**Introduction to MEC2IR  
Guidance for Campbell Systematic Reviews**

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Slide 1: Introduction to MEC2IR  
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Slide 2: Today’s speakers

Terri Pigott (pictured)

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Slide 3: Overview

What is the Campbell Methods Group?

What is MEC2IR?

What are the methodological expectations of Campbell editors?

Q&A

Slide 4: What is the Campbell Collaboration Methods Coordinating Group?

Slide 5: Who’s Involved?

Images of the presenters plus twelve other people.

Slide 6: Supports production of *Campbell Systematic Reviews*

Methods peer-review and editing

Research to improve the methodology of research synthesis

Disseminate guidelines for state-of-the-art review methods

Slide 7: Several subgroups to provide advice and guidance on specific methodological topics

Economics

Equity

Information retrieval

Process and implementation

Statistics

Training

Slide 8: Offers consultation on specific review methods

* Information retrieval
* Study coding
* Assessing research quality
* Effect size estimation
* Data synthesis
* Research design
* Economic methods
* Process and implementation data

Slide 9” Resource Center

* Review tools (e.g., Effect Size Calculator)
* Review guidance (e.g., C2 Policy Document)
* Useful links (e.g., EQUATOR Network)
* Methods Policy Briefs (e.g., Statistical Analysis)
* \*Plan to update Resource Center by March 2015

Slide 10: What is MEC2IR?

Slide 11: Cochrane’s MECIR Standards

* Methodological Expectations of Cochrane Intervention Reviews
* Clear and transparent standards for conducting and reporting (1) review protocols and (2) full manuscripts
* Tool for Cochrane editors to hold authors accountable during the review process
* Helps with liaison between methodologists, editorial teams, and review teams

Slide 12: Campbell’s MEC2IR Standards

* Methodological Expectations of Campbell Collaboration (C2) Intervention Reviews
* Adapted version of Cochrane’s MECIR for interventions in social and behavioral sciences
* Clear and transparent standards for conducting and reporting C2 protocols and reviews
* Tool for C2 editors to ensure consistency and clarity in the review process

Slide 13: Developing MEC2IR

* Working group to review and adapt the Cochrane’s MECIR standards for conducting and reporting of systematic reviews
* Included representatives from all coordinating groups
* Karianne Hammerstrøm, Nick Huband, Joshua Polanin, Emily Tanner-Smith, Vivian Welch, John Westbrook, David Wilson, Sandra Jo Wilson
* Proposal was reviewed by the co-chairs of the MG and approved via vote by the Steering Group

Slide 14: Major Differences between MECIR and MEC2IR

* Overall the main adaptions are around:
  + risk of bias assessments
  + assessments of methodological quality of primary studies
  + development/reporting of summary of findings tables
* Other minor changes are standards re-categorization (i.e., mandatory, highly desirable)

Slide 15: What are the expectations of Campbell editors?

Slide 16: Using MEC2IR

* All C2 protocols and reviews need to comply with reporting standards immediately
* All C2 reviews currently not completed need to comply with conduct standards
* All C2 protocols under development need to comply with conduct standards after 1 October 2014

Slide 17: Incorporating MEC2IR into C2 Methods Review Process

* Goal of MEC2IR is to specify methodological expectations for protocols and reviews
  + Helps the Campbell community to align methodological expectations across different coordinating groups
  + Provides authors and editors a common language about the different elements of the protocol and review

Slide 17: Incorporating MEC2IR into C2 Methods Review Process

* Goal of MEC2IR is to specify methodological expectations for protocols and reviews
  + It facilitates the review process that holds authors accountable
  + Methodological expectations explicit by identifying standards as mandatory or highly desirable
  + Protocols and reviews are evaluated against the standards during the review process
  + Providing a completed MEC2IR with the completed review will expedite the review process

Slide 19: Q&A

Slide 20: What is the advantage of having a Methods Group?

Slide 21: How can I get involved in the C2 Methods Group?

Slide 22: Why did you adapt MECIR? Shouldn’t you have made your own?

Slide 23: Why should I use MEC2IR? Won’t it add more time to the review process?

Slide 24: I am not familiar with one of the MEC2IR items: whom should I contact with questions?

Slide 25: Where can I find MEC2IR guidelines?

Here!

http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/news\_/Campbell\_adopts\_MEC2IR\_guidelines.php

Slide 26: The Campbell Collaboration

What helps? What harms? Based on what evidence?

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