

Agenda and Notes



Sex and Gender Working Group

March 22, 2022

Via Teleconference

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Item	Purpose	Allocated Time	Presenter	
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement		3 minutes	Kelly Davison
2	Purpose of the Infoway Sex and Gender Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap	2 minutes	Kelly Davison
3	Beverly Knight – ISO TC215	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentation	20 mins	Beverly Knight
4	Group Discussion and/or Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion	20 mins	WG
5	GSSO Terminology Workstream Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update	10 mins	Kelly Davison
6	Research Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update	2 mins	Karen Courtney
7	Schedule and Topics Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap	3 mins	Kelly Davison
5	Adjournment			Kelly Davison



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1. **Welcome and Acknowledgement**

- Land acknowledgement.

2. **Purpose of the Infoway Sex and Gender Working Group**

- Overview provided by Kelly Davison.

3. **Beverly Knight**

- This presentation is regarding the development of technical report with Kelly Abrams. This topic has come up at ISO TC 215 - focuses on Health Informatics. International membership. There are working groups in various domains. Uptake of standards can be a challenge. In Canada, some have been implemented. ISO standards are available to anyone, but in Canada at a cost. You pay by the standard you use. ISO tends to be a pivotal SDO. Gold standard. But is never as prescriptive as other standards. More broad. Europeans have to implement ISO standards. Low-income countries that obtain funding are encouraged to adopt ISO standards. For GSSO, were advised to do a technical report first, before the technical specification (possibly in the future). Scope – review current state of international standards and specs. Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, etc. Out of scope: technical specs, requirements. Target timeline: post a draft for review April 2022. Have identified expert group. Reps from several countries. Beverly can walk you through process of becoming a member of the group. Will submit to WG3 (semantic) for review before final consultation ballot between June and December 2022. Ballot is opportunity to provide comment. Want to understand challenges / impact of this work from different countries. Overview of sections. Presented working table of standards, data element, descriptions, purpose, guidance.

4. **Group Discussion and/or Questions**

- Group requested purpose of current task: to survey the landscape? RFI?
- Beverly: touches everything. Not making decisions. Gathering information. Putting it in the ISO template. Lots of challenges. Characterization of the information. Lay things out and then target definitions, etc.
- Group: Language used in the current document / definitions is harmful; requires context. Review / expert group composition should be determined by LGTBQ2SI people. It should include robust representation of LGBTQ2SI people.

“Our very lives depend on getting this right.”

- By posting problematic language without context, it can underscore and reinforce the problem. Slides for context before and after the table should be included. If we can change this, we can change a lot. More context should be provided if slides are posted. Context should be written by trans/non-binary folks.
- Next steps: Kelly to formulate post for people to connect with Beverly to review the deck / table to ensure that harm-mitigating context is added before posting to the Documents folder on InfoCentral.



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5. Update – GSSO Terminology Workstream

- Kelly provided an overview and brief history of the continued work of the GSSO Terminology Workgroup.

6. Update – Karen Courtney – Co-Chair, UVIC

- Karen provided a verbal update on research work of Roz Queen as part of a Jamie Cassels Scholarship.

7. Schedule and Topics Review

- Reviewed.

8. Adjournment

