

## CSN-SNAP Committee Videoconference MINUTES

May 10, 2022: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EDT

<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Caroline Stigant, (Chair) Neil Finkle, NS Naomi Glick, BC Dan Martinusen, BC Kristen Pederson, MB Tasleem Rajan, BC Ratna Samanta, QC</p> <p><b>Guests</b></p> <p>Aubree McAtee Andrew Nartey Shungri Nour Nicole Simms</p>	<p><b>Regrets</b></p> <p>Keefe Davis, SK Syed Obaid Amin, SK Bhavneet Kahlon, AB Ahmad Tarakji, ON</p> <p><b>Administration</b></p> <p>Filomena Picciano, Director of Operations Marli Sa, Assistant, CSN Admin</p> <p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>Diane Perazzo, Wordsmith Writing and Editing</p>
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<b>1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement</b>	
<p>Dr. Stigant welcomed the group and called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Dr. Samanta offered a territorial acknowledgement from Tiohtià:ke tsi ionhwéntsare (Montréal, Québec). She drew attention to the Hochelaga Rock placed on the Lower Field of the University of McGill, acknowledging its Indigenous history.</p>	
<b>2. Review of Agenda and Minutes from March 9, 2022 Meeting</b>	

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<p>Members reviewed the Minutes from the March 9, 2022 meeting and no changes were made.</p> <p>Dr. Stigant reported that the CSN Executive was finalizing the wording of the questions for industry representatives at the Green Innovation Industry Fair work was ongoing behind the scenes.</p> <p>There were no additions to the Agenda.</p>	
<b>3. Updates</b>	
<p><b>a) SNAP Report for the CSN Board Meeting</b></p> <p>Dr Stigant reviewed the report from the SNAP Working Group to the CSN Board of Directors which provided information of the activities of the Group since it began in January 6. The report covers the formation of the group, meetings, article submission to the CJKHD, Sao Paolo Declaration Signatory, CASCADES collaboration, industry green exhibition, completion of sustainable nephrology rounds, ten-step sustainability plan, international collaborations and future directions.</p>	
<p><b>b) Sao Paolo Declaration on Planetary Health</b></p> <p>Dr. Stigant reported that the Sao Paolo declaration had been signed by SNAP/CSN which was the first nephrology organization worldwide to do so.</p>	
<p><b>c) Publications submitted to the Canadian Journal of Kidney Health and Disease</b></p> <p>Two articles have been submitted:</p> <p><i>Redesigning Kidney Care for the Anthropocene – A New Framework for Planetary Health in Nephrology</i> by SNAP Investigators</p> <p><i>Sustainable Nephrology Action Planning ('SNAP') – A new committee of the Canadian Society of Nephrology.</i> Introductory letter to accompany opinion piece.</p>	
<b>4. International Collaboration</b>	
<p>Dr. Stigant reported that she had participated in a phone call with counterparts in Australia, England and Belgium about an international collaboration on the subject of sustainable nephrology.</p> <p>Dr.Katherine Barraclough from Australia has suggested a zero emissions / waste challenge and this group is also interested in working with industry.</p>	
<b>5. New CSN President</b>	
<p>Ms. Picciano mentioned that Dr. Claudio Rigatto would be taking on the role of President of the CSN at the upcoming AGM in May. Dr. Rigatto will be sending a membership update in June, and this would be a good opportunity to report on the work of the SNAP Committee.</p>	

