

CANADIAN SMALL JURISDICTIONS MODELLING WORKING GROUP AGENDA

Agenda Items

Time	Topic	Preparation/Action
12:00	Let's Talk About the Name! ● SMALL Jurisdiction WORKing Group – SmaJWoG (“smudge” or “smug”) ● SMall Jurisdiction WORKing Group – SmJWoG (pronounced Smugwog) ● DIsease Modelling for CANadian Small jurisdictions - DIMCANS ● CANadian small jurisdictions DIsease ModelS - CANDIMS ● DIsease Models for CANadian Small jurisdictions – DIMCANS	Think about names for the group
12:10	Discuss structure of meetings and goal for 2024-25 ● Lisa: - o Paper (small jurisdictions modelling white paper) and meeting ideas - o Calendar for paper and meeting framework: ▪ Small Jurisdiction Models - April ▪ Communication and Awareness - May ▪ Data Collection and Analyses - June ▪ Build Modelling and Response Capacity – June CAIMS meeting ▪ September/October - vision for future research and training in emerging infectious disease modelling for small jurisdictions in Canada ▪ November/December 2025 - Conclusions/Discussion ▪ January/February 2025 - edits ▪ March 2025 - submit publication ● Mike:	Think about how you envisioned this group operating

	- o Add relevant references to the bibliography - o Peer review thoughts	
12:20	Discussion of working group structure	
12:45	CAIMS discussion	
12:55	Last thoughts/ideas	Anything you would like to add?

Notes from meeting:

- Nate: What does emerging disease modelling look like going forward?
- Shokoofeh: Data needs to be gathered from small jurisdictions. What are the contact patterns? Is this information or other data being gathered? Can this data/information be shared? How do we keep the momentum from COVID continuing?
- Amy: report on small jurisdictions group activities to external group, keep this group indefinitely
- Rania: How can we help, empower, etc smaller jurisdictions? How can we provide them with a voice?
- Julien: Small Jurisdictions Working Group should be more official and endorsed by PHAC to get responses we need to do research. Perhaps PHAC-EMNID-SJ?
- Shokoofeh: Get involvement from the communities, share the paper/publication with others and invite participation/collaboration.
- Nate: small jurisdiction modelling have been provided with unique opportunities (nimbleness, networks, bridging across fields)
- Steve G: perhaps we need a Terms of Reference for our group (get EMNID group ToR?) – list what we are hoping to gain from this group. Start a draft and hopefully finalize details at the CAIMS meetings
- Amy: we need more community engagement and direction on how to do this. First Nations communities are over taxed. We need to move at a slower pace and forge relationships with communities for growth not burden.
- Steve G: there are 100,000 people under DND to model for. We need to identify the communities that would be involved with small jurisdictions, get the communities involved often and throughout projects, we likely already have a pretty good idea of which communities to reach out to, and this could better put us in touch with resources.
- Rania: What are our objectives and those of the communities? Involve communities from the beginning. We could all piggy back on already established relationships. We should reach out more and often.