



Board of Governors Meeting via Teleconference / Webinar

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm ET

Board Members Present:

Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, *Chairperson*; Kerry Barnett, JD, *Vice Chairperson*; Lawrence Becker; Francis Collins, MD, PhD; Allen Douma, MD; Christine Goertz, DC, PhD; Leah Hole-Marshall, JD; Gail Hunt; Robert Jesse, MD, PhD; Robert Kaplan, PhD (designee for Richard Kronick, PhD); Sharon Levine, MD; Steve Lipstein, MHA; Barbara McNeil, MD, PhD; Harlan Weisman, MD; Robert Zwolak, MD, PhD

Board Members Absent:

Debra Barksdale, PhD, RN; Alicia Fernandez, MD; Harlan Krumholz, MD; Richard Kuntz, MD, MSc; Freda Lewis-Hall, MD; Ellen Sigal, PhD

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Agenda Item	Related Minutes
Call to Order, Roll Call, Conflict of Interest (COI) Statement and Welcome - <i>Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, Chairperson</i>	Dr. Grayson 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. He also reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.
Consent Agenda: That the Board of Governors Approve: - May 4th, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes and - The Proposed Resolutions on Signature Authority on behalf of PCORI	Dr. Norquist introduced the Consent Agenda and a proposal that, in addition to the Executive Director and the Chief Operating Officer, grants signature authority to the Chief Science Officer, Chief Engagement and Dissemination Officer and the General Counsel, subject to limits of approved controls. The following motion was made and seconded: Motion: Approve: -- the May 4, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes; and -- the Proposed Resolutions on Signature Authority on behalf of PCORI (see Attachment A for approved Resolutions) <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by voice vote (no opposed; no abstentions)</i>
Consider for Approval: PCORnet Health Plans PFA Development - <i>Joe Selby, MD, MPH and</i>	Dr. Rachael Fleurence presented background on the initiative, which is focused on increasing the availability of complete longitudinal data on populations receiving health care within specified CDRNs. During Phase I, CDRNs worked



- <i>Rachael Fleurence, PhD, Program Director CER Methods & Infrastructure</i>	independently to advance their ability to develop longitudinal data sets. As a supplemental approach, PCORI would directly fund up to two health plans that cover patients in PCORnet CDRNs. PCORI intends to include a competitive LOI stage so that PCORI can consider the landscape of interested applicants. The intent is for awards to begin in late 2015, aligning with the start of Phase II funding of CDRNs and PPRNs, with a 3-year duration for awards. The RTC recommends that the Board approve development of the PFA. Members of the Board asked questions regarding patient engagement and participation in research. Dr. Fleurence provided clarification around the expectations for participation in research and language will be added to the PFA to specify that awardees will not be mandated to participate in specific research studies, but that there will be an expectation of participation in research that would be funded through separate research awards. An amendment was made for the initiative to be referred to as Health Plans/Systems data initiative to collaborate with the CDRNs and PPRNs. Motion: Approve the development of a PFA to fund up to two Health Plans/Health Systems to collaborate with CDRNs and PPRNs to facilitate access to complete longitudinal data through PCORnet with direct costs not to exceed \$6 million. <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by voice vote (no opposed; no abstentions)</i>
Methods Program Overview - <i>Rachael Fleurence, PhD and</i> - <i>Jason Gerson, PhD, Associate Director</i>	Dr. Rachael Fleurence and Dr. Jason Gerson presented an update and overview of PCORI's Methods Program. The overview included an update on the team that has expanded within the last year, the program goals, and a program overview. The program overview highlighted research areas of interest in the Methods PFA and provided an overview of the portfolio. The presentation also touched upon patient and stakeholder engagement in the Methods projects as well as indicating additional program activities.
Evaluation Update: PCORI Stakeholder Surveys - <i>Lori Frank, PhD, Program Director, Evaluation & Analysis and</i>	Dr. Lori Frank and Dr. Laura Forsythe presented preliminary results from PCORI's Stakeholder Surveys of Clinicians, Patients, and Caregivers.



