

# ADVISORY PANEL ON PATIENT ENGAGEMENT MEETING

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*Via GoToWebinar*

*Fall 2021 Meeting*

November 5, 11:30am-4:00pm EDT

# Welcome

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# Advisory Panel on Patient Engagement



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# Agenda



## Part I (EDT):

- 11:30 AM – Opening Remarks and Roll Call
- 12:00 PM – Panel Discussion: Increasing the Awareness of PCORI within Communities
- 12:50 PM – Stretch Break
- 12:55 PM – PCORI Strategic Planning Update
- 1:10 PM – Science of Engagement Funding Initiative
- 1:40 PM – Lunch Break

## Part II (EDT):

- 2:10 PM – PEAPs in Action: Researching Health Together
- 2:45 PM – Patient-Driven Research Community Learning Network: Overview of Activities
- 3:15 PM – Stretch Break
- 3:20 PM – Achieve Health Equity: Modeling Community-Driven Research Approaches
- 3:50 PM – Announcements and Wrap-Up
- 4:00 PM – Adjourn

# Panel Perspectives

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Increasing the Awareness of PCORI  
within Communities



# Stretch Break

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12:50 – 12:55pm EDT



# PCORI Strategic Planning Update

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Andrew Hu  
Director, Public Policy



# Scope of Strategic Planning Activities

## Strategic Planning

- **National Priorities for Health**
- Research Agenda
- PCORnet® strategic vision for PCORI's next phase
- Methodology Committee focus for PCORI's next phase
- Commitment Planning and strategies to increase funding
- Scenario Planning based on the changes in landscape and environment
- Priorities from reauthorizing law
  - Maternal morbidity and mortality
  - Intellectual and developmental disabilities
  - Full range of outcomes data

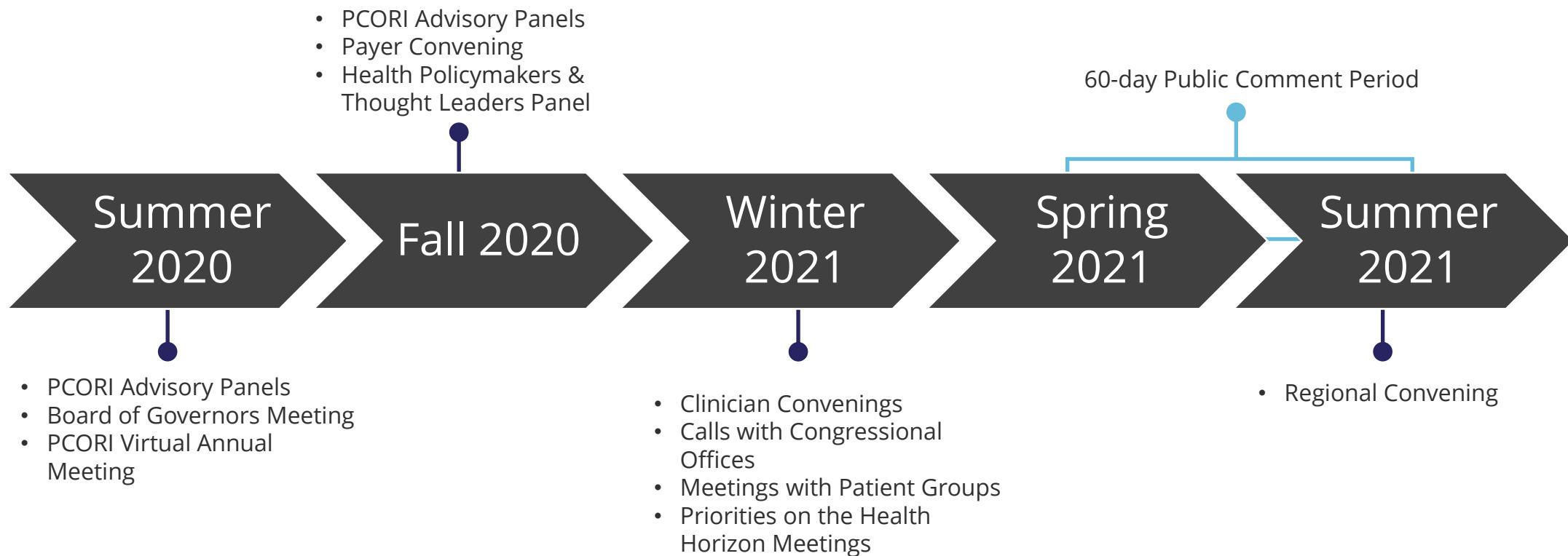
# Public Input and Public Comment Inform PCORI's National Priorities for Health and Research Agenda



