



Executive Director's Report

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PCORI Board of Governors Meeting

Atlanta, GA

November 18, 2013

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

Agenda for Today

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National Clinical Research Network Update

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Update on PCORI Merit Review and Contracting Processes

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Preview of Today's Board Agenda

The National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network (NCCRN): CDRN and PPRN Applications

- 🌐 Clinical Data Research Networks:
 - **28** applications submitted out of 31 invited to apply
- 🌐 Patient-Powered Research Networks:
 - **61** applications submitted out of 70 invited to apply (~50% from rare disease patient groups)

28 CDRN Applications

- Non-profit **integrated health systems**
 - **Military** health plans, hospitals and providers
 - Networks of **academic medical centers**, hospitals and physician practices with cities
 - **Community clinics** networks
 - **Pediatrics** system networks
 - Network based on **HIEs**
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- Excellent **geographical** representation
 - **Underserved** populations well represented
 - Range from **1M covered lives to 12M**



NCRN Timeline

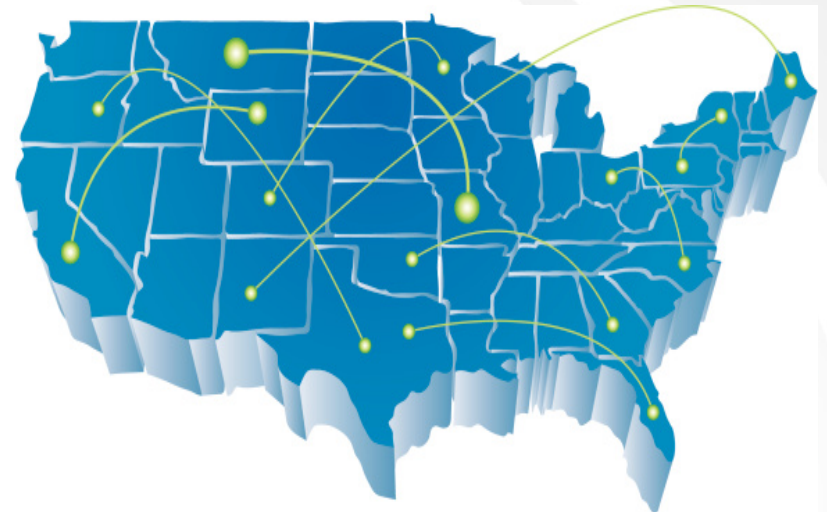
- **11/13 – 12/13:** Staff and Board (Program Development Committee) review priority scores and applications to select final slates of CDRNs and PPRNs
- **12/17/13:** Recommended slates and characteristics of proposed awardees presented to Board for approval
- **1/21-23/14:** Steering Committee kickoff



NCRN Metrics of Success at 18 Months

- Able to conduct high quality **observational** CER
- External **data partners** able to join/participate in network activities
- External **researchers** can work with network
- Large, pragmatic **interventional trial** embedded within systems in 2014

CHALLENGE: Keep all CDRNs and PPRNs engaged in the process despite significant diversity in size, experience, data and length of existence.



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Learning from PCORI Merit Reviewers

- 🌱 **Reviewer surveys** immediately post-review
 - 90% participation
- 🌱 **Group interviews** with a sample of reviewers
- 🌱 **Analysis of merit review** scores pre- and post-panel discussion
- 🌱 **Personal follow-up** on specific concerns
- 🌱 **Webinar** on October 30 – *PCORI Merit Review: Learning from Patients, Scientists, and other Stakeholders*

Improving Our Merit Review Process

Overall, we have streamlined our processes by:

