Meeting of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health

Minutes

Brussels, 25 March 2019

Third meeting of the Working group on Task shifting in healthcare systems

19 March 2019, 10h00 –13h00 CET

1. Approval of the agenda and the minutes

The agenda was approved without changes as well as the minutes of the previous working group (WG) meeting of 1 March 2019.

2. Nature of the meeting

The third WG meeting on Task shifting in healthcare systems took place on 19 March in Brussels. The meeting, which was chaired by Jan De Maeseneer, was a non-public meeting.

No declarations of interest that could in any way interfere with the topic discussed were submitted from any panel member.

3. List of points discussed

Ongoing work on opinion

An updated outline for the opinion was circulated before the meeting for WG members’ comments. Chair stressed several key issues, namely, changes of health systems and the role of patients, complexity of changes and need of team working, professional regulations and accountability and quality assurance. In addition, the importance of implementation has been highlighted. Complexity of this intervention was underlined, including financing and information sharing.

The title of the opinion was discussed, suggestions such as competencies mix/sharing were considered. The first part of the discussion was devoted to general considerations regarding the structure of the opinion, the need for the system approach taking into account different dimensions and drivers. Members discussed in detail the advances in technology and how they can lead to changing professional roles. They further elaborated on changing models of care, with the transfer of processes to different settings as well as on a global shortage of health workers, which requires new, innovative solutions. Members agreed the section on case
studies, drawn largely from the forthcoming report of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies on task shifting/skill mix in Europe and examples illustrating key issues related to enablers and barriers would be added. Members explored the changes needed in the system of education and training of the health force. They concluded underlining the importance of professional standards in the delivery of healthcare.

Planning of work

Members agreed to circulate an updated draft before 2 April in order for it to be discussed in the next meeting.

4. Conclusion

The Chair thanked participants for their presence and the valuable discussion and comments, which helped move forward with the opinion.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 2 April 2019 via audio.

6. List of participants

Members

BARROS Pedro PITA
BARRY Margaret (apologies)
BOUREK Aleš
BROUWER Werner (via audio)
DE MAESENEER Jan
KRINGOS Dionne (apologies)
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