

Children's National Hospital Hosts CureWorks Scientific and Medical Review Committee Meeting

November 25th, 2019

The 2nd annual Scientific and Medical Review Committee meeting was held in WA DC at Children's National Hospital. The agenda is attached to this document as well as a group picture (below).

The meeting was opened with an overview of Children's National Hospital scope of programs as well as an exciting initiative for the planned innovation campus at the decommissioned Walter Reed Army Hospital. This campus will be home to future academic, medical and industrial partners focused on breakthrough innovations leading to cures for a variety of diseases. Children's National Hospital will be one of the key partners in this enterprise and will occupy one of the existing research buildings on the campus.

Michael Jensen (SCRI) welcomed Riley Children's Health to the CureWorks collaboration and mentioned the importance of the early contributors to the CureWorks network. Michael reviewed the early days of CureWorks and what was learned regarding regulatory affairs, manufacturing, agreements and contracts, supply chain, and work with lenti virus. He also discussed new strategies with regards to adding new CureWorks members whether they be domestic or international.

Cath Bollard (CNH) led the group in a discussion of early phase trials currently being researched by the Members. She mentioned that in future years protocols might be timed for multi-site partners based on the number of trials currently open at any one of the Member sites. Michael and Kurt Schultz (BCCH) discussed that early trials might benefit from the deployment of modular technologies and being underwritten in cost by early phase industry start-ups. The benefits of developing a CureWorks user group - just for development of multi-site trials might be a formula for being able to adopt an end of pipeline strategy. Best practices among CureWorks sites could be shared to eliminate "lone-wolf" trials that struggle with legacy practices and timely delays.

Alan Wayne (CHLA) led a stimulating session of the CureWorks Members' pipeline of studies. Each Member discussed their individual pipeline. The Members stressed that maybe there should not be unification of processes or manufacturing techniques at this point in the development of the CureWorks pipeline. Diversity might be a strength given that discovery of cells, manufacturing, transfection, and correlative studies are rapidly evolving, and unified approaches might stifle innovation. The largest obstacle in the development of the CureWorks pipeline is the cost of establishing a trial as well as the manufacturing costs.

The past and FY 2020 finances were presented to the CureWorks Members. It was agreed that monthly financial reporting would be desirable as well as a bi-monthly conference call.

The Members voiced that it was timely to hold a strategic planning retreat to discuss specific trials, infrastructure, budgets/costs, resource allocation. In order to determine future member organizations for CureWorks, there needs to be a better sense of long-term objectives and the support required for such objectives. The planning retreat will try to be scheduled for February 2020.

SMRC Meeting Agenda

7:30 AM	Breakfast	
8:00 AM	Welcome and introductions	<p>Kurt Newman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Children's National Hospital</p> <p>Mark Batshaw, Executive Vice President, Physician-in-Chief and Chief Academic Officer, Director of Children's National Research Institute at Children's National Hospital</p> <p>Michael Jensen, Executive Director CureWorks and Director of the Ben Towne Center for Childhood Cancer at Seattle Children's Research Institute</p>
8:15 AM	Overview of early phase trials across CureWorks members	Cath Bollard/SMRC Members
9:00 AM	Site updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trials pipeline • Potential multi-site trials • Barriers to trial offerings • Manufacturing/production facilities 	Alan Wayne/SMRC Members
10:15 AM	Lessons learned in conducting CureWorks multi-site trials	SMRC Members
10:45 AM	Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing beyond leukemia 	Russ Lea
11:00 AM	Budgeting for FY 20	Russ Lea/SMRC Members
11:15 AM	New member review	Rimas Orentas/SMRC Members
12:00 PM	U-01 discussion and working Lunch	Julie Park/SMRC





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