# Input Gathering Process Reminder

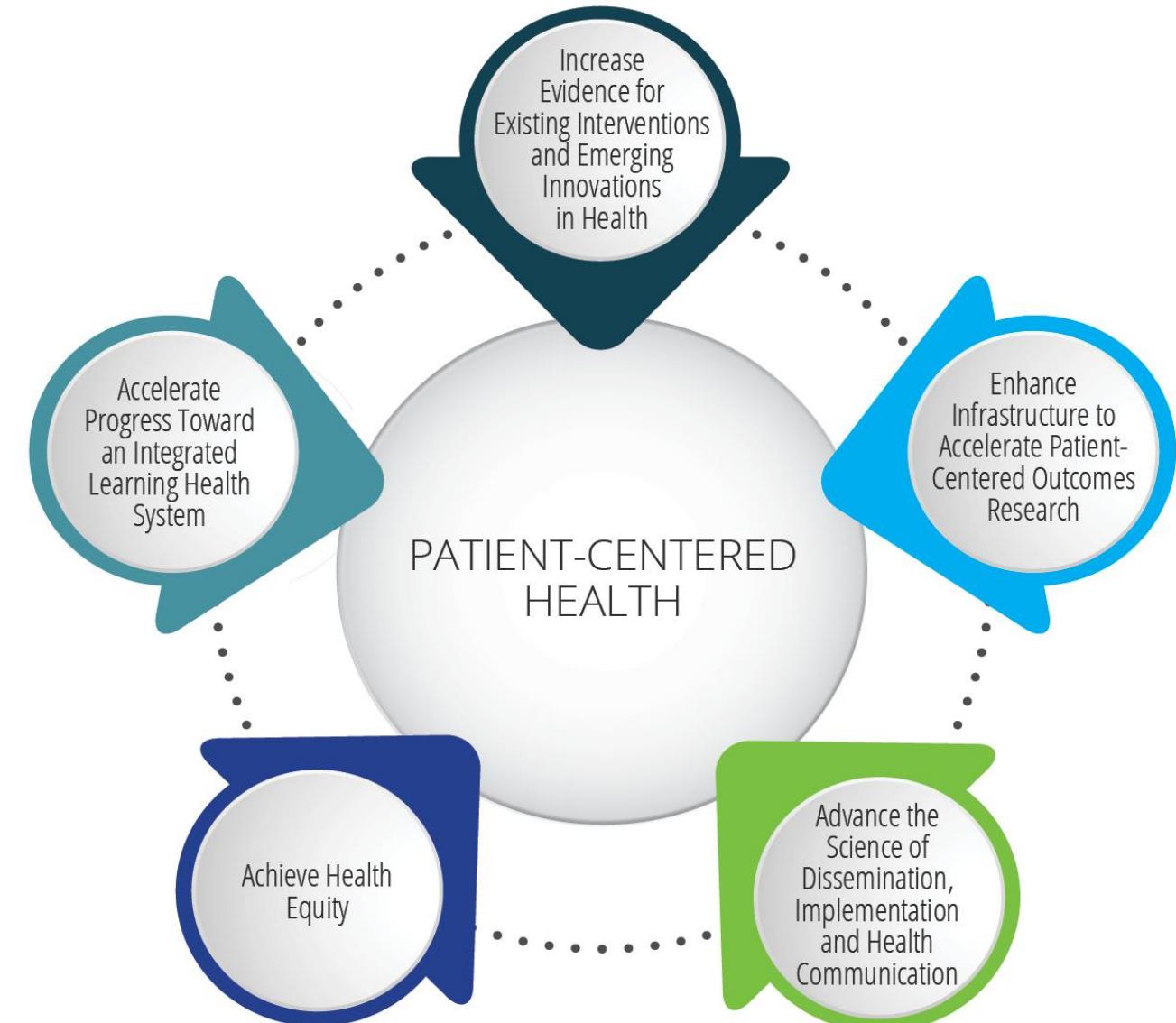


PCORI received input from a range of stakeholders to identify and inform the National Priorities for Health in addition to holding discussion at Board of Governors meetings and several other activities to inform the process.



# Adopted National Priorities for Health

**Creating synergistic opportunities for progress**



# Adopted National Priorities for Health

Increase Evidence for Existing Interventions and  
Emerging Innovations in Health



Strengthen and expand ongoing comparative clinical effectiveness research focused on both existing interventions and emerging innovations to improve healthcare practice, health outcomes, and health equity

# Adopted National Priorities for Health

Enhance Infrastructure to Accelerate Patient-Centered Outcomes Research



Enhance the infrastructure that facilitates patient-centered outcomes research to drive lasting improvements in health and transformation of both the research enterprise and care delivery

# Adopted National Priorities for Health

Advance the Science of Dissemination, Implementation, and Health Communication



Advance the scientific evidence for and the practice of dissemination, implementation, and health communication to accelerate the effective sharing of comparative clinical effectiveness research results for public understanding and uptake into practice

# Adopted National Priorities for Health

## Achieve Health Equity



Expand stakeholder engagement, research, and dissemination approaches that lead to continued progress towards achieving health equity in the United States

# Adopted National Priorities for Health

## Accelerate Progress Toward an Integrated Learning Health System



Foster actionable, timely, place-based, and transformative improvements in patient-centered experiences, care provision, and ultimately improved health outcomes through collaborative, multisectoral research to support a health system that understands and serves the needs and preferences of individuals

# Upcoming Discussions



- The **strategic plan** centers on achieving the National Priorities for Health, and the Research Agenda is one major component of the plan. The strategic plan aims to describe all the various components and present a cohesive vision for PCORI's future activities.
- The **Research Agenda** provides a framework for achieving progress on the National Priorities for Health specifically through the strategy of funding comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER). The Research Agenda helps guide the development of continuously relevant **Research Project Agenda** via an on-going, stakeholder-engaged process.
- PCORI utilizes other strategies in addition to funding CER (for example, Dissemination & Implementation) to achieve the National Priorities for Health, and these will be described in other components of the strategic plan.

