Over the course of the week of July 27th the oncology workstreams and board met, continuing and sharing progress made amongst each of the three teams.

The Education workstream discussed the details surrounding the upcoming Oncology Webinar Series that is slated to start August 6th and run weekly through September 10th. Most all of the details and speakers had been established, and the group worked to finalize those outstanding few items. They also discussed the remaining regularly scheduled educational content for the latter months of 2020, covering such topics as budget development and increasing diversity. Looking into 2021, the group will begin to discuss content and a schedule for next year at subsequent meetings.

The Site Assessment and Engagement team who’s focus is on growing SCRS oncology site membership and assuring the benefits are as valuable as possible, met to discuss the prioritized projects that they will be taking on – an SCRS oncology online community, obtaining anecdotes and quotes from oncology sites to use in marketing, development of marketing materials for the board members to share amongst their network, a robust mentoring program, and an individual level membership. They also talked about how to most effectively market to sites that SCRS has not been able to reach yet. It was suggested that making connections with those doing Co-Op research may be one easy avenue to pursue.

The Summit Planning Committee also met to begin the process for outlining the content, sessions, and topics that will be used to build the 2021 Oncology Site Solutions Summit agenda. The group discussed running another survey of the oncology site community as a way to best gauge the topics of interest from the sites and use that data, as well as the results of the post-summit survey from 2020 to determine what the content should be focused on. The plan is to have a fully built agenda by early September.

After each of these workstreams met, the SCRS oncology board inclusive of all of the workstream participants met to share updates from each of the workstreams and provide any strategic feedback to each other. Our board chair, Archana Sah also provided a brief update on the outcome of the Australia-New Zealand Virtual Summit Webinar Series discussion she led. It was discussed that SCRS should consider implementing an educational program for those medical facilities and sites who are interested in beginning Phase 1 research. This project will be discussed by the core oncology board, as well as the individual workstreams for feasibility and priority.

The Education and Assessment and Engagement workstreams will meet again mid-September, while the Summit planning committee will meet throughout August to finalize the agenda. The next Core Oncology Board meeting will be September 3rd, with the broader group meeting in early October.