World Health Organization's Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC) Education and Implementation Committee (EIC) Mid – Year Meeting Report

The WHO-FIC EIC met for its mid-year meeting via a two hour Zoom videoconference on Thursday 23 April 2020. Due to COVID-19, the Zoom meeting was organised to replace the cancelled mid-year face to face meeting in Canberra, Australia which was scheduled during the first week of April 2020.

The videoconference was well attended by EIC members and observers from all over the world and was used to report on finalised tasks from the EIC's strategic work plan as well as to virtually progress outstanding tasks for finalisation by the annual WHO-FIC meetings scheduled in October 2020 in Bangkok, Malaysia. At this stage it is unknown as to whether the Bangkok annual meetings will take place face to face due to international travel bans in place related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As well as finalising the meeting minutes from the EIC meeting held in Banff, Canada, last October, Members from the WHO classifications team provided an update on their work related to ICD-11 which was released as the implementation version in June 2019. As well, they reported on the progress of finalising the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI) and the modernisation work which is continuing on the International Classification for Functioning and Disability in Health (ICF). The WHO team also provided a brief update on ICD-11 implementation around the world that was informed by submissions from several countries to the EIC prior to the meeting. This was followed by two short presentations on the classification of patient quality and safety using ICD-11 and the use of ICF in Spain.

A number of EIC sub-groups have been established to finalise some outstanding tasks on the EIC strategic work plan. The sub-groups tasks include:

- 1. Finalising the development and coding of term sets and scenarios in ICD-11 for ICDFit (ongoing work from the Banff meeting).
- 2. Preparation of the use case for the new WHO-FIC Implementation Database (being developed by the WHO Team) as well as the development of a succinct questionnaire template on implementation (ICD-11, ICF and ICHI) for the WHO-FIC Implementation Database. This EIC sub-group (established during this conference call) is to also provide detail on the output requirements of the WHO-FIC Implementation Database.
- 3. Establish a gold standard for WHO-FIC education materials and review and update international assessment/certification strategies. EIC volunteers are needed following this mid-year Zoom conference to virtually work on the following tasks:
 - Develop performance criteria/algorithm for creating new education materials as well as for the assessment of existing materials with a focus on ICD-11 curricula development
 - Identify international clinical coder competencies for both mortality and morbidity
 - Develop morbidity exam questions and scenarios for ICDFit including a review and recoding of the ICD-10 training material into ICD-11
 - Develop mortality case scenarios for identification and coding of cause of death applying the ICD-11 mortality rules
 - Develop a sustainable process for clinical coder recertification exams for both mortality and morbidity
 - Revamp of the WHO-FIC Trainer database in light of ICD-11.

If you are interested in finding out more about the EIC and its work within the WHO-FIC, please visit the new EIC website at: https://hscic.kahootz.com/connect.ti/WHO FIC EIC/grouphome

The EIC website provides many useful WHO-FIC educational resources (e.g. WHO-FIC Information Sheets, the Beta Version of the ICD-11 Education Tool) as well as links to various resources available from the WHO website.

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