

## CSN SNAP Committee Videoconference MINUTES

September 20, 2022: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST

<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Caroline Stigant, (Chair)          Syed Obaid Amin, SK          Keefe Davis, SK          Isabel Ethier, QC          Dan Martinusen, BC          Kristen Pederson, MB          Tasleem Rajan, BC          Ahmad Tarakji, ON</p>	<p><b>Regrets</b></p> <p>Naomi Glick, BC          Bhavneet Kahlon, AB          Filomena Picciano, Director of Operations          Ratna Samanta, QC          Neil Finkle, NS</p> <p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>Diane Perazzo, Wordsmith Writing and Editing Services</p>
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<b>1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Review of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	
<p>Dr. Stigant welcomed the group and called the meeting to order.</p> <p>She noted that she was situated on the unceded territory of the -- Wsanec peoples. She noted that the meeting was taking place at the beginning of a new lunar season which heralded the arrival of the Coho Salmon of which the coastal people utilized as a food source. During this time, the Coho would gather in various inlets, awaiting chemical signals from river run-off signaling when to start their upstream journey to spawn. This time is also when cod fishing and deer hunting starts and the</p>	

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<p>harvest of the medicinal herb Hog Fennel which is helpful for GI upset and reduces inflammation.</p> <p>There were no changes to the Agenda or the Minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting.</p> <p><b>Dr. Stigant</b> made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2022 Meeting. This motion was seconded by Dr. <b>Tarakji</b>. <i>All in favour.</i></p>	
<p><b>2. Introduction of new SNAP Member</b></p>	
<p>Dr. Stigant introduced a new Committee member, Dr. Isabelle Ethier, an ISN Emerging Leader Fellow.</p> <p>Dr. Ethier stated that she had been trained in Montreal and Brisbane and her main focus was on home dialysis. She mentioned she was also on the CSN QUIS Committee. A native French speaker, Dr. Ethier also offered to assist with any French language review or translation.</p>	
<p><b>3. Update “Redesigning Kidney Care for the Anthropocene” publication and international reach, ISN Emerging Cohort sustainability interest.</b></p>	
<p>As part of her involvement with the ISN, she and her cohorts are focusing on sustainable nephrology and as such, was very interested in contributing to the CJKHD special issue. They will author a paper describing LMIC perspective on sustainability issues in kidney care.</p>	<p><b>A1. Dr. Ethier</b> will send a copy of the Sao Paulo Declaration to the ISN Emerging Leader Fellows.</p>
<p><b>4. CSN Climate Change Statement – Media release/timing etc.</b></p>	
<p>Dr. Stigant thanked Dr. Martinusen for taking the lead on the CSN Climate Change Statement. This has been submitted and is awaiting review and approval by the CSN leadership.</p>	
<p><b>5. Education – Ongoing efforts</b></p>	
<p><b>a) Work with CASCADES</b></p> <p>Dr. Stigant noted that the Ontario Renal Network will soon hold a gathering, including pharmaceutical industry representatives, administrators, and technicians and they have expressed interest in including the topic of sustainability on their agenda. They had reached out to CASCADES who referred them to Dr. Stigant.</p> <p>CASCADES has offered to edit the “Ten Steps to Sustainability” presentation from the BC Provincewide rounds on Earth Day into a 10 – 15 minute presentation that can be posted on the CASCADES and CSN Websites. CASCADES and SNAP will likely be invited for a broader sustainability presentation for their meeting next year.</p> <p>She also noted that the “Ten Steps” idea has been pursued internationally such as in the UK and this could be adapted by the CSN as well.</p>	<p><b>A2. Dr. Stigant</b> will liaise with CASCADES on the edited “Ten Steps to Sustainability” presentation and this will be disseminated via SNAP, CSN, BC Renal, and member networks.</p>

