



Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

Board of Governors Meeting via Teleconference / Webinar

Tuesday, November 18, 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; Lawrence Becker; Francis Collins, MD, PhD; Allen Douma, MD; Alicia Fernandez, MD; Christine Goertz, DC, PhD; Leah Hole-Marshall, JD; Gail Hunt; Robert Jesse, MD, PhD; Richard Kronick, PhD; Freda Lewis-Hall, MD; Barbara McNeil, MD, PhD; Harlan Weisman, MD; Robert Zwolak, MD, PhD

Board Members Absent:

Kerry Barnett, JD; Harlan Krumholz, MD; Richard Kuntz, MD, MSc; Sharon Levine, MD; Ellen Sigal, PhD

MINUTES

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AGENDA ITEM	RELATED MINUTES
Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome - <i>Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, Chair and Joe Selby, MD, MPH, Executive Director</i>	Dr. Norquist called the meeting to order and a roll call of the Board was conducted. Dr. Selby reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.
Consent Agenda: That the Board of Governors approve: • Minutes of September 15 Board meeting • Minutes of September 30 Board meeting • Appointment of new Board member Barbara J. McNeil to a Strategy Committee - <i>Grayson Norquist</i>	Dr. Norquist gave an overview of three matters being presented to the Board for approval as consent agenda items and gave the opportunity to Board members to separately discuss any of the matters. No separate discussion was requested. The following motion was made and seconded: That the Board of Governors approve the proposed Consent Calendar as reflected below: 1. Approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting of the PCORI Board of Governors 2. Approve the minutes of the September 30, 2014 meeting of the PCORI Board of Governors 3. Approve the appointment of Barbara J. McNeil to serve on the Science Oversight Committee <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by voice vote</i>

Consider for Approval: Additional Funding for PCORnet Coordinating Center - <i>Joe Selby and Rachael Fleurence, PhD, Program Director, CER Methods and Infrastructure Program</i>	Dr. Selby provided background on the \$3.3 million supplemental budget request by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care (the PCORnet Coordinating Center), originally submitted in March 2014. The PCORI Board approved \$1.9 million of the supplemental budget request on August 26, 2014. PCORI staff conducted an evaluation of the remaining supplemental budget request and recommended additional funding. Dr. Fleurence presented the remaining specific request. The total amount, \$1.195 Million, was presented along with specific line items. The additional funding includes funding for the Health Systems Interaction and Sustainability Task Force, the PCORnet Resource Center, and project management. The following motion was made and seconded: That the Board of Governors approve \$1.195 million PCORnet Coordinating Center Budget Supplement Budget <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by roll call: 14 in favor, 0 opposed</i> Dr. Freda Lewis-Hall and Dr. Barbara McNeil recused themselves from this vote.
Consider for Approval: Collaboration Principles - <i>Joe Selby</i>	Joe Selby presented the Collaboration Principles to the Board for consideration and approval for public posting. Developing these principles for collaboration was an objective of the Research Transformation Committee (RTC) for 2014. Collaboration is an important strategy for PCORI, as it allows us to share our principles and standards for research, leverage the expertise of PCORI and the community, and ensure that we are being good fiscal stewards. Dr. Selby summarized the principles of collaborative arrangements and the primary types of collaborative arrangements. Freda Lewis-Hall, chair of the RTC, reflected that the collaboration principles are the product of several months of discussion and revision and that the committee endorsed the proposed principles on behalf of the RTC. Board members raised questions about the next steps for the document and about the overall dissemination and implementation of these principles. Staff anticipate that the document will be posted on PCORI's website to provide accessible information to potential collaborators. Additionally, the document will guide PCORI in evaluating which projects are best positioned for collaboration with PCORI, will seek collaborators that already embody

	PCORI's principles as and will also seek to influence organizations that are willing to adapt their approaches to be consistent with the collaboration principles. The collaboration principles are a key strategy for influencing research. Finally, Board members highlighted the importance of including this in PCORI's Evaluation efforts. The following motion was made and seconded: That the Board of Governors approve the Collaboration Principles. <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by voice vote</i>
Update on Public Comments on the Peer Review and Release of Research Findings Proposal - <i>Bill Silberg, Director of Communications</i>	Bill Silberg provided an update and statistics on the just-ended public comment period for PCORI's Proposed Process for Peer Review and Release of Findings. The American Institutes for Research (AIR) has been contracted to do the collection and analysis of the 835 discrete comments made by a variety of stakeholder groups and individuals and suggest revisions for PCORI to consider to address these comments. There is an open invitation for PCORI Board and Committee members to attend the EDIC face-to-face meeting on January 20th, where discussion will focus on the recommended revisions. The Board asked how PCORI will deal with comments submitted by individuals or organizations now that the formal comment period has closed. PCORI, as it has in the past, will acknowledge comments about the policy that are made or received in some way outside of the formal public comment period, but they cannot be considered as part of the formal public comment process to ensure that that process remains fair and standardized. That said, PCORI is well aware of the range of concerns and suggestions raised in various ways during the public comment period, including by stakeholders during the public forums we hosted on this topic, and is committed to producing a final process document for Board review that will address as many of those questions as possible while meeting our legal mandate.
Evaluation Update - <i>Michele Orza, ScD, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director</i>	Dr. Orza provided an update on the three priority evaluation activities discussed at the May Board meeting, noting that we have: posted the first iteration of the Evaluation Framework, developed and posted ways of measuring our three goals and Engagement in Research,

	and been studying the impact of Engagement on the early phases of research. She also described the addition of a fourth priority – to communicate and disseminate our evaluation work, and walked the Board through our newly-launched webpages dedicated to "Evaluating Our Work". Dr. Orza highlighted the 1-page handout that provides an overview of our evaluation activities and can be downloaded from these webpages. She also highlighted the work of the PCORI Evaluation Group, summarized on one of the webpages, and thanked the Board and Methodology Committee members who have been serving on this group alongside external experts. Dr. Orza concluded by recapping the results of our evaluation work that the Board has already seen in conjunction with quarterly Dashboard reviews, such as results from our surveys of Engagement Workshop participants and Merit Reviewers, as well as results to be presented at future meetings, such as from the first round of projects to complete PCORI's inventory of Engagement in Research (the WE-ENACT tool).
Wrap up and Adjournment - <i>Grayson Norquist</i>	The meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm

Approved by the PCORI Board of Governors 12-08-2014