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Critical  
Care  
Colloquium**

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**PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE COLLOQUIUM  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: November 4, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Members present: K. V. Biagas, M.D.  
B. M. Greenwald, M.D.  
Z. L. Harris, M.D., Chair Elect  
P. R. Holbrook, M.D.  
H. E. James, M.D.  
S. Kudchadkar, M.D., Ph.D.  
B. Markovitz, M.D., M.P.H.  
R. A. Orellana, M.D.  
S. Pasala, M.D.  
J. M. Schwartz, M.D.  
D. Stockwell, M.D., Chair (*Presiding*)

Member absent: P. S. Lubinsky, M.D.

Non-Members present: R. Berg, M.D.  
N. Ettinger, M.D.  
J. Marcin, M.D.  
V. Nadkarni, M.D.  
V. Srinivasan, M.D.

The meeting was called to order by D. Stockwell, M.D.

Dr. Stockwell requested input from the members present as to the previous meeting minutes of the PCCC Steering Committee dated November 8, 2019. With there being no comments or corrections, the meeting minutes were approved.

Dr. Stockwell then called on Drs. Ettinger and Orellana to present their final report as hosts of the 26<sup>th</sup> PCCC together with the Summit of The Americas meeting held in November 2019.

They provided a summary of the meeting process, organization, pre-meeting, and meeting activities, as well as their post-meeting report and financial summary. Dr. James noted that a detailed report, structured and lengthy, had been prepared by both doctors and is available for review, if requested. We will present here only a summary of certain aspects of the meeting.

The conference faculty for the entire meeting totaled 170, including speakers, moderators, and workshop coordinators from both the United States and other countries. It was noted there were 93 physician participants from the United States and 147 from Latin America and other locations. There were 25 nurses, respiratory therapists, and kinesiologists from the United States and 40 from Latin America. In addition, there were 31 residents, fellows, and medical students. The total meeting participation was 540.

Drs. Ettinger and Orellana elaborated on the multiple workshops and tour of the Children's Hospital. The workshops were well-attended. There was a separate fee for workshops. They also provided a full list of the participants from the different countries. The total of expenses was \$392,000 with a revenue from registration and industry of \$217,700. The deficit was \$174,300. Comments were made on the registration and expenses. A substantial amount of the expenses was due to hotel penalties from lack of occupancy since many of the occupants used other locations for their stay in Houston. A charge for the corporation that managed the meeting, significant audiovisual and telemedicine charges because of the multiple parallel sessions, and since this was a bilingual meeting, there was also a sizable charge for simultaneous translation services. They emphasized their pre-meeting problems and issues relating to the lack of full support from the CME and International Travel Office. They highlighted the attendees for several days of the meeting, which included the workshops and parallel meeting sessions. Overall, they highlighted the impact of the international participation. Positive responses were received from participants from all countries, as well as nursing and respiratory therapists, who stated they acquired a considerable amount of new knowledge. A discussion followed addressing questions from the committee meeting participants on the various aspects of the report.

Dr. Stockwell pointed out the previously scheduled November 2020 meeting sponsored by the Division of Pediatric Critical Care at UC Davis has been postponed due to the status of the COVID-19 pandemic. In previous communications, the PCCC Steering Committee had approved the request for the proposed 27<sup>th</sup> PCCC to be rescheduled for 2022. Dr. Marcin thanked the committee for the postponement of the meeting, which would have been severely impacted by current events. He then outlined the proposed program and venues at UC Davis in Sacramento for creating a successful venue. He did not have specific dates at this time but stated he would be contacting the UC Davis administration and local hotels for setting definitive dates for 2022. His thoughts were still with the month of October, and he would notify the PCCC Steering Committee as soon as dates are finalized.

Dr. Stockwell then requested the members of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Division of Critical Care to outline their thoughts of the previously scheduled joint meeting of the PCCC with the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition for October 2021. Dr. Srinivasan outlined their thoughts on the current events and situation created by the pandemic, and the potential three alternatives for the meeting: 1) to proceed with the live meeting; 2) an alternative virtual meeting; and 3) postponement. He stated the AAP had still not decided what kind of venue they would provide. The decision as to whether this would be virtual, live or hybrid meeting had still not been made and the AAP was obviously postponing their decision due to the current events. A concern related to whether all the pandemic issues would be resolved by then and travel unrestricted, as well as the financial impact to the institutions from the current pandemic, which may limit financial resources.

Dr. James informed those present that he had been communicating with Dr. Jeffrey Burns of Boston Children's Hospital about their plans and potential flexibility for hosting the PCCC in 2023. Dr. Burns indicated they would be very flexible in postponing for a later date since the new hospital building might not be completed in 2023-2024 period and would be a significant burden to host a meeting with construction delays and related. He stated he would consider 2025 or 2026 as good alternatives. He also informed Dr. James they did not wish to host a meeting immediately following the CHOP PCCC since it would probably impact overall program and meeting registration. Dr. James indicated it would not be unreasonable for CHOP to consider delaying their meeting for a later date.

Dr. Srinivasan indicated that later in that afternoon there would be a virtual meeting with the members of the AAP Section of Critical Care with the administration regarding the October 2021 AAP NCE. The decision could be better made when the information from the AAP is received, as well as the information provided by the AAP SOCC. Drs.

Ettinger and Srinivasan would be participating in that virtual meeting and would provide the results to the PCCC Steering Committee members.

Dr. Stockwell suggested the item on the agenda to provide an update on the agreement with the AAP for future meeting collaborations, as has been scheduled for the October 2021 meeting in Philadelphia, to be tabled until the results from today's later AAP virtual meeting was received.

Dr. Stockwell then indicated a nomination had been made for Dr. Jamie Schwartz to serve as the new chair elect and requested a vote from the Steering Committee members for that appointment. A call for votes was made and a unanimous was obtained from the participants for Dr. Schwartz to be appointed as chair elect for 2020-2023. Dr. Schwartz accepted the appointment and thanked the participants and indicated she was eager to work in this role.

Dr. Stockwell then stated it was time for the chair elect, Z. Leah Harris, M.D., to assume the role of chair for the period 2020-2023. Dr. Harris acknowledged the transition and stated she looked forward to working with the committee in this position. She thanked Dr. Stockwell for his previous dedication and time committed. She stated she also looked forward to future directions and addressing the previously discussed issues as to forthcoming meetings and participation.

Dr. Harris indicated she had received a request from Dr. Markovitz, who has served for many years as a member of the committee, to step down from his position due to his current work requirements and involvement as chair of the Department of Anesthesia of CHLA. Dr. Harris stated she accepted his resignation and thanked him for his previous work and stated she was hopeful of his continued support of the PCCC meetings and activities. Dr. Markovitz agreed and indicated he would request from the current chief of the CHLA Division of Pediatric Critical Care to contact Dr. James for future participation.

Dr. Harris then thanked all those present for their time and commitments to the Steering Committee activities. She stated she looked forward to the responses from the current discussed issues as well as input for future development.

Dr. James pointed out that Dr. Holbrook was present and queried him on his current health status recovery. Dr. Holbrook briefly delineated the process of his injuries and recovery process and highlighted that he was improving and ready to resume full activities. The meeting members wished him well and expedited full recovery.

With there being no further items to discuss, Dr. Stockwell thanked all the members for their participation and work and called the meeting to a close.

Respectfully submitted,



Hector E. James, M.D., Founding Member

David Stockwell, M.D., M.P.H., Chair

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cc: Members of the PCCC Steering Committee  
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