GC Meeting Agenda Minutes
February 1st, 2018 – 1pm (CET – Geneva Time)

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1.0 Session Opening – M. Moore

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

The GC adopted the agenda without modification.

3.0 Approval Minutes November 14th 2017

The minutes were carried without comments.

Diplomats Calls 23rd and 25th Jan 2018 outcomes:

M. Lomazzi notified the GC that the Global Charter is being used in several masters programs: University of Maastricht (Netherlands), University of Geneva (Switzerland), University of New Hampshire (United States), Colombian Academy of Public Health (Colombia) and Miguel
Hernandez de Elche University (Spain). The GC was requested to approach schools and recommend they integrate the Global Charter into their curriculum where possible.

H. Nieto proposed a face-to-face Diplomats meeting be held in Colombia between 15 – 30 June or 18 – 20 November in 2018. The meeting is supported by the Diplomats and will be organized. Information pertaining to it will be passed on as it develops.

The Geneva headquarters sent out the minutes of the Diplomat Meeting to all GC members and all Diplomats.

4.0 Strategic Plan-updates

L. Rispel: The strategic plan had been circulated to the Advisory Board and the GC, however there were not many comments, especially from the GC. L. Rispel proposed an extension of the due date to Friday the 15th of February, which the GC agreed to. New comments will be incorporated and posted to the WFPHA website by the beginning of March and remain open to broader comments from member organizations. Formal presentation of the strategic plan will occur at the general assembly in May for approval.

U. Laaser inquired about the role of the Advisory Board in the strategic plan

L. Rispel offered to draft a document by mid-March 2018 with M. Moore and U. Laaser detailing Advisory Board’s connection to all other areas of WFPHA and its position within the organization. Once completed the document will be presented at the next meeting for feedback and finalizing.

5.0 Charter Implementation

On Monday February 5th 2018 Bettina Borisch, Marta Lomazzi, and Dr. Ruediger Krech (from WHO) meet with Director General Dr. Tedros to officially introduce the WFPHA, given the relationship and work done with the previous Director General Dr. Margaret Chan. The outcomes of the meeting will be described in the WFPHA’s next newsletter and are available in attachment 1.

5.1 Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Workshop

M. Lomazzi introduced the AMR Workshop. It will be held in Geneva on May 23rd 2018 and will involve discussing the current situation of AMR and will provide guidance and insight into facing AMR through the sharing of knowledge and development of innovative ideas with a panel of experts from associated fields. Confirmed speakers include Marc Sprenger, Manica Balasegaram, Peter Bayer, Thomas Tangden, Herman Goossens, and April Johnson as well as representatives from the World Farmers Organisation, International Council of Nurses, World Medical Association, Global Fund, WONCA (World
Organization of Family Doctors), etc. More speakers and potential donors have been approached.

M. Lomazzi reminded GC members that the event is free but online registration (through Eventbrite) is required to attend and spaces are limited. M. Lomazzi asked the members of the GC to disseminate info about the workshop when possible.

L. Rispel suggested that the WFPHA should continue to make efforts to include WHO AFRO and other developing regions in the workshop, as these regions will be the most affected by the outcomes of AMR and should have a voice in the workshop.

B. Borisch and M. Lomazzi notified the GC that the Minister of health of Ghana is being approached to send a representative to speak on their achievements in handling AMR. The South Center in Geneva was also approached to provide a speaker and the WFPHA is awaiting their response.

### 6.0 Charter @ Conferences

Several conferences will occur in 2018 that involve the Global Charter and are being cosponsored by the WFPHA:

**6.1 International Public Health Forum on the Global Charter for the Public’s Health - Cameroon**

A forum will take place mid-March in Cameroon where L. Rispel will present the Global Charter and discuss possible areas of its implementation. D. Kondji is involved in organizing the forum and the WFPHA will continue to work with him as required. L. Rispel requests a formal letter of invitation to the forum from D. Kondji.

**6.2 2018 Network: TUFH Conference**

Preparations for The Network: Towards Unity for Health Conference are ongoing. Once their preparations are finalized L. Rispel will require another formal letter of invitation.

**6.3 African Sexuality**

L. Rispel is preparing to present the Global Charter at the African Sexuality Conference. She has proposed dates she will be able to present and is waiting for the conference to confirm her attendance. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
7.0 Working Groups – end-term activity review and elections

The activities of the WFPHA’s working groups were presented to the GC.

