspective on what further progress can be made in effectively implementing health promoting health systems within the EU. The Panel discussed the possibilities of addressing the issue of diversity and country specificities.

DG SANTE pointed to the work done already and stressed the importance of including more reflection on the EU role and the broader EU policy context, also on how this emphasises the relevance of health promoting health systems. DG SANTE further highlighted that it is important to understand how EU policies and instruments can be used to support health promoting approaches (e.g. Horizon projects, specific joint actions, etc.).

The Panel discussed advocacy as an important strategy of health promotion, and referred to intersectoral approaches, as well as the need for incentives to invest in health promotion. The Panel further went through the document and agreed to elaborate on possible policy and implementation enablers, such as funding, on the importance of linking clinicians and public health, and on gaps in medical education and training regarding health promotion.

Members raised several other points, namely the need for culturally appropriate health promotion in diverse societies; including more concrete examples of the implementation of health in all policies in the EU; more research on social determinants and the issue of sustainable financing.

Planning of work

The Panel agreed to provide input by 12 September and to have a new draft including recommendations ready before the plenary meeting of 25 September.

4. Conclusion

The Chair thanked participants for their presence and the valuable discussion which helped move forward with the opinion.

5. Next meeting

The new draft will be presented in the plenary meeting of 25 September.

6. List of participants

Members

ANASTASY Christian (apologies)
BARRY Margaret
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