



CSN-SNAP Committee Videoconference MINUTES

January 6, 2022: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EDT

<p>Present</p> <p>Caroline Stigant (Chair)</p> <p>Neil Finkle, Halifax, NS</p> <p>Naomi Glick, Nanaimo, BC</p> <p>Bhavneet Kahlon, Calgary, AB</p> <p>Tasleem Rajan, Richmond, BC</p> <p>Ratna Samanta, Montreal, QC</p> <p>Ahmad Tarakji, Kitchener, ON</p>	<p>Administration</p> <p>Filomena Picciano, Director of Operations</p> <p>Frank Verissimo, Coordinator</p> <p>Minutes</p> <p>Diane Perazzo, Wordsmith Writing and Editing Services</p>
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1. Welcome Statement and Member Introductions	
<p>Dr. Stigant welcomed the group and called the meeting to order. She acknowledged that she was on the Saanich Peninsula of Vancouver Island, the territorial home of the <u>W</u>SÁNEĆ (weh-saanich) Peoples.</p> <p>Each member identified themselves, their professional affiliation, their hopes for the SNAP Committee and any specialized skills they brought to this work.</p> <p>The membership offered a range of talents and expertise including knowledge about footprinting methodology, commitment and interest in sustainable nephrology and health care, public health, QI, membership on CSN Board of Directors, etc.</p> <p>Ms. Picciano reminded the group that they should send a brief bio and photo to. Mr. Verissimo for inclusion on the CSN website.</p>	<p>A1. Committee Members will send Mr. Verissimo a brief bio and photo by mid January to be posted on the CSN website.</p> <p>A2. Dr. Rajan will send info about her upcoming grand rounds on this topic.</p>
2. Membership Vacancies	

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<p>Dr. Stigant mentioned that although a smaller had its advantages, ideally, the Committee should have representation and/or communication links with all Canadian Renal Programs / Regions, particularly, Northern Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Maritimes (other than NS). In addition, members were needed to represent pediatrics and admin.</p> <p>Dr. Tarakji recommended that the Committee consider having core and ad hoc members.</p> <p>Member recruitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Finkle will reach out in the Maritime Provinces and Manitoba. • Dr. Stigant will seek membership from the pediatric nephrology community. • Dr. Samanta will check with the Société québécoise de néphrologie (SQN). 	<p>A3. Committee members will contact Nephrology Program leads in each underrepresented geographic area for recruitment.</p>
3. Roles and Responsibilities	
<p>The key roles and responsibilities of members will be to attend SNAP meetings (and hopefully meaningfully engage) and communicate / represent / implement initiatives for renal region.</p> <p>Dr. Stigant proposed rotating Territorial Acknowledgements to enhance nation-wide learning as act of Reconciliation. Dr. Rajan volunteered to provide the Territorial Acknowledgement for the next meeting.</p> <p>Optional involvement might also include research initiatives, educational events, advocacy, innovation, regulation.</p>	<p>A4. Dr. Rajan will provide the Territorial Acknowledgement for the next SNAP meeting.</p>
4. Vision and Mission Statement	
<p>Vision Statement - An organization's vision is the long-term change it ideally would like to see if its work is successful. A vision should motivate and enable individuals to see how their effort contributes to an overall inspirational purpose.</p> <p>Mission Statement – The reason SNAP exists, and the statement should help keep all members focused.</p> <p>Dr. Stigant stressed that the vision and mission statements should be finalized before the next SNAP meeting via correspondence.</p> <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Tarakji stated that the vision needs to be short and bold and include the words “nephrology” and “planetary health”. The Mission is a little longer and would describe the process to achieve the Vision. • Committee members agreed that the goal was to approach net zero emissions or a path to that end and striving to promote a healthy planet and patients. 	<p>A5. Dr. Stigant will distribute educational resources about this issue from the UK.</p> <p>A6. Dr. Stigant will forward a draft vision / mission statement for further discussion via email.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net zero may be difficult to envision because we currently don't measure carbon in our practice. • Prevention, health promotion and chronic disease management are important goals, i.e., reducing the number of patients on dialysis will also reduce the environmental impact of treatment. • It was noted that the environmental footprint differs among regions, e.g. Vancouver has very silty water which complicates this issue. <p>Proposed visions / missions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A sustainable nephrology for healthy patients and a healthy planet.</i> • <i>Healthy kidneys and a sustainable planet.</i> • <i>To educate, advocate and innovate sustainable kidney care for kidney health and a sustainable planet.</i> <p>The vision / mission will need to be finalized ASAP.</p> <p>Nephrology Carbon Footprint Calculator</p> <p>Dr. Samanta proposed that the Committee work to create a nephrology carbon footprint calculator similar to the one that Dr. Stigant had distributed prior to the meeting. Nephrologists are already used to using various calculators and this would help to facilitate a thoughtful conversation between clinicians and patients about the impact of their care on the carbon footprint and would assist them in making choices.</p> <p>The Committee agreed this was a great way to educate and achieve the vision.</p>	
5. Work Agenda	
<p>Dr. Stigant and the Committee reviewed a draft "SNAP Work Agenda" which consisted of four domains: Education, Sustainable Care in Clinical Practice, Procurement and Infrastructure, and Advocacy and PH Community Engagement organized into three time frames: short (by CSN AGM – May 2022); medium (define); long (define). She stressed the importance of this work and the value of making sustainability a part of our everyday lives to compact climate anxiety.</p> <p>The Committee will create a working document with proposed action items. All members to review and provide feedback on first draft of this document.</p> <p>It was agreed that some "quick wins" should be completed that could be reported to the CSN Officers. These could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting industry members to present information on their contribution to green technologies and discuss ways to work together. (It was agreed that this should take place over the course of one longer SNAP meeting rather than having someone speak at each meeting.) • Asking industry reps to highlight sustainable technologies at the upcoming CSN AGM. 	<p>A7. Dr. Stigant will circulate an article written about environmentally friendly technologies being used by industry in Europe.</p> <p>A8. Dr. Stigant will draft and circulate draft support statements and CSN Open Letter for the website.</p> <p>A9. Ms. Picciano will provide information on a web location to</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking with like-minded international nephrology groups such as Europe, UK and Australia. <p>Longer-term goals suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing sample policies regarding the recirculation of clean waste water for the development of new dialysis units and retrofit of existing units. • Adding an additional CSN AGM abstract category to focus on sustainable nephrology. • Signing on to statements such as the <i>São Paulo Declaration on Planetary Health</i> and the <i>Statement regarding Physician Commitment to Planetary Health Principles</i>. • An open letter about Sustainable Nephrology posted on the CSN Website. 	<p>post draft documents.</p>
6. Wrap-up and Next Meeting Date / Time	
<p>A variety of options were proposed, and different times of the day / evening were suggested. This will be sorted out via Doodle Poll.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.</p>	<p>A10. Ms. Picciano will send a Doodle Poll regarding the date of the next SNAP Meeting.</p>