# Science of Engagement (SoE) Funding Initiative

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# Recap and Progress



- We received valuable input from the PEAP, in July, on priorities for studying engagement, including:
  - What does 'true engagement' look like?
  - How much engagement is enough?
  - What types of engagement work for specific groups?
  - Outcomes of engagement (ex., on health/wellness of researchers, partners, on uptake of results).
  - Power and equity in engagement.
- We now have a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) available on our website to inform the development of a Science of Engagement (SoE) funding initiative

- **The new initiative aims to:**

- Expand the evidence base on the approaches for effectively engaging diverse patients and stakeholders throughout the research process,
- Identify the ultimate outcomes of engagement or the impact of engagement, and
- Implement resources and facilitators necessary to successfully support studies that address these research topics.

# SoE Potential Topic Areas for Study



**What defines successful engagement, and for whom?**

**How can engagement be measured? What indicates that a study is patient-centered?**

**What are the approaches that support and achieve successful engagement?**

**Which approaches should be combined to achieve engagement aims?**

**Under which conditions do approaches work best and how should they be modified and resourced for different contexts, settings, and communities?**

# For Discussion Today



- What are the evidence needs of patient advocates/advocacy organizations? What topics would most interest them? What are the evidence needs of other stakeholder types?
- What should PCORI do to ensure that these research opportunities are inclusive and accessible to all types of organizations?
- How can PCORI promote connections between organizations, communities and qualified researchers for this opportunity?

# PCORI's Request for Information on SoE



- PCORI has posted a RFI that:
  - Describes SoE,
  - Poses a specific set of questions on both the scientific research topic priorities and the process and resource elements, and
  - Invites responses to questions and general comments.
- Responses to the RFI are due by **November 19, 2021**
- Download the RFI at [www.pcori.org/soe](http://www.pcori.org/soe)

# Lunch Break

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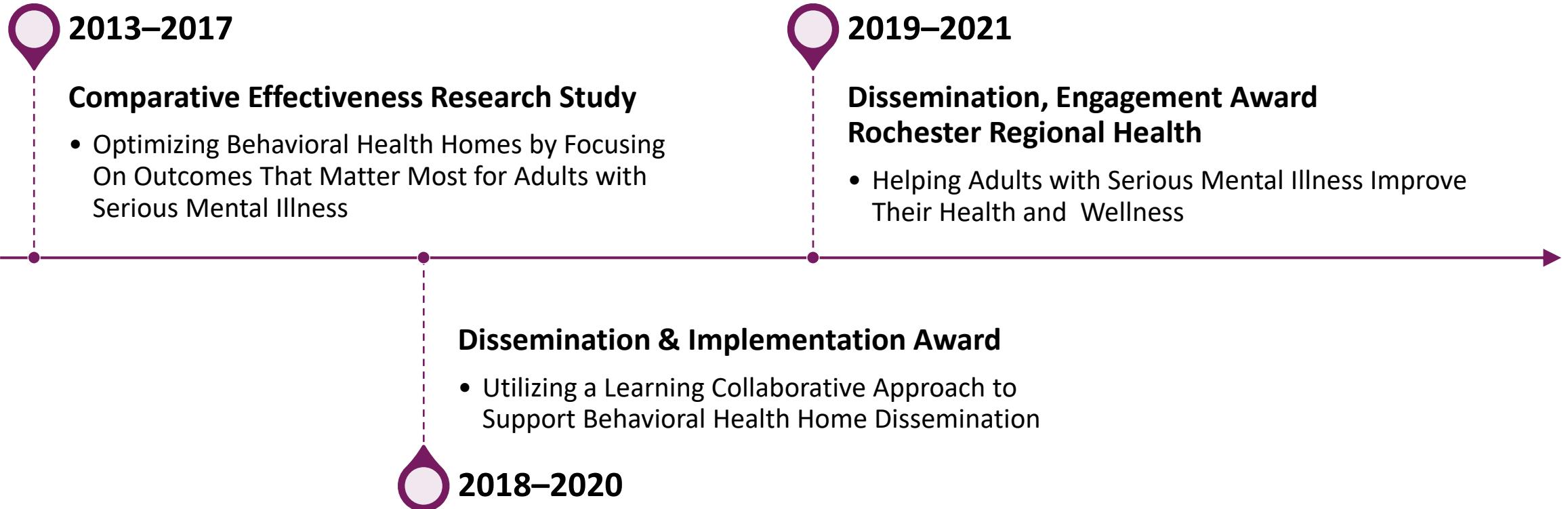
# Researching Health Together

## A Patient Partner Perspective



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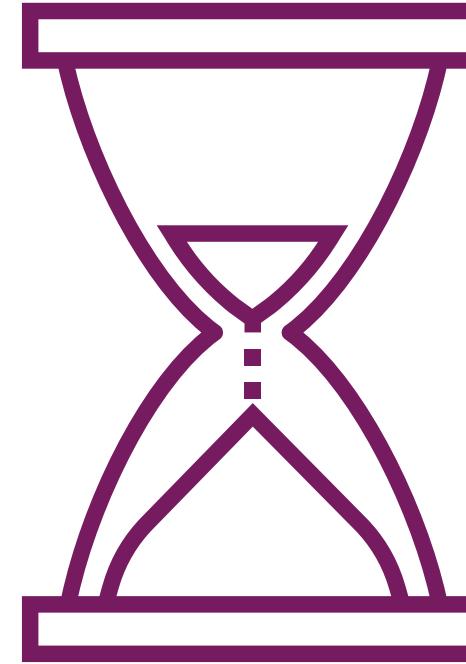
# PCORI Awards



# Why This Work is Needed

Adults with serious mental illness (SMI) are one of the most medically vulnerable populations.

