

Draft notes EONS Advocacy Working Group Conference Call, Wednesday 19 December, 15.00 – 16.00 hrs CET

Participating:

Patrick Crombez (co-chair), Birgitte Grube (co-chair), Per Fessé, Sultan Kav, Katarina Lokar, Mariska Mooijekind (Projects Manager)

Unable to attend:

Françoise Charnay-Sonnek, Petra Riemer-Hommel, Paul Trevatt, Clair Watts

1. Welcome & Introduction

Birgitte Grube welcomes everyone to the call. She introduces Patrick Crombez and herself as the new co-chairs of the Working Group, appointed at the November Board Meeting. At this meeting a proposal for reformation of the WG was presented to the Board and has received Board approval. One of the effects of the reformation of the WG is that all members of the WG will need to be EONS members and are not representing another organisation. This means that membership of the WG has been discontinued with a number of Working Group members. The aim of the WG is to still collaborate with external organisations, but not to have any representation within the WG.

2. Terms of Reference (ToR) and

3. Strategy

Another effect of the reformation of the WG is that the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the WG will need to be reviewed and updated. At the Board Meeting BG agreed to prepare a draft update of the “Membership”-section of the ToR which could be used by all four EONS Working Groups. The other part of the ToR, the “Objectives/Aims” of the WG, should reflect the strategy of the WG. It is agreed that the ToR-document will be discussed and reviewed at the first face-to-face meeting of the WG. MM will provide all WG members with the current ToR of the Advocacy WG.

4. Priorities

A. Position statement

The EONS Position Statement on “The role of nurses in cancer care” has been available on the website for some time now. The value and use of the Position Statement was on the agenda of the Advocacy discussion groups at the Advisory Council Meeting in Porto, in November. The feedback received there was that the text of the Position Statement was considered to be too long for (practical) use. Therefore it was suggested that the text would either be revised or that two versions of the Statement would be prepared. These suggestions were discussed in the conference call, where KL proposed for the Position Statement to remain the same and to prepare a shorter version in the form of a summary. The suggestion was agreed upon and PC, BG, PF and KL agreed to work on this together in a Task Group, as a (small) WG project. BG will be the TG lead. The deadline for making a draft of the two versions available to the WG was set at 31 January 2014.

Furthermore the chairs indicate that they wish to generate more publication on the EONS Position Statement and also on the Working Group in general. MM is organising a conference call between the chairs of the EONS Advocacy and Communication Working Groups to see how the two groups could work together to achieve this. The WG will be kept updated on this.

B. Recognition on cancer nursing on EU level

EONS organized an “Anniversary Session” at the Amsterdam ECCO congress of September, where other ECCO members were invited to give a (general) presentation on the activities of their organization. The invitations were very well received and many collaborating organisations participated in the session. In her presentation on behalf of ESMO as well as after the meeting, Ms Martine Piccart shared that she would like to work with EONS on the recognition of cancer nursing on an EU level. Ms Piccart will be ECCO President from 1 January 2014. The WG very much welcomes the idea of further cooperation between EONS and ESMO/ECCO. EvM and BG will write to Ms Piccart on this initiative and to plan a meeting to discuss the possibilities. PC works at the same hospital as MP and could therefore easily participate in the meeting on behalf of EONS. KL suggested asking MP / ECCO for their views on the recognition on cancer nursing on EU level, to ensure a common ground for the cooperation.

5. Planning 2014: F-t-f meeting and conference calls

A large number of the members of the Advocacy WG will be attending the EONS 30th Anniversary Event in London on Thursday, 10 April 2014 (a “by invitation only” event). The WG will therefore explore the possibility to schedule a f-t-f meeting of the WG on the day thereafter: Friday, 11 April 2014. MM will check availability of the WG members. Some dates for a (stand alone) meeting in March will also be included. Conference calls will be tried to be scheduled for early July and early November of 2014. MM will send out date proposals. The conference calls may be organized through Skype rather than Arkadin. MM will investigate possibilities.