Minutes GMHRG Meeting, 23 November 12:30-14:00, CIH

Angela Akol

summarized her plans for
- the trial lecture: “Challenges with improving access to child and adolescent mental health services in low- and middle-income countries”
- her thesis defense: “Access to Child and Adolescent Mental Health services in Uganda: Investigating the role of Primary Health Care and Traditional Healers”, both on 3 December 2018;

A mock trial lecture is scheduled for 28 November, CIH, room 244, 15-16:00.

Ingunn Engebretsen

shared impressions from a Health Conference in Bhutan:
- good practice from Bhutan in MH training,
- plans to collaborate with UiS and Bhutan Ministry of Health
- mental health burden in Bhutan rises sharply as case reporting increases

reported from GMH Conference in Oslo, 22 Nov.

shared information on the recently awarded GLOBVAC Grant to assess child alcoholism in Uganda. The TREAT project is the first successful application for a large research grant by the RG: TREAT Child alcoholism in Eastern Uganda: Screening, diagnostics, risk factors and handling of children drinking alcohol in Uganda.
Marit Hafting
reported from her experience supporting a MH Project in Cambodia. We discussed next steps and documentation/publication options of this project. Her research focus of the Center’s work is strengthening the capacity on site.

Christine Odegaard
summarized her plans for her midway evaluation next week.

obtained a separate evaluation assignment on outpatient clinics, interrupting her PhD for 4 weeks. This evaluation is relevant to the GMHRG, however, and she’ll keep us updated.

Ketil Odegaard
updated the group re. the third week January: a Ugandan delegation is to visit Bergen; some GMHRG members are invited to present Uganda-based work, Wednesday and Friday: 16, 18 January 2019. Participation from Ugandan members of the group will be discussed further.

Informed us that a draft project application to Bergen Forskningsstiftelse is submitted to it envisions to accompany the construction of a new hospital with a prevalence study and stakeholder analysis of current mental health management. Part of this knowledge should feedback to the Norwegian system. The process includes an initial application and a second round upon invitation.

Vilde Skylstad
stands chances to obtain her PhD funding through UiB scheme.

Next dates relevant to GMHRG

- Global Mental Health Day: 28 November in Oslo
- Anniversary Seminar CIH, From Past to Future: 10 December, University Aula, Bergen
- SDG Conference Bergen 6-8 February 2018, Bergen