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Sex and Gender Working Group

Monthly (4th Tuesday) Zoom Meeting
June 28, 2022 at 9am PT / 12pm ET

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Welcome and Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we are hosting this meeting – the land that sustains us – includes the ancestral territories of many First Peoples. Canada Health Infoway recognizes the colonial injustices experienced by Indigenous Peoples, many of which continue today and continue to affect their health and well-being. I invite all attendees to reflect on the privilege they have of living, working and playing in the territory from which you are joining this call, and invite you to commit yourself with me to having an open heart and an open mind; to forging culturally safe spaces for and relationships with Indigenous Peoples including Two-Spirit people in Canadian health care; and in making a meaningful contribution to reconciliation through our shared work.

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Purpose

The Sex and Gender Working Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9am PT/12pm ET. Our next meeting is July 26, 2022.

The purpose of this working group is to take action on modernizing GSSO information practices by:

- Examining the expanded definition, collection, use and sharing of sex-gender info in EHRs
- Discussing current research, practices, gaps and challenges
- Operationalizing the Action Plan

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Action Plan

1. ***Vision and Goal –*** "Envisage an equity- and SGM-oriented health system that embraces diversity and aligns with other SGM-related initiatives."
2. ***Engagement and Partnerships –*** "Engage organizations and communities across Canada to modernize GSSO information practices in EHRs that support equity-oriented health care and meet SGM needs."
3. ***GSSO Terminology Workstream –*** "Establish a precise, inclusive, appropriate, evolving and multi-level GSSO terminology…"
4. ***Enabling EHR Systems –*** "Adopt a common set of EHR functions…"
5. ***GSSO Policy/Practice Guidance –*** "Integrate and tailor GSSO data collection…"
6. ***Education and Training –*** "Educate and train health care staff to enhance their capacity to provide culturally competent and safe care…"
7. ***Central Hub for Coordination –*** "Establish a central hub to liaise, guide, assist and monitor the progress of this action plan over time."

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GSSO Terminology Workstream

- Purpose: to modernize gender, sex and sexual orientation concepts in health terminology standards.
  - Nova Scotia Health, BC, Ontario providing resources to complete work via a weekly meeting.
  - Belgium, international and national SMEs, and HIS/terminology specialists.
  - Work is ongoing and cyclical.
- Infoway as convener / collaborator / facilitator.
- Have prioritized requirements (i.e. Gender Identity concepts) common to Canadian context and Gender Harmony Model.
- Meeting held once per month on third Wednesday.
- Feedback and progress reporting to SGWG, GSSO TWS, GHP and HTC as appropriate.

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Current Work

1. Graceful evolution of the terminology requires identification and matching of content with similar or same meaning.
2. In most cases, for modernization of harmful content (change requests outlined on the GSSO modernization dashboard), there is no appropriate content.
3. Gender Identity and Sex for Clinical Use – models are being worked on.
4. GSSO Terminology Workstream has started environmental scan for sexual orientation.
5. Aim is understand the clinical relevance of the concept, and appropriate representation / modelling.
6. Weekly sessions will not be held for the time being. Monthly meetings will remain for status updates. UVIC GSSO research team will be coordinating.

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Schedule and Topics Review

Session	Infoway SGWG Meetings - 4th Tuesday Each Month
Jan 25	*Kelly Davison* – Co-chair, Sex-Gender Working Group
Feb 22	*Dr. William Clifford, BC Ministry of Health* – BC Ministry of Health
Mar 22	*Beverly Knight* – International Standards Organization
Apr 26	*Professor Blas Radi* – Universidad de Buenos Aires with a special introduction by *Aaron Devor, PhD*
May 24	*France-Pascale Ménard and Elena Prokopenko* – Statistics Canada
Jun 28	*Rob McClure MD* – HL7 International Gender Harmony Project
Jul 26	*Emily Sharples, Manager, ADT, Ottawa Hospital* – Translating Knowledge into Respectful Practice
Aug 23	*TBC*
Sep 27	*Marcy Antonio and Annalijn Conklin* – Infoway Social Determinants of Health Working Group Co-Chairs
Oct 25	*Rob McClure MD* – HL7 Gender Harmony 2.0 Ballot Results (tentative)
Nov 22	*TBC –* CIHI – Overview of current standard and challenges of implementation
Dec 27	*No meeting – Holidays*

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