

**Agreement between
The Norwegian Knowledge Centre for Health Services
and
The Campbell Collaboration**

Background

A consortium of public institutions in Norway offered core funding for the Campbell Collaboration (C2) for the period 2007-2010. The two main partners among the funders were the Ministry of Education and the Directorate for Health and Social Affairs (covering health and social welfare). The funders asked the Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services (K) to host the C2 secretariat. K has for a number of years supported both Cochrane and C2s Social Welfare Group. Its core mission is to support evidence based practice in health, not the least through production of systematic reviews of effects of interventions.

As a result, a secretariat was established and has successfully contributed to the renewal of C2. It comprises at the moment two full-time officials on temporary contracts, and has the assistance of two permanent employees of the Knowledge Centre both on a 50% basis. The funding from 2011 has been secured until 2013, though at a lower level than before.

Principles

C2 and K wish to renew their cooperation, based on the following principles:

- Funding from Norway will be used by K for taking care of the C2 Head Office business.
- C2 will work for additional funding for the Head Office, if considered necessary and desirable.
- K will manage the funding and do the accounting (which will be presented to the SG);
- K will be the employer for any persons hired and paid for by these funds;
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The agreement

1. The Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services (K) in Oslo, Norway will continue to host the Head Office of The Campbell Collaboration (C2), for the period 1 January 2011 until 31 December 2013.
2. Funding for the Head Office will be administered by K
3. The funding allocated for C2 will be spent according to priorities by the C2 Steering Group (SG) and in agreement with K.
4. K will do the accounting and present to the C2 SG a summary yearly account of how money was spent (in the spring).
5. K will continue to be the employer for personnel engaged to work in The Campbell Collaboration's Head Office, which will include the CEO function, and will act in accordance with laws and regulations for public employment in Norway. This includes paying wages, taxes, social benefits etc. Persons working for C2 outside of Norway may choose to contract with K instead of receiving a salary.
6. K will pay fees and reimburse expenses for editors, referees and others who work for the Campbell Collaboration in accordance with agreements and routines established for this purpose. K may also pay expenses relating to the operation of the Campbell Collaboration as a registered non-profit foundation, within the budget limits.
7. K will provide office space for the CEO function and at least one official at the head office for The Campbell Collaboration. If needed and if available, K will provide additional office space for shorter or longer periods of time.

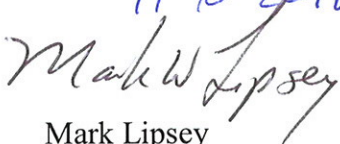
8. The Campbell Collaboration can make use of facilities at K, including electronic equipment (computers, printers, fax, mobile telephones, conference facilities), conference rooms and archive facilities. The costs of office space and access to office facilities will be covered by the overhead mentioned below.
9. K also will make available personnel resources to carry out administrative tasks, specifically: budgeting, accounting, personnel administration, general coordination and document management and retrieval (archives). This will also be covered by the overhead mentioned below.
10. K will work to ensure that the activities of the Campbell Collaboration have an impact in Norway, emphasising the need for reliable knowledge to support policy and practice in the respective fields.
11. K will charge standard overhead for people who are hired full time to work for the Campbell Collaboration. This involves budgeting each full time position for a fixed amount; this amount is currently 1.15 million NOK (ca. 193,000 US dollars).
12. This agreement may be amended with the consent of both parties. If disagreements about this contract occur, these will be negotiated by a joint committee and solved amicably. In case of lasting differences of opinion between C2 and K, the Norwegian government, acting through K and in accordance with Norwegian legislation, will reserve a right of veto.
13. This agreement will be assessed in early 2013 with a view to determining whether it should be extended.

Expectations

C2 expects that K, within the actual budget, will continue to host an effective Head Office to manage C2 core activities. The Head Office's mission is to accomplish the tasks set out in the C2 strategic plan, within the framework of the C2 governance plan.

C2 will acknowledge Norwegian financial and practical support to C2 on The Campbell Collaboration web-site. C2 will work actively to be a relevant partner for the Norwegian government and will contribute to evidence-based policy and practice in the welfare sector, not only through the production and dissemination of systematic reviews, but also through offering its expertise in ways that are meaningful to the Norwegian partners.

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