- 68% of adults with mental health disorders also have medical conditions.
- High rates of undiagnosed, untreated, or poorly treated medical illnesses and difficulty accessing medical care.
- High rates of premature death; dying as much as 15 to 25 years younger than the general population.
- Modifiable lifestyle choices and behaviors may contribute (alcohol & tobacco use, poor nutrition).



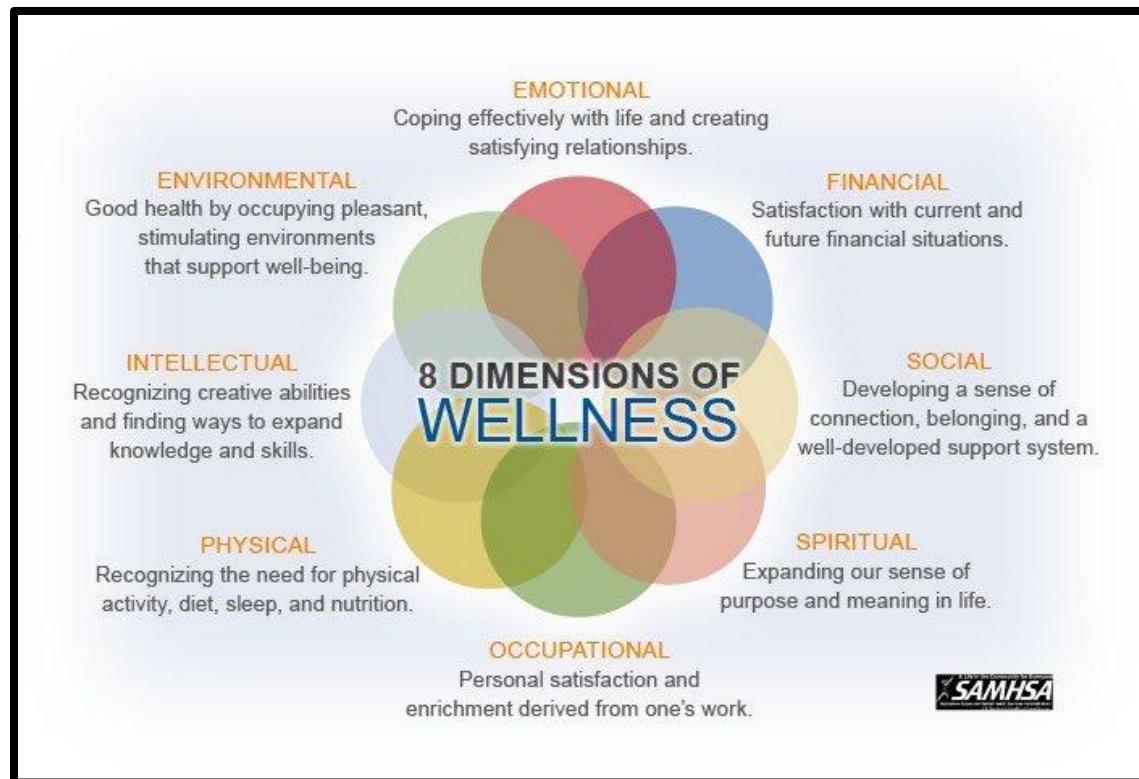
# Creating Behavioral Health Home Models to Support Integrated Care Delivery for Members With SMI

- Developed behavioral health home (BHH) model in 2010 that focused on:
  - Enhancing the capacity of rural behavioral health providers to assist individuals with identifying physical health and wellness challenges.
  - Wellness Coaching to activate people to become better informed and more effective managers of their overall health.
  - Service delivery focuses on providing tools, education, and resources to address PH needs.
  - Areas of focus include engagement with primary care providers for hypertension, tobacco cessation, diabetes, and obesity.



# 8 Dimensions of Wellness Coaching Model

Dr. Peggy Swarbrick



- A strength-based intervention that helps people pursue their individually chosen health and wellness goals.
- Helps people focus on goals that they value and supports them in pursuing goals.
- Short-term goals focused on specific action steps.

# Say What?



- What's a PCORI?
- Why Me?
- Can I make a meaningful contribution?
- Do they need a patient partnership to secure funding?
- Will my participation in the project be meaningful or will it feel like tokenism?
- What is the scope of my role? Time commitment?
- How will I know if I have successfully fulfilled my role as a Patient Co-PI?

# Patient Co-PI on a Research Grant Motivation

## What's Your Why?

- Discuss as a team what brings you to this work.
- Focus on shared motivations rather differences.



