

Board of Governors Meeting via Teleconference / Webinar

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm ET

Board Members Present:

Kerry Barnett, JD, *Vice Chairperson*; Debra Barksdale, PhD, RN; Francis Chesley, Jr., MD (representing Gopal Khanna); Christine Goertz, DC, PhD; Leah Hole-Marshall, JD; Russell Howerton, MD; Gail Hunt; Richard Kuntz, MD, MSc; Michael Lauer, MD (representing Francis Collins, MD, PhD); Sharon Levine, MD; Barbara McNeil, MD, PhD; Ellen Sigal, PhD; Kathleen Troeger, MPH; Robert Zwolak, MD, PhD

Board Members Absent:

Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, *Chairperson*; Larry Becker; Allen Douma, MD; Alicia Fernandez, MD; Harlan Krumholz, MD, SM; Freda Lewis-Hall, MD

MINUTES

Agenda Item	PCORI Speakers
Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome - <i>Kerry Barnett, JD, Vice Chairperson and Joe Selby, MD, MPH, Executive Director</i>	Mr. Barnett 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.
Consider for Approval: Consent Agenda - Minutes of the February 27, 2018 Board Meeting - Nominations for Clinical Trials (CTAP) Advisory Panel Chair Positions <i>Kerry Barnett, JD</i>	Mr. Barnett introduced the Consent Agenda which included the approval of the February 27, 2018 meeting minutes; the nomination of Kaleab Abebe, MA, PHD, to serve as Chair of the Clinical Trials Advisory Panel (CTAP) through August 2019; and the nomination of Andrea Troxel, ScD, to serve as Co-Chair of the Clinical Trials Advisory Panel through August 2020. Dr. Selby expressed his support for the nominations of these two individuals and noted the insightful input that PCORI receives from the CTAP members. Mr. Barnett gave the opportunity to Board members to discuss any of the matters on the Consent Agenda. No separate discussion was requested. <i>The following motion was made by Barbara McNeil and seconded by Russ Howerton:</i> Motion: Approve each of the motions on the Consent Agenda as reflected below: - Minutes from the February 27, 2018 Board Meeting - Nomination of Kaleab Abebe as Chair until August 31, 2019 and Andrea Troxel as Co-Chair until August 31, 2020 for the Clinical Trials Advisory Panel (CTAP). <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by voice vote (no opposed; no abstentions)</i>

Executive Director's Report and Q1-2018 Dashboard Review - Joe Selby, MD, MPH	Dr. Selby presented the Q1-2018 Dashboard for the Board's review. The Dashboard demonstrated 5 green-flagged items (items that are on track) and 3 yellow-flagged items (items that are off target by more than 10%-15%, depending on the metric). The five metrics that are green are project performance, research using PCORnet, PCORI abstracts posted to the website, results published in the literature, and Altmetric (attention to PCORI research). The metric for Funds Committed to Research is yellow because PCORI committed 77% of its funding target, short of the goal of 90% of the target for the year. The metric for Expenses is yellow because expenses were below the goal of 85% of the budgeted amount. The metric for PCORI Peer Review is yellow because early data show that the process is taking longer to complete than the established target. There were no red-flagged items (items that are off-target and in need of attention or action by the Board). Dr. Selby presented examples of results on PCORI's goals: To increase information, to speed uptake, and to influence research. He shared that as of Q1, 33 CER projects have their primary results peer-reviewed and publicly available. He highlighted three results from PCORI-funded research studies comparing two or more clinical options in the topics of pediatric respiratory infections, chronic pain, and Chron's disease. All three of these results publications had high Altmetric scores (a measure of attention). To provide an example of uptake of study results, Dr. Selby shared that results of PCORI-funded studies have been cited 10 times in evidence-based clinical recommendations, including four citations in UpToDate®, two citations in DynaMed Plus™, and four citations in other evidence-based clinical recommendations. He shared that PCORI is credited with leading to improved outcomes beyond the scope of a funded project, and that a list of examples of results on Goal 3 are now available on the PCORI website. Board Members expressed interest in the implications of being under budget in expenses. Dr. Selby stated that any available funds from FY2018 would be put to use in FY2019. They also discussed the scalability of PCORI Peer Review, since timing is not meeting current targets. And, Board Members requested more information on the correlation between Altmetric scores and citations among results from PCORI-funded projects.
PCORnet Update • PCORnet Demographics Query • PCORnet Demonstration Study Updates • Select PCORnet Queries	Dr. Selby introduced the PCORnet Update agenda item by informing the Board that he would present an updated PCORnet demographics table, select PCORI-funded PCORnet demonstration study updates, and select PCORnet queries.

- Joe Selby, MD, MPH	He explained that a demographics query had been sent to PCORnet Clinical Data Networks (CDRNs) and Health Plan Research Networks (HPRNs) in March of 2018. Responses were received from 75 CDRN DataMarts and two HPRN DataMarts. Regarding the PCORI-funded PCORnet demonstration study updates, Dr. Selby explained that the PCORnet Bariatric Study which is evaluating three popular types of bariatric surgeries, is almost complete and results are expected to be published soon. He also gave an overview of the PCORI-funded demonstration study addressing Case Management Programs and their Effectiveness in Managing High-Risk Patients Health System. This study characterized case management in health systems and evaluated their effectiveness. The study found that case management program characteristics vary widely across sites. Dr. Selby also discussed how these findings demonstrate the value of PCORnet data for benchmarking and conducting rapid streamlined evaluation. Finally, Dr. Selby discussed five notable queries that have been conducted in PCORnet. These queries came from funders who wanted more information to plan a funding announcement, internal and external investigators preparing for a funding opportunity, and Collaborative Research Groups (CRGs) within PCORnet seeking to better understand a target population of interest. The topics of these queries were on Statin prescribing, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction, comorbidities of individuals with Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective disorder, multiple sclerosis, and population characteristics among individuals with HIV. Following the presentation, discussion took place around how PCORnet queries work. Dr. Selby explained that query requests can be submitted through the PCORnet front door. He also noted that if a requestor is looking to conduct a detailed analysis with the data requested, it will likely be beneficial to work with a PCORnet investigator who can help the requestor understand aspects of the network (e.g., data) as well as connect the requestor to the coordinating center and patient participants.
Wrap up and Adjournment - Kerry Barnett, JD	Meeting ended at 1:30 pm

Minutes were approved by the PCORI Board of Governors 04-30-2018