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**ETCD Council Conference Call
MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

11:00 a.m. PT/12:00 p.m. MT/1:00 p.m. CT/2:00 p.m. ET

<https://zoom.us/j/99250230491>

In Attendance

Valerie Myers, PhD (chair)
Courtney P. Bonner, PhD
Amy Huebschmann, MD
Andrea Kozak, PhD
Morgan Lee, PhD, MPH
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin
Carina Nigg, MSc (guest)
Andrew Schmidt (staff)

Regrets

Vicki DiLillo, PhD

Welcome and Minutes

The March 2021 ETCD Council call minutes were approved as written.

Dr. Myers thanked Dr. Huebschmann on behalf of the council for her years of service as council chair and for remaining on the council for a year in the immediate past-chair role.

2021 Annual Meeting Debrief

Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin shared several positive comments from the “Exploring Ethics and Values in Behavioral Medicine” session, suggesting a high level of interest in the topic in the field currently and potential audience for future Annual Meeting sessions with a similar focus. Despite some technical difficulties with the virtual conference platform, Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin and Dr. Huebschmann noted that the chat feature in particular acted as a useful tool for interacting with attendees during the case study portion of the session.

Dr. Bonner reported that the Diversity Institute met for two days during the week prior to the Annual Meeting, with the first day primarily featuring instruction from institute facilitator Dr. Kumea Shorter-Gooden, and the second day providing an opportunity for institute participants to meet in their small mentoring groups and share leadership opportunities and challenges that they planned to address over the coming year. Dr. Bonner added that initial feedback from the mentors and participants has been positive, and the institute steering committee intends to meet in the next month to discuss the ongoing mentoring meetings, a wrap-up during the 2022 SBM Annual Meeting, and potential next steps for a new institute cohort beginning in 2022 as well.

Ms. Nigg reported that the Early Career Mentoring Program kickoff session was broadly successful, and However, several accepted participants were frustrated to learn that access to the session was restricted to registered Annual Meeting attendees; Ms. Nigg recommended that registration requirements be made clearer for any future virtual workshops. Dr. Myers added that she had received encouraging feedback from a number of mentors about their breakout meetings during the kickoff session.

Dr. Myers and Dr. Lee reported that Meet the Fellows experienced technical difficulties at the beginning of the session as well, but that enthusiasm for the session among both attendees and Fellows remained high in the virtual environment.

Recruiting New ETCD Council Members

The council reviewed a CV provided by Dr. Erika Montanaro, recommending that she be invited to join as a new ETCD member.

Dr. Myers reported that several additional potential members had been approached but were already involved in volunteer opportunities with SBM or were otherwise unable to commit to joining the ETCD at this time. Council members were therefore encouraged to continue thinking of new prospects and to connect with Dr. Myers in advance of the next council call.

Summer ETCD Corner *Outlook* Article

Dr. Myers informed the council that submissions for the summer 2021 issue of the *Outlook* newsletter were due in the first week of June, and invited council members to suggest potential article topics. The council considered a continuation of the previous article on ETCD-sponsored mentoring opportunities, which was authored by Ms. Nigg and Dr. Bonner for the spring issue of *Outlook*.

Next steps:

- Ms. Nigg will draft an article expanding on the spring ETCD Corner piece highlighting the Early-Career Mentorship Program and Diversity Institute.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 13; 2 p.m. ET