Board of Governors Meeting via Teleconference / Webinar

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm ET

Board Members Present:
Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, *Chairperson*; Debra Barksdale, PhD, RN; Lawrence Becker; Francis Collins, MD, PhD (Michael Lauer, MD, Francis Collins' designee was also present); Allen Douma, MD; Alicia Fernandez, MD; Christine Goertz, DC, PhD; Leah Hole-Marshall, JD; Gail Hunt; Robert Jesse, MD, PhD; Richard Kronick, PhD; Sharon Levine, MD; Freda Lewis-Hall, MD; Steve Lipstein, MHA; Barbara McNeil, MD, PhD; Robert Zwolak, MD, PhD

Board Members Absent:
Kerry Barnett, JD, *Vice Chairperson;* Harlan Krumholz, MD, SM; Richard Kuntz, MD, MSc; Ellen Sigal, PhD; Harlan Weisman, MD;

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Agenda Item	**Related Minutes**
Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome - *Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, Chairperson*	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.
Consent Agenda: That the Board of Governors approve: • Minutes of the September 28, 2015 Board Meeting • Committee Nominations from the Methodology and Governance Committees - *Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, Chairperson*	Dr. Norquist introduced the Consent Agenda which included the September 28 Board meeting minutes and Committee nominations put forth by the Methodology Committee and the Governance Committee (see below for nominations). The following motion was made and seconded: **Motion:** Approve each of the motions on the Consent Agenda as reflected: • Approval of the September 28, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes; and • Nominations put forth for approval from the: **- Methodology Committee (MC):** MC Member Cindy Girman to serve on the Clinical Trials Advisory Panel (CTAP); **Governance Committee:** - Board Member Gail Hunt moved from the Research Transformation Committee (RTC) to the Science Oversight Committee (SOC) - MC Member Clyde Yancy moved from the RTC and be replaced by MC Member Naomi Aronson

	- MC Member Naomi Aronson moved from the Engagement, Dissemination and Implementation Committee (EDIC) and be replaced by MC Member Mary Tinetti *Approved by a majority vote of the Board by voice vote (no opposed; no abstentions)*
Evaluation Update: Analysis of resubmissions - *Lori Frank, PhD Program Director, Evaluation and Analysis and Laura Forsythe, PhD, MPH,* Associate Program Director, Evaluation and Analysis	Dr. Lori Frank presented findings to support Board discussion about PCORI's resubmissions process. An analysis of PCORI resubmissions found that, to date, up to 18% of applications from prior cycles are resubmitted and the proportion of applications that are resubmissions is between 20 and 25% across the most recent broad funding cycles. The majority of resubmitted applications scored in the top or middle score tertile of all applications on their first submission. In the Fall 2014 cycle, PCORI instituted a competitive letter of intent (LOI) review across all programs. In that Fall 2014 cycle 58% of resubmissions were not advanced at the LOI stage; in Spring 2015 54% of resubmissions were not advanced. Compared to first submissions, a greater proportion of resubmissions are sent for discussion at the in person panel (60% vs. 40%) and a greater proportion of resubmissions are funded (19% vs. 9%). Scores on resubmissions funded by PCORI improve on nearly all criteria from all reviewer types (researcher, patient, other stakeholder). Applicants considering a resubmission to PCORI have the opportunity to speak with PCORI program staff prior to submitting an LOI for the resubmission. The Board suggested emphasizing this opportunity to applicants. An upcoming analysis of Merit Review critiques to increase PCORI's understanding of the kinds of comments that reviewers provide and the extent to which those comments are addressed in resubmitted applications will be presented in a few months when available. In addition, the SOC Application Enhancement Workgroup is considering these data and implications for improving communication with applicants, enhancing the efficiency of the resubmissions process, and managing resubmissions in light of changing program requirements.
Annual Meeting Debrief - *Bill Silberg, Director of Communications*	Bill Silberg presented statistics from the Annual Meeting to the Board, including >1300 attendees, a twitter reach of 19.2M, and a post-event survey response rate of 45%, which were very positive overall. Planning for the 2016

	Annual Meeting is under way, with the meeting tentatively scheduled for September 27-29, 2016. An external steering committee will be established to provide a range of input from the Board, MC and stakeholders on the meeting themes and scope. The planning process will include an exploration of opportunities to again work with AHRQ on presentations on dissemination and implementation as well the most appropriate ways to engage Board members, especially in their roles as representatives of key stakeholder groups, as presenters, moderators and discussants.
Crowd-sourced CER Questions in Cardiovascular Disease: a PCORI Collaboration with the American Heart Association (AHA) - *Freda Lewis-Hall, MD, Board Member, Chair, Research Transformation Committee (RTC)*	Dr. Freda Lewis-Hall described PCORI's partnership with the AHA, aiming to investigate cardiovascular disease with a precision medicine vantage point. The innovative crowd-sourcing approach is an opportunity to reach beyond the core constituency of AHA or PCORI for research input. The partnership was announced on November 8th, 2015 at the AHA's Annual Scientific Sessions. Dr. Lewis-Hall emphasized how it will be key to formulate a crowd-sourcing prompt that is actionable and fits within PCORI research funding criteria. Once research topics and proposals are received, AHA, PCORI and appointed stakeholders will choose prize-winning proposals. PCORI hopes to duplicate this approach as a best practice in other disease areas at marginal cost if successful. The Board of Governors inquired about the budgeted amount for the prizes relative to the total budget. Freda Lewis-Hall noted that there may be potential to adjust the prize amounts and quantity as well as cut back on administrative costs over time as PCORI gains experience with prizing. The RTC and SOC will work closely with PCORI staff to manage resources, timeline and budget.
Consider for Approval: PCORnet Coordinating Center Funding Extension: approve Harvard Pilgrim Health Care (HPHC) - Jean Slutsky, Chief Engagement and Dissemination Officer and Program Director for Communication and Dissemination Research	Jean Slutsky presented on Coordinating Center Supplemental Funding for PCORnet Phase I contract extensions, including a brief overview of HPHC's and Genetic Alliance's scopes of work and budgets. The Board was informed that these funds are being provided to extend the Phase I contract through February 2016 and will be deducted from funding set aside for Phase II contracts. The following Motion was made by Leah Hole-Marshall and seconded by Francis Collins.

Consider for Approval: PCORnet Coordinating Center for Funding Extension: Genetic Alliance	**Motion:** Approve $1,989.439 in total funds for the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care (HPHC) through a contract extension until February 2016. *Approved by a majority vote of the Board by roll call vote: 13 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions; 3 recused themselves (Sharon Levine, Freda Lewis-Hall and Barbara McNeil).* The following Motion was made by Larry Becker and seconded by Robert Zwolak **Motion:** Approve $523,965 in total funds for Genetic Alliance through a contract extension until February 2016. *Approved by a majority vote of the Board by roll call vote: 16 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions.*
Wrap up and Adjournment - *Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH*	The meeting adjourned at 1:21 pm

Approved by the PCORI Board of Governors 12-07-2015