# Patient Co-PI on a Research Grant Vulnerability

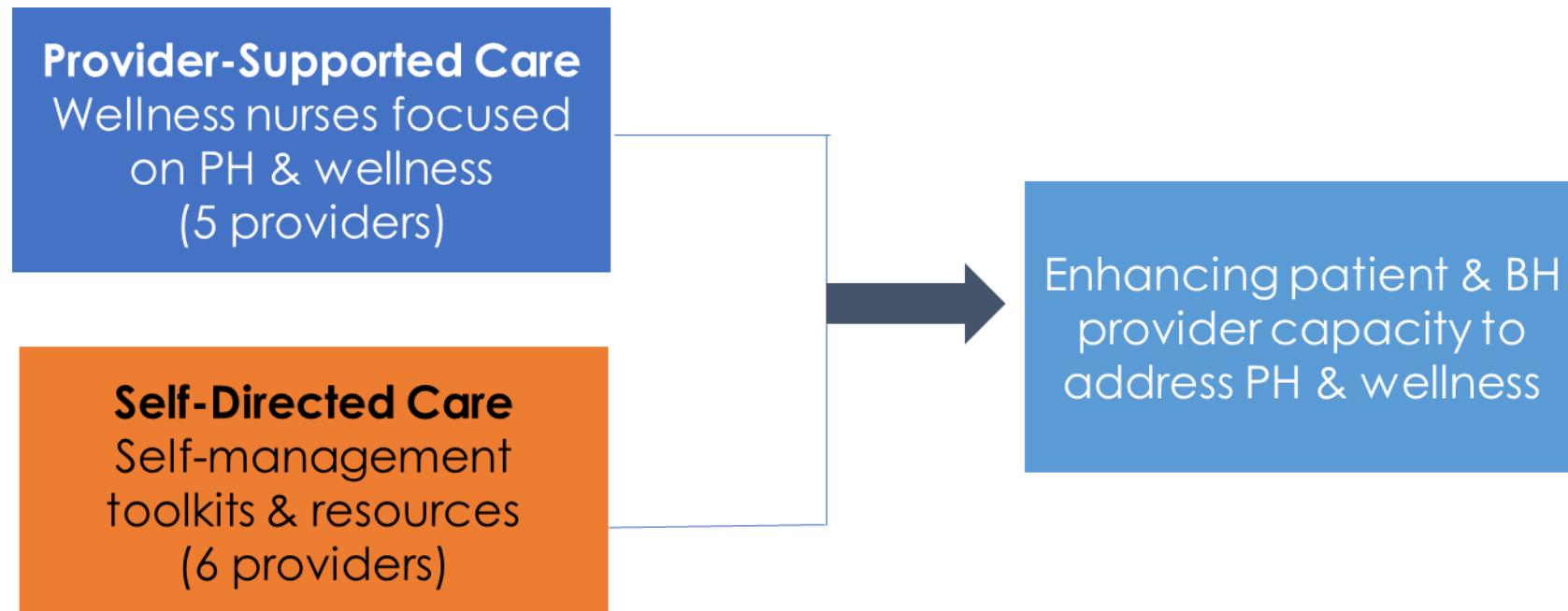


- No one volunteers to be a patient.
- Patient partners become vulnerable.
- Sharing lived experience is a personal journey.
- Patient partners should be recognized for the value of this work.
- The team should stay sensitive and flexible.
- Shared vulnerability.

# PCORI Optimal Health Study

Comparative effectiveness study of two behavioral health home model approaches to **improve the health status of individuals with serious mental illness, increase patient activation in care, and improve engagement with primary/specialty physical health care.**

1,229 adults with serious mental illness from 11 mental health centers in rural Pennsylvania



# Optimal Health Results



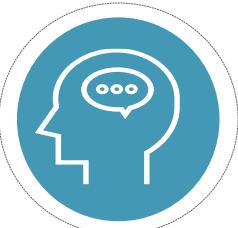
## Patient-Centered Outcomes

### ↑ Patient Activation

- More rapid increase at provider-supported sites
- Women at provider-supported sites
- Men at self-directed sites

### ↑ Primary/Specialty

- 40% increase in visits

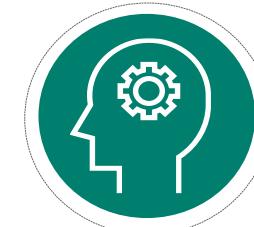


**Interviews** found both models offered support to service-users in achieving positive health and wellness goals



## Unplanned Care & Cost Outcome (Achieved in year 2)

- ↓ 15% PMPM total cost
- ↓ 40% Behavioral and medical inpatient use
- ↓ 25% Behavioral and medical inpatient cost
- ↓ 17% PMPM case management cost
- ↑ 50% Overall physical health service use



The **Learning Collaborative** led to the integration of model components into routine care delivery at the provider sites

# Research Team Strengths

## Understood the Place the Work was Done

- What does the community value, need and desire?

## Established a Common Goal

- How will the work bring help and value to the community? What happens to the community when the research is over?

## Built Trusting Relationships

- Invested Time
- Reciprocal communication, listened, accept/ use input, provide feedback
- Defined roles

## Empowerment

- Acknowledged the value of each voice on the Team
- Team vulnerability, learned from each other

# Trauma Informed Principles

- **Safety**
- **Trustworthiness + Transparency**
- **Peer Support**
- **Collaboration**
- **Empowerment**
- **Humility + Responsiveness**



[SAMHSA's Concept of Trauma and Guidance for a Trauma-Informed Approach](#)

# BHHP Program Expansion

Behavioral Health Home Plus draws on the unique aspects of both models studied in the Optimal Health Study

## Dissemination to additional Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs)

- Over 50 CMHCs implementing across Pennsylvania

## Scaling model to serve other vulnerable populations

- PCORI Dissemination and Implementation award
  - Youth receiving services at residential behavioral health treatment facilities (5 sites)
  - Individuals in opioid treatment programs (7 sites)