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<p><b>b) Guest Editorship for CJKHD Special Sustainability Collection</b></p> <p>Dr. Rajan reported that the Editors of the CJKHD have offered to publish a special edition of the Journal on Sustainable Nephrology. The guest editors will be, Drs. Stigant, Rajan, Barraclough (Australia) and Miller Toronto.</p> <p>This group has decided on several topics and has reached out to potential authors. They will be holding their first meeting ASAP to decide on how to proceed. It is hoped that the issue will reflect the breadth of Canadian geography and patient populations.</p>	<p><b>A3. Committee Members</b> will provide input to the CJKHD Special Issue on Sustainable Nephrology, noting group input will be required for 2 major projects: green nephrology survey, and industry symposium.</p>
<p><b>6. Academic Activities – Proposed Original Research Contributions</b></p>	
<p><b>a) Green Survey</b></p> <p>Dr. Tarakji reviewed his work to date on a Canadian Sustainable Kidney Care Survey. The proposed aims of this survey are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess the knowledge and attitude of Canadian renal care providers, and</li> <li>• Establish the current state of kidney care sustainability activities as a foundation in building national renal quality improvement initiatives that are environmentally sustainable.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Tarakji screen shared a sample of the survey using Google Forms, noting that this may not be the ideal platform.</p> <p>Proposed target group could be anyone working in the field of kidney disease and treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician: Consultant Nephrologist</li> <li>• Physician: Nephrologist in Training</li> <li>• Renal Nurse (RN, RPN, LPN, etc.)</li> <li>• Renal Social Worker</li> <li>• Renal Pharmacist</li> <li>• Renal Dietician</li> <li>• Dialysis Technician</li> <li>• Dialysis Unit Manager / Leader</li> <li>• Hospital Administrator</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To keep the survey completion manageable, it may be preferable to send out two separate surveys, one to focus on their knowledge and understanding of the issue and the second regarding their current activities. This has advantages and disadvantages for the data analysis and anticipated response rate.</li> <li>• The survey introduction and questions should be as concise as possible. (The UK survey included many questions and was quite complex and time consuming to complete.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>A4. Dr. Tarakji</b> will complete a first draft of the Green Survey.</p> <p><b>A5. Committee Members</b> will provide input into the draft survey.</p> <p><b>A6. Committee Members</b> will provide suggestions for ways to distribute the survey including within their own regional and provincial networks.</p> <p><b>A7. Dr. Stigant</b> will check with CSN regarding their preferred survey tool and capacity for French translation.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It will be important to distinguish between perceived knowledge and actual knowledge.</li> <li>• The CSN can distribute as well as other networks (e.g. CANNT, CAPN, CTN, etc.) as necessary.</li> <li>• There are a variety of other survey tools to consider, e.g. Survey Monkey, REDCap, however this may depend on the survey technology used by the CSN.</li> <li>• Ideally, survey questions could be tailored using dropdown menus for different health professionals and administrators depending on their role.</li> <li>• The survey should be translated into French.</li> <li>• The survey tool should have data analysis / summary function</li> </ul> <p>The Committee recommended that Dr. Tarakji continue to develop the questions for the survey before deciding if multiple surveys were necessary. Ideally the survey should be ready to send out by mid November.</p>	
<p><b>b) Green Industry Symposium</b></p> <p>Dr. Martinusen reported that approval has not yet been received from CSN regarding the proposed questions.</p> <p>It was agreed that there are multiple projects underway and that once this project was a go, a separate meeting should be held to prepare for the symposium. Ideally, this meeting can happen in November. We will need to obtain CSN approval promptly to allow adequate time for prepared submissions.</p> <p>Dr. Stigant mentioned that if this work falls outside the CSN mandate than the BC Renal Network has offered to pilot test this with local industry managers who want to work sustainability into their operations.</p>	<p><b>A8. CSN Admin</b> will distribute a Doodle poll regarding meetings to plan and hold the Green Industry Symposium.</p>
<p><b>c) Green Nephrology Primer – Partnership with CASCADES</b></p> <p>Dr. Stigant reported that Shugri Nour of CASCADES will take the lead on the first draft and is considering reformatting it in a novel way as a prescriber manual that would consider a broad range of issues including transplant eligibility, dialysate flow, etc. that are readily doable as well as procedures that will require infrastructure upgrade and system redesign (e.g. novel types of hemodialysis machines).</p> <p>The goal of this work is complementary with the Green Industry Symposium.</p> <p>Dr. Rajan recommended members visit the CASCADES website to review some other excellent primers such as one on the use of inhalers.</p>	<p><b>A9. Dr. Stigant</b> will continue to work with CASCADES on the Green Nephrology Primer.</p>
<b>7. Update on International Work</b>	
<p>Dr. Stigant has joined an ISN Working Group that also includes representation from a variety of countries including Australia, India, the EU, and the UK. This group is currently submitting an organizational</p>	

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<p>structural draft for Green Nephrology, an inspiring piece that will be a call to collective action to unite different types of educational initiatives. This will be published electronically in the Kidney International (KI) Journal.</p>	
<b>8. Wrap-up and Next Meeting Date / Time</b>	
<p>The next meeting of the CSN SNAP Committee will take place on <b>November 22, 2022.</b></p> <p>An additional meeting was proposed to take place in November if the Green Industry Fair is approved.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.</p>	