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Dear Brighton Collaboration Partner (AKA Brightonian),

With your help, the Brighton Collaboration has become a global leader in enhancing the science of vaccine safety since its founding in 2000. In an era where the need for Brighton Collaboration and its work is growing, we wish to inform you of several exciting new developments to strengthen it.

First, the leadership for the Brighton Collaboration is transitioning from Jan Bonhoeffer to Bob Chen. Jan has ably led and tirelessly built the Brighton Collaboration from inception to its current global standing. He is now building a global movement to create and share methods of human-centered care where the doctor/patient relationship is the keystone to healing ([www.heartbasedmedicine.org](http://www.heartbasedmedicine.org)).

We're fortunate that Bob Chen, the founder of Brighton Collaboration (and many other key vaccine safety infrastructures), has just retired from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) after a long and productive career. Bob has agreed to take the baton from Jan and was unanimously confirmed by the Brighton Collaboration Science Board (BCSB) as the new Science Director on Feb. 19, 2019.

Secondly, to improve its future sustainability, the Brighton Collaboration will become a program of the Task Force for Global Health (TFGH; [taskforce.org](http://taskforce.org)) in Decatur, GA., USA. The TFGH is a 501(3)c non-profit organization founded by former CDC Director Bill Foege. It now serves as an umbrella for many global coalition projects like the Brighton Collaboration. TFGH is a promising environment for synergies and opportunities to collaborate scientifically with other global public health programs. It also allows BC to benefit from the efficiency of shared financial, administrative, IT, and other infrastructures.

As part of this transition, the Collaboration will be dissolved as a Partnership under Swiss law and simultaneously reconstituted as a program of the TFGH. The Brighton Collaboration Constitution will be appropriately adjusted; the elected Science Board will continue its role unchanged. The Swiss and the US Foundations will no longer be needed and dissolved. We hope and expect this handover will occur seamlessly but appreciate your understanding should there be hiccups.

Thirdly, Jan, Bob, and several current and former BC SB members have successfully prepared the first contract between TFGH and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation (CEPI; [www.cepi.net](http://www.cepi.net)). CEPI is a new global consortium with the goal of developing and stockpiling candidate vaccines against major pathogens. CEPI has asked the Brighton Collaboration to develop and maintain a Safety Platform for Emergency vACCines (SPEAC) for at least the next five years. This is another important milestone of the long-term strategic plan to expand the BC portfolio of expert safety services.

We need your help to make the new Brighton Collaboration 2.0 a success, building on the strong foundations laid by BC 1.0. We plan to send you an online survey of lessons learnt and future directions soon. Other than the changes described above and identified in the online survey, we hope to keep BC as similar to before as possible (e.g., developing standardized case definitions, CAFÉ, Vaccine Safety Quarterly).



We will keep you updated as we “settle in” as a new program at the TFGH. As part of the transition, we will contact you for new partnership opportunities. In the meantime, please email us at [contact@brightoncollaboration.org](mailto:contact@brightoncollaboration.org) if you have any questions or comments.

In closing, we wish to offer our thanks and sincere appreciation to the members of both Foundation Boards and the Brighton Collaboration Management Team, as well as Uli Heininger and the University of Basel Children’s Hospital that have carefully nurtured the Brighton Collaboration from infancy to maturity.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Chen".

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Scientific Director, Brighton Collaboration

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Law".

Dr. Barbara Law  
Chair, Brighton Collaboration Science Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Nalin".

Dr. David Nalin  
President, Brighton Foundation US

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Bonhoeffer".

Dr. Jan Bonhoeffer  
President, Brighton Collaboration Foundation