## Rochester Regional Health

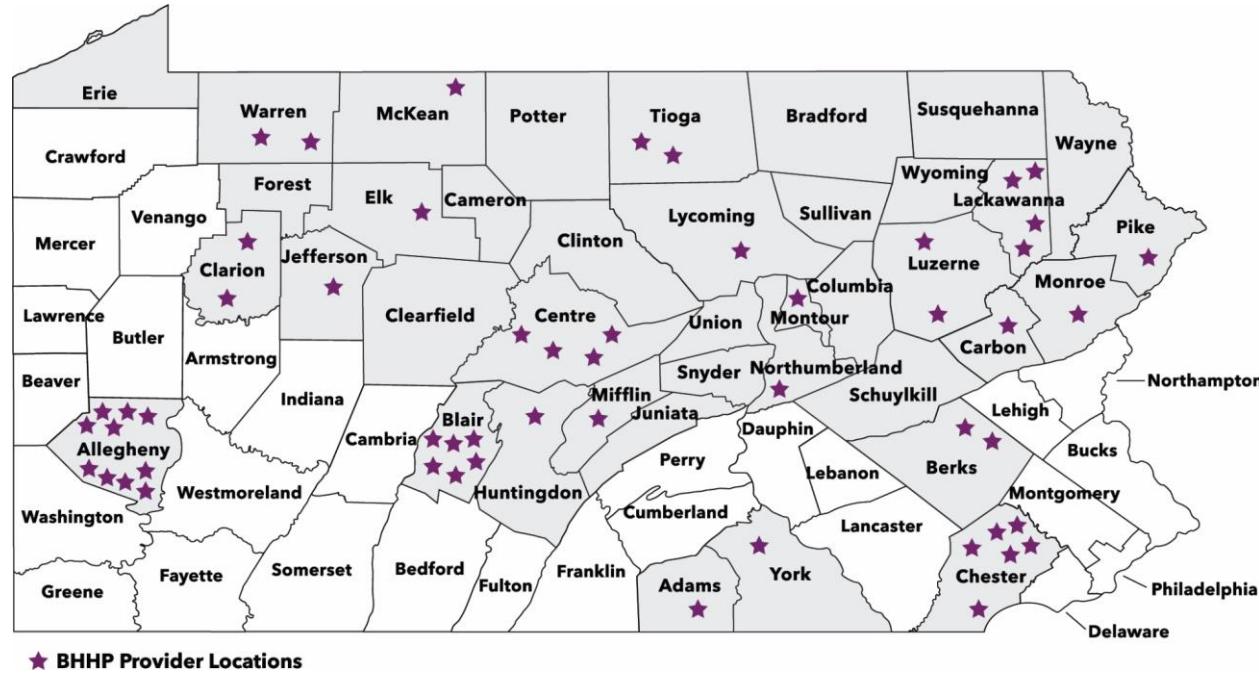
- PCORI Engagement Award to disseminate behavioral health home intervention

## Publications and presentations

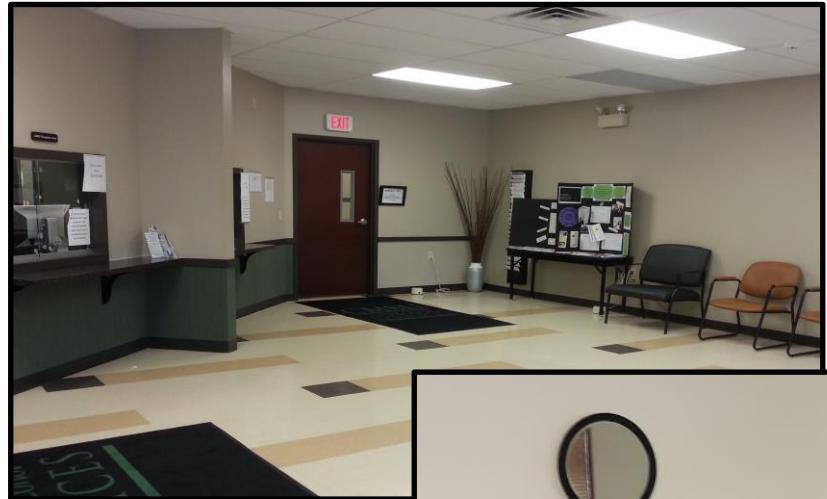
- Publications: Clinical Trials, Health Affairs, Psychiatric Services (submitted and under review)
- Presentations: Academy Health, Annual PA Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services Conference, PA Mental Health and Wellness Conference, etc.

## Website

- <http://upmcbehavioralhealthhomes.3cisd.com/>



# Cultural Humility



# Thank You

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# Patient-Driven Research Community Learning Network