M. Moore stated that as part of the WG guidelines a 3-year evaluation of the working groups and their outcomes had been performed. Some were noted to be quite active and produce a lot of good work, while some were seen to not perform as well and this should be further examined including in the frame of the Federation’s constitution.

Each Chair of a WG has a mandate of three years, renewable up to three times (for a total of nine years).

The GC recommends that both a younger and more senior co-chairs chair each working group.

P. Orris’s term (9years) as Chair for the environmental health working group is coming to an end, and the GC is reminded that the group will soon be open to nominations for new chairs. The WFPHA would like to thank P. Orris for his work and leadership of the Environmental Health Working Group, the fruits of which are evident in the work the working group has produced. Efforts are currently being made to find a younger person to co-chair the working group.

Regarding the nine-year term limit for WG chairs, P. Orris expressed the opinion that this limit might be restrictive for some working groups. There was a suggestion from some GC members that some flexibility be allowed and that recruitment of people for working groups can start informally and include approaching personal contacts which later develops into the formal call for the position and formal process to nominate individuals.

Concerning the GC recommendation to have a young co-chair, the Student Young Professional WG, Digital Technology and Health Equity WG, Oral Health WG, and Women Adolescent and Children’s Health WG all currently have or are recommending young co-Chairs.

All working groups have expressed interest to continue their work.

The Oral Health, Women Adolescent and Children’s Health, and Student Young Professionals working groups have all produced policy documents.

D. Walker told the GC that the working groups have expressed interest in participating in the scientific program of the International Scientific Committee of the 2020 World Congress on Public health in Rome. She advised involving them if possible.

L. Rispel suggests that in next five years the WFPHA could try to provide some small resources to working groups as needed which could bolster their ability to produce better outcomes. More discussion is needed to specify details.
8.0 Indigenous Health WG event during the World Health Assembly (WHA) week, May 2018

M. Moore introduced an Indigenous Health Workshop that will be held in Geneva on May 24 during the WHA. The workshop will take place in the UN building if possible but an appropriate room has been booked with the University of Geneva at Campus Biotech should the application for side event at UN not be accepted.

The Indigenous Health Working Group is currently looking for sponsors. Meetings have been ongoing with both the Canadian and Australian governments to request their funding.

9.0 New representative of the Afghanistan National Public Health Association (ANPHA) on the GC

The Governing Council accepts and welcomes their newest member, Dr. Saber Perdes of the ANPHA. He will be replacing Dr. Javed Rahmanzai. The WFPHA thanks Dr. Rahmanzai for his contributions and look forward to the work Dr. Perdes will accomplish with the Council.

10.0 New partnerships

M. Lomazzi presented a number of mutual partnerships that have been formed with public health associations with the approval of the GC to better enable common projects and to join forces in advocacy.

L. Rispel suggested that the WFPHA map existing global partnerships in late 2018 or early 2019 to visualize the geographical distribution of the Federation’s partnerships. This map could guide the WFPHA to form partnerships with an equal geographical distribution.

B. Borisch stated that during the WHA informal meetings with umbrella organizations would be organized where possible to discuss interactions with their regional organizations and offices.

Further discussion of existing partnerships will occur during the Geneva general assembly in May.

The partners accepted by the Membership Committee are:

10.1 European public health alliance (EPHA)

The Global Charter has been presented to the EPHA and work is being done together on the AMR workshop in May 2018, where a speaker from the EPHA will be present. WFPHA have signed a Call to Action on AMR together with them that can be found on the WFPHA website.

10.2 International Council of Nurses (ICN)

The WFPHA has been working together with the ICN for several years. Collaborations include making joint statements, and they have been involved in a number of the Federation working groups.
10.3 International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) / International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW)

The WFPHA has signed several of their statements. They have been exposed to the Global Charter and responded favorably.

11.0 Report from Student Young Professional (SYP) WG

T. Piggott presented the current work and outcomes of the SYP WG

The Student Young Professional WG has prepared a report of recommendations for engaging students and young professionals in national public health associations and the WFPHA. To inform the suggestions made in the report, the working group conducted surveys and a literature review.

The SYP working group will continue the production of a summary report that will be disseminated to the GC for comments and final approval. Additionally, they are preparing presentations and other publications that might stem as outcomes of this report.

