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Subject: RE: For vote: proposed approach to making recommendations and managing conflict of interests - Million Minds Mission [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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The Doodle pool will not allow me to send my response.

Although my preference is for A, I would be happy with either approach because I feel there is value in both. My main concern is probity and maintaining a clear 'hands off' approach to the individual selection process.

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PS Because I seem to have intermittent technology problems, could you please acknowledge that this has been received?

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Dear members,

At our teleconference on Tuesday 26 March 2019, it was agreed that we would prepare a statement of the advisory panel's intent to guide funding recommendations given the significant conflicts in this first round of funding. Following this teleconference, we have liaised with the NHMRC to clarify how the process could work. We have also consulted with Minister Hunt's

office on the approach and timing: and we are now being asked to deliver the final recommendations for funding to the Minister by cob on Friday.

The NHMRC has advised that funding recommendations are developed within a policy framework and are an intentionally separate process from the peer review panel to maintain the integrity of both processes. As such, the current ToR for the peer review process do not enable them to take additional advice in account to assist the advisory panel in its distribution of funding – unfortunately these limitations were not clear to the Department during the teleconference last Tuesday.

To navigate a way through this, we now have a process with step two having two possible options below which we would like you to consider and vote on – both being reasonable approaches that the Minister's Office is satisfied with given the Conflict of Interest issues at hand:

Proposed process

1. The peer review panel scores applications against the assessment criteria, as published in the MRFF Million Minds Mission Grant Guidelines (note – this takes into account the contribution of the application towards the Million Minds Mission).

One of the below options (this is where we need you to vote):

2.
 - A) Allocate the '\$5 million plus one' to each priority area, then allocate the remainder based upon peer review rank (\$5 million plus one: using our trucks, buses, cars analogy – in the trucks stream – first grant awarded based on ranking is \$4million, if next best project is \$3 million then total expended on the trucks priority will be \$7 million); OR
 - B) Split the \$25 million three ways (\$8.3 million per priority area) until all funding has been allocated.
3. A Ministerial Submission will be drafted by the Department for the Minister's approval on **Friday, 5 April 2019**.

Urgent Action to be undertaken by no later than COB 2 April 2019:

- **vote on the poll at the link below for your preferred option.**
 - <https://doodle.com/poll/fqssbtnwi2z7ha85>

Getting recommendations approved and funds out to the mental health research sector for this first funding round is important and we are working to deliver this outcome as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Co-Chairs or the Million Minds Mission Secretariat.

Kind regards,

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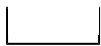


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