

## Team Newsletter | October/November 2018

### Leadership & Administration

- Discussions of re-purposing GHCC funds during the NCE continued. Ultimately, it was decided that GHCC doesn't have the capacity to re-purpose and add deliverables.
- The Partnership Health Survey was sent out for GHCC team input. Thank you. We have received 8 responses so far.
- Devon is collecting information regarding the team's other cost Studies and external meetings attended.

### Standards & Methods

- The 49<sup>th</sup> International Union Against Lung Disease and Tuberculosis Meeting took place at the Hague at the end of October 2018.
  - Gaby taught a post graduate course on TB modelling and cost effectiveness. She introduced GHCC and its tools to the participants.
  - Anna, Sedona, Edina and Lori taught post-graduate course titled "An introduction to costing tuberculosis services", introducing GHCC and its tools (Reference case and UCSR).
- Gaby presented on economics of new TB treatment at the INTERTB workshop in London 22nd October 2018.
  - Stakeholders interested in advancing research in TB treatment attended.
  - Included trialists, pharma (GSK, Janssen), NGO like the Global Alliance for TB drug development, some economists (Bertie Squire from LSTM), and implementation science researchers.
  - Gaby introduced GHCC and its tools. There was some interest from GSK and Bertie (to see how it progresses).
- Mariana passed over the healthcare provider cost database to UCT to write the HS cost paper.
- Challenges:
  - There was a lot of back and forth between Willyanne and Mariana regarding form and column heading changes.
  - November 2018 through July 2019 Marina is down to 30% and Gaby is down 10%, will need to focus on finalizing ongoing deliverables.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Avenir Health Workshop 12/3/18-12/7/18

- Expanding the Use of Accurate HIV Unit Cost and Unit Expenditure Data
- Tanzania, Kenya and Malawi  
Crowne Plaza Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya

### Data & Analytics

- Quality assurance on all interventions has been completed.
- Quality assurance edits have been implemented for all interventions.
- Quality rating is underway.
- Pilot emails were sent to request feedback from UCSR authors and we received some.
- Weekly meetings will change to bi-weekly soon.

### Advocacy & Communication

- The 3rd quarter GHCC external newsletter was written, collated, and sent out (2018 October 22)
- The patient cost data was made available in the UCSR, inclusive of disaggregated cost data. A feature was added to the UCSR to allow users to download available cost data for ALL interventions for a country of their choice.
- The regular and slow-speed version of the learning module with the World Bank on the Reference Case and the UCSR was posted to the GHCC website: <https://ghcosting.org/pages/reports/presentations>.
  - The slow-speed version can be used in trainings where simultaneous translation is taking place.
- The Communication and Advocacy team advised on the content of materials describing the quality review and on the Excel template for the calculation and display of the quality review and derivation of the quality grades.
  - Challenge: How to structure the quality review Excel display so it is easy for authors to follow.



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