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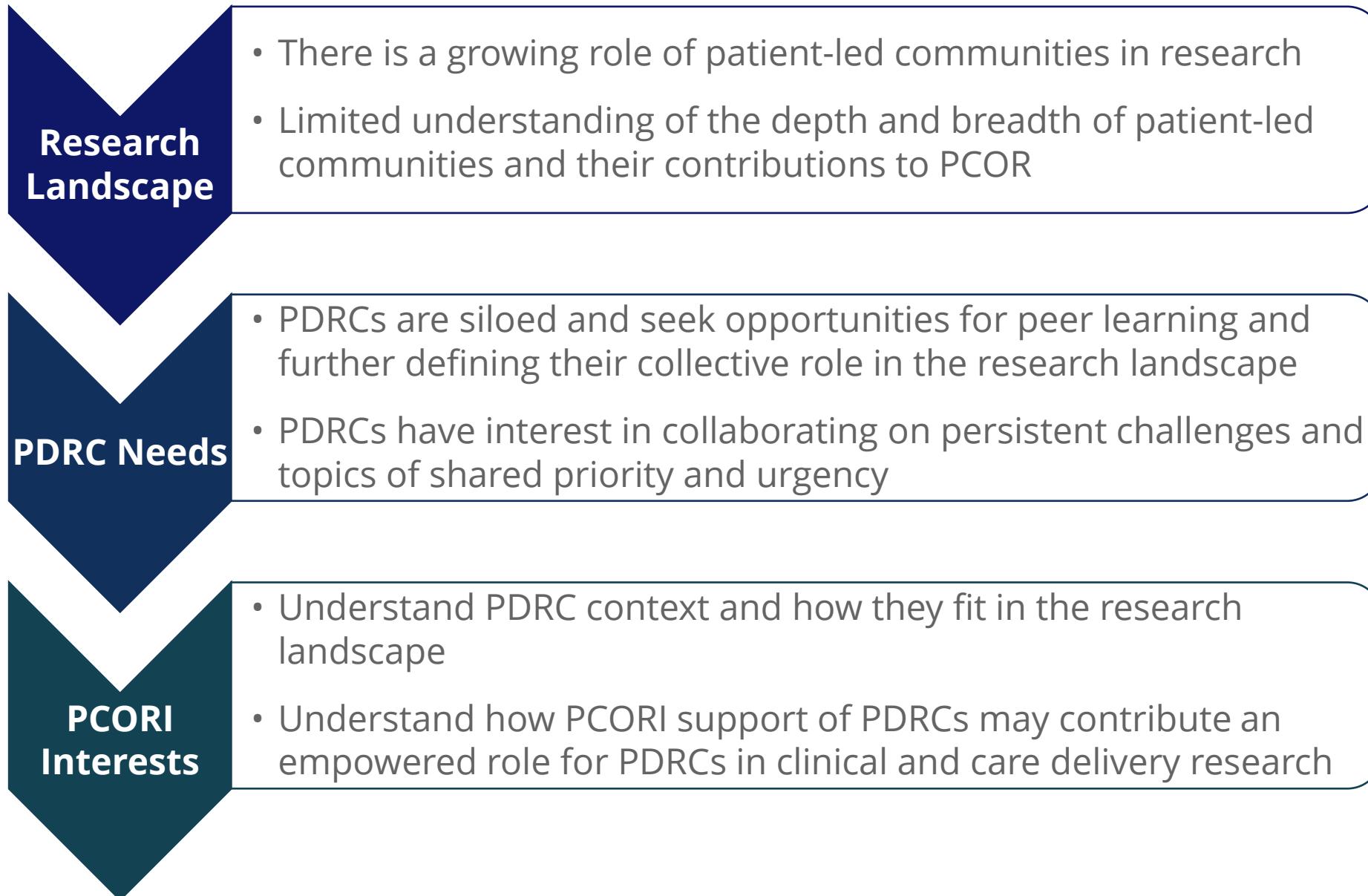
## Overview of Activities

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# Patient-Driven Research Community (PDRC) Learning Network (LN) Background



# Working PDRC Definition



## A PDRC:

Is an organization or group of individuals/organizations that is **led and/or governed by patients/participants and/or caregivers** and for which a **primary purpose is to enable research** that is a priority to patient/participant or caregiver communities.

## PDRCs:

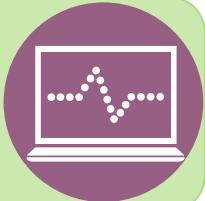
- Have a **shared sense of purpose** related to research
- Ensure that the views of patients/participants and/or caregivers are:
  - **Central** to governance bodies and decision-making
  - **Included** in the health research process
- Are stable entities that engage in research and **maintain relationships** with patient/participant/caregiver communities in governance and research activities over time

# PDRC Research Activities

## Lead/Collaborate on Research



## Collect and Share Data



## Connect Research Stakeholders



- Agenda setting, design, & planning
- Study implementation

- Collect & aggregate participant data
- Share data

- To advance PDRC research agendas
- To interpret findings & develop research questions

## Fund Research



## Educate/Train to Facilitate Research



- Grant awards
- Co-fund with other organizations

- Educate on methods
- Train researchers/clinicians on PDR approaches

## Research Advocacy



- Advocate for advancement of a PDR agenda
- Engage policymakers

# PDRC LN Members



## Participants of the Patient-Driven Research Community Learning Network (PDRC LN)

8 Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award Recipients



# Learning Network Activities: Peer-to-Peer Learning and Community Building



## Monthly Meetings

- Purpose: Forum for the LN to discuss accomplishments, share lessons, and workshop challenges.

## Bimonthly Seminars

- Purpose: Venue for emergent topics, led by experts external to the LN.

## Annual Meetings

- Purpose: Annual forum for the LN to share progress, signature achievements, and discuss LN member-identified topics of interest.

## Workgroups

- Purpose: Provide forums for sharing learnings and extracting generalizable findings to inform the PDRC model and the field more broadly.

# Peer-to-Peer Learning: Workgroups



## Digital Engagement Workgroup



### Digital Strategies for Returning Value to Research Participants

Elizabeth Cope, Rachel Dungan, Priya Govil, and the PDRCLN Digital Engagement Workgroup

## Improving Representativeness Workgroup



### Strategies for Improving Patient Representativeness in Research Governance

Elizabeth Cope, Rachel Dungan, Allison Isaacson, and the PDRCLN Improving Representativeness Workgroup