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<b>6. Education Initiatives</b>	
<p><b>a) Nephrology Rounds – Earth Day 2022</b></p> <p>Dr. Stigant referred to the SNAP Share Earth Day PowerPoint presentation slides that had been distributed with the meeting materials and encouraged members to use and adapt these for their local needs.</p>	<p><b>A1. SNAP Committee Members</b> will seek opportunities to provide presentations where possible.</p>
<p><b>b) CSN Webinar</b></p> <p>A webinar has been proposed – any interest in presenting or co-presenting?</p>	<p><b>A2. SNAP Committee Members</b> will inform Dr. Stigant if they are interested in being involved in a CSN Webinar.</p>
<p><b>c) Ten-steps to Sustainability Implementation Plan</b></p> <p>Dr. Stigant reported that she and Dr. Glick have submitted a grant for implementation of Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care’s ‘Green Office Toolkit’ in office areas of 2 dialysis units.</p> <p>A comprehensive approach for renal programs to adopt sustainability is being drafted: “Ten Steps to Sustainability Implementation Plan”. A draft of this plan was presented in the Earth Day rounds circulated. Please refer to the slide set for access while this remains under development.</p> <p>It is envisioned that this plan will be a subsequent SNAP committee publication.</p> <p>In collaboration with CASCADES (see item 7 below) this plan may be developed to a workshop.</p> <p><b>7. Kidney Care KPI identification and discussion:</b></p> <p>Members discussed the nuances of kidney care KPIs such as the possibility of under-prescribing dialysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring outcome measures are important to avoid lower patient outcomes and skimping on dialysis provision.</li> <li>• It should be acknowledged that there is a tendency to prescribe inappropriate dialysis when it no longer provides patients with an opportunity to thrive or may even worsen the quality of their life. With an aging baby boomer population this can have a significant impact.</li> <li>• It is even more important to consider the importance of early intervention and care to prevent /delay kidney failure. In other words, a meaningful outcome is keeping people off dialysis. If we keep using resources the way we are, everything else is “moving deck chairs.”</li> <li>• Thankfully, the increased use of SGLT2 inhibitors may delay progression to dialysis.</li> </ul>	<p><b>A3. SNAP Committee Members</b> will provide feedback on the “Ten Steps to Sustainability Implementation Plan”.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incentives for advance care planning should be considered as part of being an environmental steward and good clinician.</li> <li>• Patient outcome scores (as a ‘balanced outcome’) are another quantitative outcome measure that can be included on a dashboard.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. CASCADES Collaboration</b>	
<p>Dr. Nicole Simms, Shugri Nour, Aubree McAtee and Andrew Narthey joined the Committee to provide an overview of CASCADES and proposed collaborative activities such as a plan for an infographic / workshop. CASCADES is interested in partnering in various ways to produce content and make it available to the broader community through educational events, etc.</p> <p>CASCADES is funded by Health Canada and as such, does not engage in lobbying activities, but recognizes that the health care community also includes industry, and it is important to support the spread of knowledge and bring industry into these conversations.</p> <p>Aubree McAtee described a current program on sustainable inhaler use that was helping to build knowledge and education to support a national spread.</p> <p>Shugri Nour provided an overview of a primer being developed regarding sustainable practices in nephrology such as reducing water usage as well as electricity and plastics reduction and lowering carbon footprint with reduced / greener transportation options. She mentioned that it is challenging to find current data to support more sustainable dialysis interventions other than some work done in Australia and by the NHS in 2010 and 2012. (Dr. Stigant noted that this work is being done in BC.)</p> <p><b>Key discussion points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key performance indicators are important and something that SNAP is already considering.</li> <li>• The ten-steps to sustainability educational project is a great way to get information out, possibly through an infographic.</li> <li>• If the technology doesn’t allow for green practice, there is only so much that we can do (e.g. use of inhalers).</li> <li>• The group also reiterated the importance of preventing / delaying the onset of chronic kidney disease through more robust public and prevention programs.</li> <li>• There are some “ridiculous” systemic factors that are preventing the switch to dry powder because an attachment has not been licenced by Health Canada.</li> <li>• It is important to engage with primary practitioners and subspecialties (e.g. dieticians) to tackle upstream issues. This might include information about how to screen and provide guidance to patients, waiting room posters, etc. as well as consideration of age and obesity as risk factors.</li> </ul>	<p><b>A4. Ms. Picciano</b> will add a workshop to the list of SNAP goals.</p> <p><b>A5. Dr. Stigant</b> will investigate the possibility of adding a primary care representative to the Committee.</p>

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The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.	<b>A6. CSN Admin</b> will send a Doodle Poll regarding the date of the next SNAP Meeting, acknowledging this might be for the Green Industry Fair.