

Board of Governors Meeting via Teleconference / Webinar

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm ET

Board Members Present:

Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, *Chairperson*; Kerry Barnett, JD, *Vice Chairperson*; Sharon Arnold, PhD; Debra Barksdale, PhD, RN; Larry Becker; Francis Collins, MD, PhD; Allen Douma, MD; Alicia Fernandez, MD; Christine Goertz, DC, PhD; Leah Hole-Marshall, JD; Robert Jesse, MD, PhD; Harlan Krumholz, MD, SM; Sharon Levine, MD; Barbara McNeil, MD, PhD; Kathleen Troeger, MPH; Robert Zwolak, MD, PhD

Board Members Absent:

Russell Howerton, MD; Gail Hunt; Richard Kuntz, MD, MSc; Freda Lewis-Hall, MD; Ellen Sigal, PhD

Minutes

Agenda Item	Related Minutes
Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome - Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, <i>Chairperson</i> and Joe Selby, MD, MPH, <i>Executive Director</i>	Dr. Norquist chaired and opened the meeting, welcomed all to the meeting of the PCORI Board of Governors and read the Chair Statement on Conflict of Interest. Dr. Selby gave an overview of the agenda for the meeting.
Consider for Approval: Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Board Meeting - Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH	The following motion was made by Leah Hole-Marshall and seconded by Larry Becker: Motion: Approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Board of Governors meeting. <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by voice vote (no opposed; no abstentions)</i>
Consider for Approval: Supporting PCORI Rapid Research and People-centered Communities through Implementation of the FY17 Funding Commitment Plan - Rachael Fleurence, PhD, <i>Program Director, Research Infrastructure (PCORnet)</i>	Dr. Fleurence, introduced two requests for partial implementation of the FY17 PCORnet Funding Commitment Plan which advances PCORI's goal to engage PCORnet to serve the need for real world information and responds to the expressed interests of the RTC and SOC in their joint meeting held on 11.1.16. . The first request was for up to \$7M for research funding to implement rapid research studies within PCORnet, anticipated to be between 5-10 research projects. This is in response to PCORI's need for rapid evidence generation and would be used for assessing feasibility of studies and implementing small, rapid, observational studies. The second request presented was for up to \$8.8M for infrastructure funding to support the evolution of Patient Powered Research Networks (PPRNs) which would be awarded to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) to launch four pilot People-Centered Communities from existing PPRNs. The pilots would be based on a successful learning network model and help integrate the PPRNs and Clinical Data Research Networks (CDRNs). She confirmed that the two requests were within the approved FY17

	funding commitment plan for PCORnet research and infrastructure, and were endorsed by the Research Transformation Committee (RTC) on December 19, 2016. Following the presentation, discussion took place surrounding how to ensure the rapid research studies would be able to keep to a fast timeline, the difference between the descriptive analysis and small rapid observational studies, and the process by which CCHMC was chosen for the People-Centered Communities award. They also discussed that the CCHMC model has proven to be transferable, and, if the model is successful in PPRNs, it is anticipated to be transferrable. The following motion was made by Kathleen Troeger and seconded by Larry Becker: Motion: Approve each of the proposed activities for implementation of the FY2017 approved funding commitment plan: • Approve the award of up to \$7.0M to utilize the PCORnet infrastructure to support stakeholder-prioritized research and conduct of rapid-observational research, subject to PCORI review and negotiation of final terms. • Approve the award of up to \$8.8 M to Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center to support the development of up to 4 pilot people-centered communities, subject to PCORI review and negotiation of final terms. <i>Approved by a majority vote of the voting Board members by roll call (14 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions and 0 recusals); Kerry Barnett and Barbara McNeil were not present for this vote.</i>
Consider for Approval: AHRQ/PCORI Learning Health System Training Program - Joe Selby, MD, MPH	Dr. Selby, presented the request for commitment and funding of the Research Training in Learning Health Systems (LHS) Initiative, a collaborative project between PCORI and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) designed to train the next generation of PCOR professionals to lead research within institutional training programs. The up to \$30M provided by PCORI to AHRQ would support awards to 6-8 institutional training programs by AHRQ, each with multiple trainees over 5 years. Dr. Selby presented the draft core competencies that would guide the development of the program, the program specifications, and the funding plan. Dr. Selby also went over some of the benefits of the joint activity, including its clear statement that PCORI considers research based in learning health systems to be essential in the future of PCOR, it builds on AHRQ’s successful track-record in the area of workforce training, and provides a further incentive for health systems to value and work with PCORnet and PCORI. It was emphasized that applicants with PCORnet affiliation may be considered an attractive attribute, but will not be required. Following the presentation, discussion took place about the need to be inclusive in the description of the target audience, to ensure patient engagement and improving effective care for all patients (including addressing disparities

	and minorities) are represented in the core competencies, and ensuring Research Transformation Committee (RTC) oversight. The motion was amended to include that the announcement would be subject to RTC review and approval. <i>The following Motion was made by Harlan Krumholz and seconded by Alicia Fernandez:</i> Motion: Approve funding of up to \$30 M to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for the Research Training Program entitled Training the Next Generation of PCOR Professionals to Lead Research Within Learning Health Systems, subject to finalization of a Memorandum of Understanding between PCORI and AHRQ and Subject to RTC review and approval of funding announcement plan and factors. <i>Approved by a majority vote of the voting Board members by roll call (13 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions and 1 recusal, Sharon Arnold). Sharon Levine and Robert Zwolak were not present for this vote.</i>
Wrap up and Adjournment - Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH	Meeting ended at 1:21 pm

Minutes were approved by the PCORI Board of Governors 02-28-2017