

## 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
- see [report](#).

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.](#)



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## **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
- [The 2019 Norwegian Global Health Conference: 2- 3 April, Bergen.](#)