U. Laaser notified the GC that concerns had been brought to him about the Student Young Professional working group’s cutoff age of 40.

M. Moore and T. Piggott explained that this had been deliberated by the GC and introduced as part of the bylaws, with the reasoning that the Student Young Professional working group focuses on people who are just now starting their careers (normally people who are younger than 40).

12.0 Congress Turnover: Ad hoc Committee Recommendations

Members of the GC made a proposal regarding the 2022 and 2024 World Congress on Public Health suggesting that the WFPHA sends out invitations to its members and observe how many respond with an “expression of interest”. The WFPHA would make a judgement call later on whether to go through with the congresses after examining if it is appropriate and (financially) advantageous.

13.0 Codex Alimentarius access and potential WG on NCDs

M. Moore explained that a Ph.D. student, Alexandra Jones, involved in food labeling with the Public Health Association of Australia was supported to go and attend the Codex Alimentarius. He suggested to the GC that the WFPHA seek a partnership with Codex Alimentarius.

L. Rispel suggested that as nutrition is a very important topic, a session or conference could be organized on the structural determinants of health that could be discussed within the frame of the Global Charter.

M. Moore notified L. Rispel that a webinar is being planned for the last quarter of 2018 on the subject of food packet labeling through the lens of the Global Charter.
14.0 Fundraising Update

M. Lomazzi announced that a personal letter has been sent to members of the Governing Council and Chairs asking for active support in fundraising. Unfortunately, she got very little feedback.

U. Laaser recommended that president of the WFPHA be the primary person to make contact with potential funders, albeit utilizing provided contacts as needed. He also suggested that from his own experience face-to-face meetings are more fruitful and are worth the cost of acquiring and attending.

L. Rispel notified the GC that the University of Witwatersrand had accepted the WFPHA as a vendor in their system and a donation of 1,500 USD would be made to the WFPHA. She also inquired with her contacts into what companies could be approached for funding. She has already met with the Chief executive officer of Atlantic Philanthropy to discuss funding and is awaiting a response. She will know what the situation is by the end of February 2018.

15.0 AOB

No other business raised

Meeting closed - M. Moore
WFPHA Meets with Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

On Monday February 5th members of the World Federation of Public Health Associations met with Director General Dr. Tedros to officially introduce the WFPHA given the relationship and work done with the previous Director General Dr. Margaret Chan.

In attendance was Director Dr. Bettina Borisch, and Executive Manager Dr. Marta Lomazzi both representing the WFPHA along-side Dr Ruediger Krech who is currently the Director of the Department of Ethics and Social Determinants of Health at the World Health Organization. Following the 142nd Executive Board, this direct meeting with Dr. Tedros was very much appreciated by the WFPHA and Dr. Krech given his breadth of responsibility and obligations. The organizational structure of the WFPHA was presented including the global network of professional societies and members who have undertaken various global health initiatives. As this meeting transitioned toward the WFPHA’s role in Africa and strengthening the necessary links to various countries, Dr. Tedros was able to strongly relate given his role in inaugurating the WFPHA Regional Office for Africa in Addis Ababa in 2012.

Various components of the WFPHA was presented which included highlighting the other global regional offices as well as the current Working Groups. The discussion was fruitful, and progressive as they assessed how best to collaborate in assisting in the implementation of the Draft 13th of the General Programme of Work.

The “Global Charter for the Public’s Health” (Charter) was introduced to Dr. Tedros, starting with the documents origination as it was created upon the request of the previous Director General.
Dr. Margaret Chan in 2012 to review the role of public health in the globalized world. This was well received by Dr. Tedros as he offered his support for the Charter in agreement with the previous Director General. The Charter embraces concepts analogous to those highlighted in the GPW13. The WFPHA is ready to lead a dialogue with its members on how to further engage different sectors which impact global health.

This dialogue can be instituted using various platforms and methodology, as this is a collaborative effort to engage stakeholders toward the development of the strategic measures the GPW13 recommends with the support of the Charter.

The overall presentation was well received by the Director-General, and the WFPHA truly appreciates his support as they push forward to promote the principles needed for the adoption of Universal Health Coverage through the implementation of the GCPH among its global partners.

For Information- Outcoming Events

**III Reunión y II Asamblea General en La Habana, Cuba**

Monday 23 April 2018 - Friday 27 April 2018

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