



Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

Board of Governors Meeting via Teleconference / Webinar

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. ET

Board Members Present:

Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, *Chair*; Steven Lipstein, MHA, *Vice Chair*; Debra Barksdale, PhD, RN; Kerry Barnett, JD; Lawrence Becker; Francis Collins, MD, PhD; Allen Douma, MD; Arnold Epstein, MD; Alicia Fernandez, MD; Christine Goertz, DC, PhD; Leah Hole-Marshall, JD; Gail Hunt; Robert Jesse, MD, PhD; Richard Kronick, PhD; Sharon Levine, MD; Ellen Sigal, PhD; Harlan Weisman, MD; Robert Zwolak, MD, PhD

Board Members Absent:

Harlan Krumholz, MD; Richard Kuntz, MD, MSc; Freda Lewis-Hall, MD;

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AGENDA ITEM	RELATED MINUTES
Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome <i>Grayson Norquist, Board Chair, and Joe Selby, Executive Director</i>	Dr. Norquist called the meeting to order and a roll call of the Board was conducted. Dr. Selby presented an overview of the agenda. The following motion was made and seconded. Motion: Approve the June 17, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by voice vote.</i>
Consider for Approval: Winter 2014 Cycle Awards (Broad) <i>Christine Goertz, Chair, Selection Committee and Bryan Luce, Chief Science Officer</i>	Christine Goertz, the Chair of the Winter 2014 Selection Committee thanked all applicants, congratulated those that are being proposed to the Board for funding, and encouraged those who aren't to resubmit. Bryan Luce, the Chief Science Officer provided an overview of the processes used to arrive at recommendations for funding relating to the Broad PFA for the Winter 2014 Cycle Awards, along with a summary of the proposed slate related to conditions, populations, and geographic locations. An overview of the allotted budget versus proposed budget and project budget averages was presented per PFA. Over 22% of the slate were resubmissions. All project titles were shared publicly (see Attachment A). For this cycle, program staff recommended funding an average of 10.5% of responsive applications (34/325 applications). Thirty-four applications were proposed to the Committee using a total budget of \$52,343,128. The following motion was made and seconded. Motion: Approve the Winter Cycle 2014 Slate of Awards.

	<i>Approved by majority vote of the Board by roll call vote: 17 in favor; 0 opposed (Ms. Hunt did not participate in this vote.)</i>
Consider for Approval: PCORI-NIH Hypertension Targeted PCORI Funding Announcement (PFA) <i>Romana Hasnain-Wynia, Director, Addressing Disparities Program</i>	Romana Hasnain-Wynia presented a proposal for the development of a targeted funding announcement on hypertension disparities. The funding initiative will be implemented in partnership with the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, as well as the National Institute for Neurological and Stroke Disorders to fund up to two trials for a maximum amount of \$25M. Dr. Hasnain-Wynia reviewed the focus of the PFA and outlined the ways in which the PFA would complement and be distinguished from a FOA recently released by AHRQ. She also gave an overview of the trial features. The Board discussed the importance of identifying individuals exposed to the intervention who do not achieve blood pressure control and recognizing patient-centered outcomes given that hypertension is an intermediate outcome. The following motion was made and seconded. Motion: Approve the development of a PCORI-NIH Hypertension Targeted PCORI Funding Announcement (PFA) <i>Approved by majority vote of the Board by roll call vote: 16 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 recusals (Dr. Collins, Dr. Epstein) (Ms. Hunt did not participate in this vote.)</i>
Consider for Approval: Topic for PCORnet's First Interventional Trial <i>Joe Selby, Executive Director</i>	Joe Selby, PCORI Executive Director, provided background on the first PCORnet interventional trial topic generation and prioritization process. The need for the trial topic, "Optimal Maintenance Aspirin Dose for Secondary Prevention in Patients with CAD," was presented along with the need of the study to flex the use of EHR in innovative ways and be a proof of concept for the type of research that PCORnet will be able to support in the future. The following motion was made and seconded. Motion: Approve the topic and budget of PCORnet's first interventional trial <i>Approved by majority vote of the Board by roll call vote: 16 in favor; 0 opposed (Dr. Jesse, Dr. Levine did not participate in this vote.)</i>
Consider for Approval: Selection Committee Charter <i>Christine Goertz, Chair, Science Oversight Committee</i>	Based on the Board's input through workgroup meetings and committee input, the Science Oversight Committee recommended a Charter for the Selection Committee to memorialize the Selection Committee role in reviewing post-merit review applications and proposing a funding slate to the Board. Christine Goertz, chair of the Science Oversight Committee (SOC) provided a brief description of the committee's purpose, membership, and key responsibilities.

	During the discussion, it was also suggested that the number of members be switched from “3 to 6” to “6” to have a larger pool of expertise. It was also recommended that the charter be changed from “Membership of a Selection Committee shall be composed solely of Board members and up to one (1) member of the Methodology Committee.” to “Membership of a Selection Committee shall be composed solely of Board members and <u>can include</u> members of the Methodology Committee.” The following motion was made and seconded. Motion: Approve the Selection Committee Charter (with modifying language related to the size of the Committee and number of Methodology Committee members) <i>Approved by majority vote of the Board by voice vote.</i>
Update on Topic Selection Process Map and Criteria <i>Christine Goertz, Chair, Science Oversight Committee</i>	Christine Goertz, Chair of the Science Oversight Committee (SOC), presented the process for topic selection and research prioritization which is intended to provide consistency to the way PCORI selects research topics.
Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) Report on PCOR Trust Fund <i>Kerry Barnett, Chair, FAC</i>	Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) Chair Kerry Barnett provided the PCORI Board of Governors (BOG) an update on PCORI’s recent discussions with Treasury Department. He reviewed the funding sources for the PCOR Trust Fund, including: ○ Direct appropriations; ○ Transfers from the CMS Trust Fund; and ○ Funds from the PCOR fee. Chair Barnett informed the BOG that funds from the PCOR fee relating to first year collection (2012) were approximately 35% lower than original Treasury estimates. As PCORI only draws down from the Trust Fund as needed, and PCORI has been using more conservative estimates from the Congressional Budgeting Office (CBO) in our budgeting process, there are no changes needed to PCORI’s current operations. PCORI has the resources needed to cover all of our commitments, including those we will commit in FY2015. FAC will continue to keep the BOG apprised of the status of the PCOR fee estimate and receipt. The Board will discuss in further detail the PCORI revenue projection in September in its review of the FY2015 budget. In the interim, the following actions are being taken: ○ Seeking expert advice on factors that may impact revenue estimates to ensure PCORI is asking the right questions and considering the appropriate actions to advance its mission moving forward; ○ Consulting with partners to understand how other organizations that receive funds from the PCOR Trust Fund are forecasting funding in



	future years, and continuing to engage Treasury in conversations to better understand future estimates and calculations; and ○ Keeping GAO, AHRQ, and the public informed of our actions.
Wrap up and Adjournment <i>Grayson Norquist</i>	The meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.

Approved by the PCORI Board of Governors 08-26-2014



Attachment A

Funding Opportunities – Winter 2014 Cycle

Broad PFA	Project Length	Maximum Direct Costs Allowed	Total Cycle Budget
Addressing Disparities (AD)	3 years	\$1.5 million	\$8 million
Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment Options (APDTO)	3 years	\$1.5 million	\$32 million
Communication and Dissemination Research (CDR)	3 years	\$1.5 million	\$8 million
Improving Healthcare Systems (IHS)	3 years	\$1.5 million	\$16 million
Improving Methods for Conducting Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (Methods)	3 years	\$750,000	\$8 million