- <i>Laura Forsythe, PhD, MPH, Associate Director</i>	These surveys aimed to understand attitudes towards CER, use of health information in decision making, and interest in and attitudes toward engagement in research, as well as to facilitate the use of CER findings in health decision making and engagement of patients and stakeholders in research. Patients, caregivers, and clinicians were generally not familiar with the term comparative effectiveness research (CER). However, once they saw a definition of CER, the majority endorsed its usefulness in making treatment decisions. Similarly, the stakeholders surveyed were not familiar with engagement in research, but expressed interest in it and the over 90% expressed the view that engagement in research could improve the value of research. Survey results will be used to enhance PCORI's programmatic work and inform stakeholders through a variety of dissemination efforts.
Methodology Curriculum Update - <i>Steven Goodman, MD, MHS, PhD, Methodology Vice-Chair and</i> - <i>Bryan Luce, PhD, MBA, Chief Science Officer</i>	Dr. Steve Goodman introduced Dr. Bryan Luce to present an update on the Methodology Standards Curriculum project. Dr. Luce reviewed the objective, deliverables, target audience, review process and timeline of the curriculum development. The objective, to develop an academic curriculum for the Methodology Standards, will be met by three deliverables over six months: a textual curriculum, tool kit, and final report by fall 2015. The curriculum is divided into modules, one for each of the Standard categories plus an introduction and translation framework module. Modules will include objectives and outline, presentation slides, an audio presentation, case studies and exercises, and teaching guides. The curriculum will be adaptable to different learner levels of PCOR/CER including graduate students, faculty, researchers and potential research funding applicants, and stakeholders. One or two Methodology Committee members will review each module. A well-known team from Johns Hopkins was awarded this contract. In response to questions from the Board, Dr. Luce explained that there will be no cost to the educational community to use this curriculum once developed.



PCORI Annual Meeting Update <i>Joe Selby, MD, MPH and Bill Silberg, Director of Communications</i>	Bill Silberg provided an update on the status of the PCORI Annual Meeting planned for October 6-8, 2015. He discussed the location, purpose, attendees, and structure of the meeting. The meeting will include a joint session with AHRQ and Academy Health as well as plenaries, breakout sessions, learning labs, and mini summits. The opening plenary will address the state of PCOR. Board Chairperson, Gray Norquist, and PCORI Executive Director, Joe Selby, encouraged all Board members to attend.
Wrap up and Adjournment - <i>Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH</i>	The meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm

See Attachment A for Resolutions Approved by the PCORI Board of Governors on Signature Authority on Behalf of PCORI

Approved by the PCORI Board of Governors 07-21-2015



Attachment A to the Minutes of the June 16, 2015 PCORI Board of Governors Meeting

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
PATIENT-CENTERED OUTCOMES RESEARCH INSTITUTE**
(June 16, 2015 Board of Governors Meeting)

**Resolutions Approved by the Board of Governors
on Signature Authority on Behalf of PCORI**

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the Patient-Center Outcomes Research Institute ("PCORI") previously authorized employees serving in certain positions to authorize actions on behalf of and legally bind PCORI, including by executing contracts;

WHEREAS, over time, executive staff positions of PCORI have evolved with the addition of several senior executive positions and the removal of certain senior executive positions;

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors seeks to have current and appropriate authorizations in place for signatory authority on behalf of PCORI that provides appropriate controls as well as appropriate signatory options, recognizing that at any given time, senior executive employees may be unavailable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

RESOLVED, that, consistent with limits of the Board-approved budget and subject to applicable controls and required approvals, any person filling any of the following positions is authorized to take action on behalf of PCORI and to legally bind PCORI, including through executing or terminating contracts or other agreements:

Executive Director
Chief Operating Officer
Chief Science Officer
Chief Engagement and Dissemination Officer
General Counsel

FURTHER RESOLVED, that authority previously granted to the Deputy Executive Director shall be rescinded since that position no longer exists and any of the persons identified above shall be authorized to take action as previously authorized for the Deputy Executive Director, consistent with limits of the Board-approved budget and subject to applicable controls and required approvals.