

Board of Governors Meeting via Teleconference / Webinar

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. ET

Board Members Present:

Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, *Chairperson*; Kerry Barnett, JD, *Vice Chairperson*; Debra Barksdale, PhD, RN; Lawrence Becker; Francis Collins, MD, PhD; Allen Douma, MD; Leah Hole-Marshall, JD; Robert Jesse, MD, PhD; Richard Kronick, PhD; Sharon Levine, MD; Freda Lewis-Hall; Steve Lipstein, MHA; Barbara McNeil, MD, PhD; Harlan Weisman, MD; Robert Zwolak, MD, PhD

Board Members Absent:

Alicia Fernandez, MD; Christine Goertz, DC, PhD; Gail Hunt; Harlan Krumholz, MD; Richard Kuntz, MD, MSc; MD; Ellen Sigal, PhD

MINUTES

Agenda Item	Related Minutes
Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome - Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, <i>Chairperson and</i> - Joe Selby, MD, MPH, <i>Executive Director</i>	Dr. Grayson Norquist, Chairperson, chaired the meeting and welcomed all to the meeting of the PCORI Board of Governors. Dr. Selby reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.
Approval of the February 24 th , 2015 Minutes - Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH	The following motion was made and seconded: Motion: Approve the February 24 th , 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by voice vote</i>
Consider for Approval: New Policies regarding Budget, Audit, and Revised Pre-Award and Post-Award Policies - Regina Yan, MA, <i>Chief Operating Officer</i>	Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) Chair Larry Becker and Chief Operating Officer (COO) Regina Yan brought four Institute policies to the Board for their consideration. Only Institute policies require Board approval. The FAC reviewed the policies and recommended them for approval by the full Board of Governors. The following motion was made and seconded. Motion: Approve the Annual Budget Development and Approval Policy, Annual Financial Audit Policy, Revised Pre-Award Policy, and Revised Post-Award Policy. <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by voice vote</i>
Consider for Approval: PCORnet Health Systems Demonstration Project PFA Development - Joe Selby, MD, MPH	Dr. Selby presented an overview of the proposed Health Systems Demonstration Project for PCORnet, including a two-step process to include topic generation and funding up to five

	research awards. The initiative is not to exceed \$5 million in total funds. Members of the Board raised comments on the utility of this project for demonstrating the potential of PCORnet to the health system leadership community. The following motion was made and seconded. Motion: Approve the development of a PFA to fund the Health Systems Demonstration Project for a total amount of up to \$5 million. <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by roll call vote. 14 in favor; 0 opposed (Dr. McNeil did not participate in the vote).</i>
Update on Government Accountability Office (GAO) Review - Joe Selby, MD, MPH	Dr. Selby reviewed the almost year-long timeline of events that took place before the GAO released its report about PCORI on March 9th. He reviewed with the Board the GAO's main findings, including that PCORI has established priorities and processes for funding comparative clinical effectiveness research and is developing dissemination plans consistent with PCORI's legislative requirements. He also noted that GAO's report did not include recommendations for changes.
Review Q1 Dashboard - Joe Selby, MD, MPH and Michele Orza, ScD, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director	Dr. Orza presented the Q2 2015 Dashboard to the Board. The objectives of the presentation were to provide the Board with an overview of PCORI's progress in the quarter, highlight noteworthy and flagged items, and provide an overview of the Dashboard's continuing development. She noted that the Committees and staff are currently working together to develop committee-level dashboards and to determine the existing and additional metrics that would be more closely monitored by each committee. Dr. Orza focused on the Noteworthy Items: 1) this quarter's example of PCORI's influence on research – the American Heart Association's pilot Citizen Science Think Tank, 2) the new PCORnet Timeline, which is also closely monitored by the RTC, and 3) LOI, application, and award data on our Engagement Awards. She also focused on the Yellow-Flagged Items (those that are more than 10% off from the target for the quarter): 1) progress of projects on their milestones, 2) indicators of the uptake of PCORI's Methodology Standards, and 3) expenditures (other than those on awards).
Wrap up and Adjournment - Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH	The meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm

Approved by the PCORI Board of Governors 4-21-2015