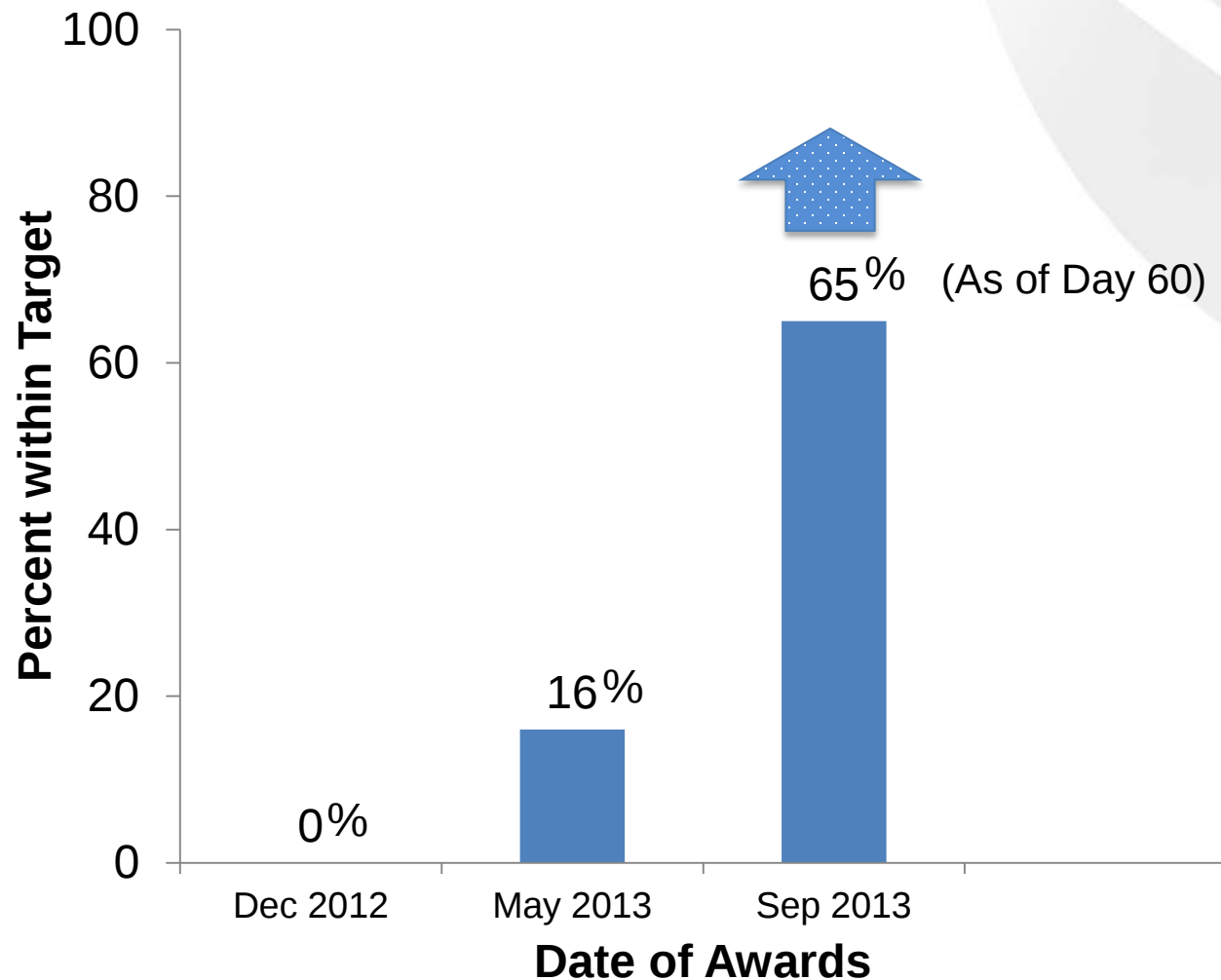
- 🌱 ***Enhancing collaboration*** among our teams involved in supporting merit review: Contracts, Engagement, and Science
- 🌱 Moving to ***Standing Review Panels***
- 🌱 Reviewing and ***revising our practices*** in training, communications, and implementation of review

Improving Our Merit Review Process

What We Heard	Examples of How We've Responded
Meaning of review criteria is unclear	Made review criteria more concise and revised training materials
Time burden of review is high	Improved the template for the written critique and enhanced training
Patient, stakeholder, and scientist reviewers seem to score differently	• Initial analyses (cycle 1) indicate that patient, stakeholder, and scientist scores converge after discussion • Ongoing analyses will allow us to better understand any differences
Need to reinforce that all perspectives are valued equally	Increased focus on review dynamics and revisions to presentation and discussion process
PCORI needs to communicate more clearly with those who apply and those selected to be reviewers	Communications process with reviewers have been revised

Time from Award to Contract Execution

Target = 90 Days



Introducing Scott Solomon: PCORI's New Director of Contracts Management

Administrative oversight of PCORI awards from pre-award stage through close-out

- Administrative oversight of management and review processes for submissions to PCORI funding announcements
- Works closely with PCORI's CSO and Science staff in developing PCORI funding announcements
- Collaborates with PCORI Communications staff in publishing PCORI funding announcements and in guiding potential applicants
- Collaborates with PCORI's General Counsel and Director of Finance in negotiating terms of agreements



New PCORI Staff

From September 13 – November 4, 2013



Shown (Left to Right): Blake Whitney, Tara Sanker, Tom Ringwood, MS, CPCM, CPM, CMME, Tsahai Tafari, PhD, Michael Rochelle, Charmaine Boone, Rohan Dalvi, and Nichole Walton

Not Shown: Sarah Daugherty, PhD, MPH, Sarah Greene, MPH, Lynn Rogut, MCRP, and Jana-Lynn Louis, MPH

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Overview of Today's Agenda

Strategic Plan:
Approve

Strategic Issues:
Research Funding Plan
(Approve)
Decision Support Research
(Discuss)

2014 Budget:
Approve

Strategic Priorities

Advisory Panel
Charters: Approve
Clinical Trials
Rare Disease

Decision Matrix
Modifications:
Approve

Methodology Report: Accept
Revised Report
Plan for Dissemination and
Implementation