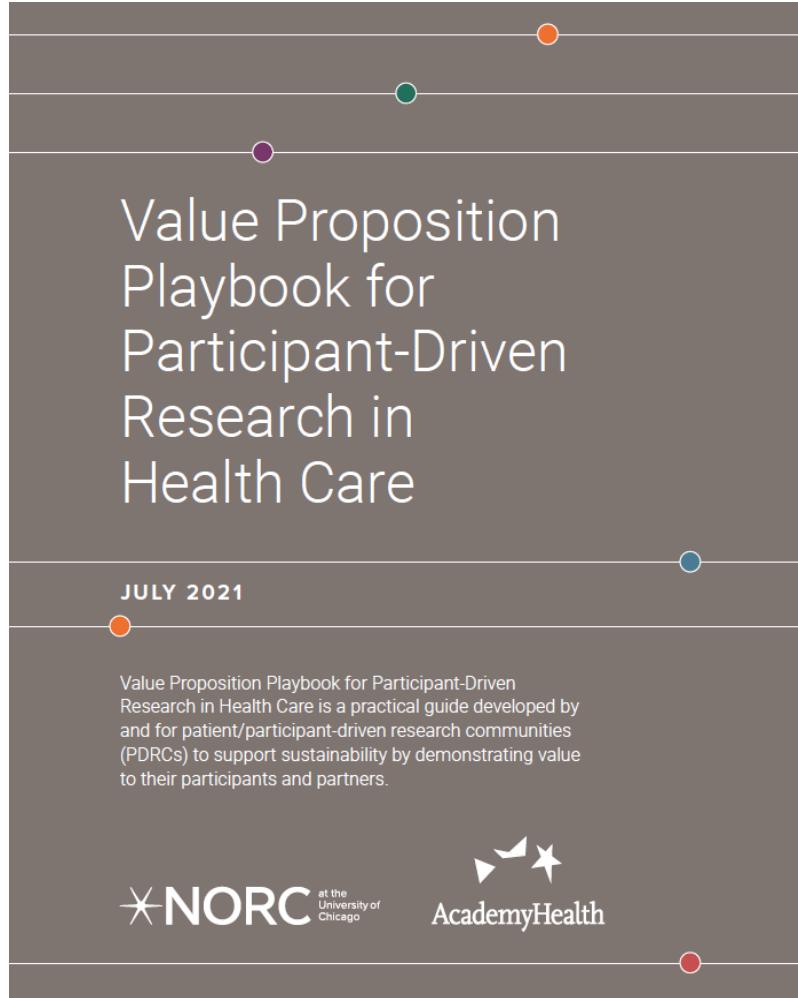
## Sustainability Workgroup



Value Proposition Playbook for Participant-Driven Research in Health Care is a practical guide developed by and for patient/participant-driven research communities (PDRCs) to support sustainability by demonstrating value to their participants and partners.



# Workgroup Findings: Sustainability



Value Proposition Playbook for Participant-Driven Research in Health Care

JULY 2021

Value Proposition Playbook for Participant-Driven Research in Health Care is a practical guide developed by and for patient/participant-driven research communities (PDRCs) to support sustainability by demonstrating value to their participants and partners.

**NORC** at the University of Chicago  
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## I Identify Assets and Opportunities

Roadmap

What value does your PDRC offer its participants and partners? Is it as a research partner? An advocacy partner? Is your organization uniquely positioned to ask participants about their perspectives and identify research topics? Does your organization have built-in research capacity?

SWOT analysis is a technique that PDRCs can apply to develop a comprehensive understanding of their position in the participant-driven research ecosystem and to inform their value proposition. This section includes activities and guided questions to help identify the PDRC's internal strengths and weaknesses (S-W) as well as broader opportunities and threats (O-T). Each activity builds upon one another to allow the user to complete the SWOT analysis below.

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS

**Activity 1. Identify Existing Assets and Growth Areas (Strengths and Weaknesses)**

Activity 1 assesses the extent to which different assets—resources, competencies, and attributes that support a PDRC's overall mission and work—are available in your organization. Consider the assets listed in the following table and identify whether each is presently a strength or a weakness for your organization. Regardless of whether an asset presently exists, note which stakeholders—participants, research partners, or funders—would value this asset. The value of an asset may not solely accrue to the PDRC; it can benefit partner organizations. If an asset is not relevant to the work of your organization, indicate so with not applicable.

An asset is any capacity or resource that helps an organization reach its goals. For example, it might be patient reach, credibility, technological, scientific, or other expertise, highly sought-after relationships, or fundraising skill.

4 | VALUE PROPOSITION PLAYBOOK FOR PARTICIPANT-DRIVEN RESEARCH IN HEALTH CARE

## III. Demonstrate Value to Partners

Roadmap

Activity 5 builds on the results of the SWOT analysis in **I. Identify assets and opportunities** by identifying potential partners and mutually beneficial areas of partnership to achieve shared goals.

**Action items!**

Ensure that your PDRC's activities are concrete. What are you trying to accomplish as a direct result of these partnerships?

- Expand community reach
- Identify investigators
- Identify collaborators
- Enhance research infrastructure
- Expand research expertise
- Articulate gaps in research capacity

**Activity 5. Identify Potential Partners and Areas of Partnership**

In what ways do partners bolster your opportunities and strengths? Using the results of the SWOT analysis in which you identified your PDRC's existing assets and areas for growth (**Activity 1**), assessed the PDRC's financial climate (**Activity 2**), and assessed external opportunities and threats to the work and sustainability of the PDRC (**Activity 3**), consider the following questions, which may evolve over time as your PDRC expands.

**WHO**

Who are potential partners?

- Who are the stakeholders involved in your PDRC's work?
- Who would benefit from your PDRC's assets or services? How so?
- To what extent is your PDRC currently reaching its stakeholders and those who might value or benefit from access to its resources and services?
- Are there others in the health care research ecosystem that have access to these stakeholders?
- Who has products, services, or resources that would help your PDRC address any weaknesses, mitigate threats, and take advantage of opportunities to achieve its participant-driven research goals?
- Are these potential partners credible entities that will help advance your organization's mission?

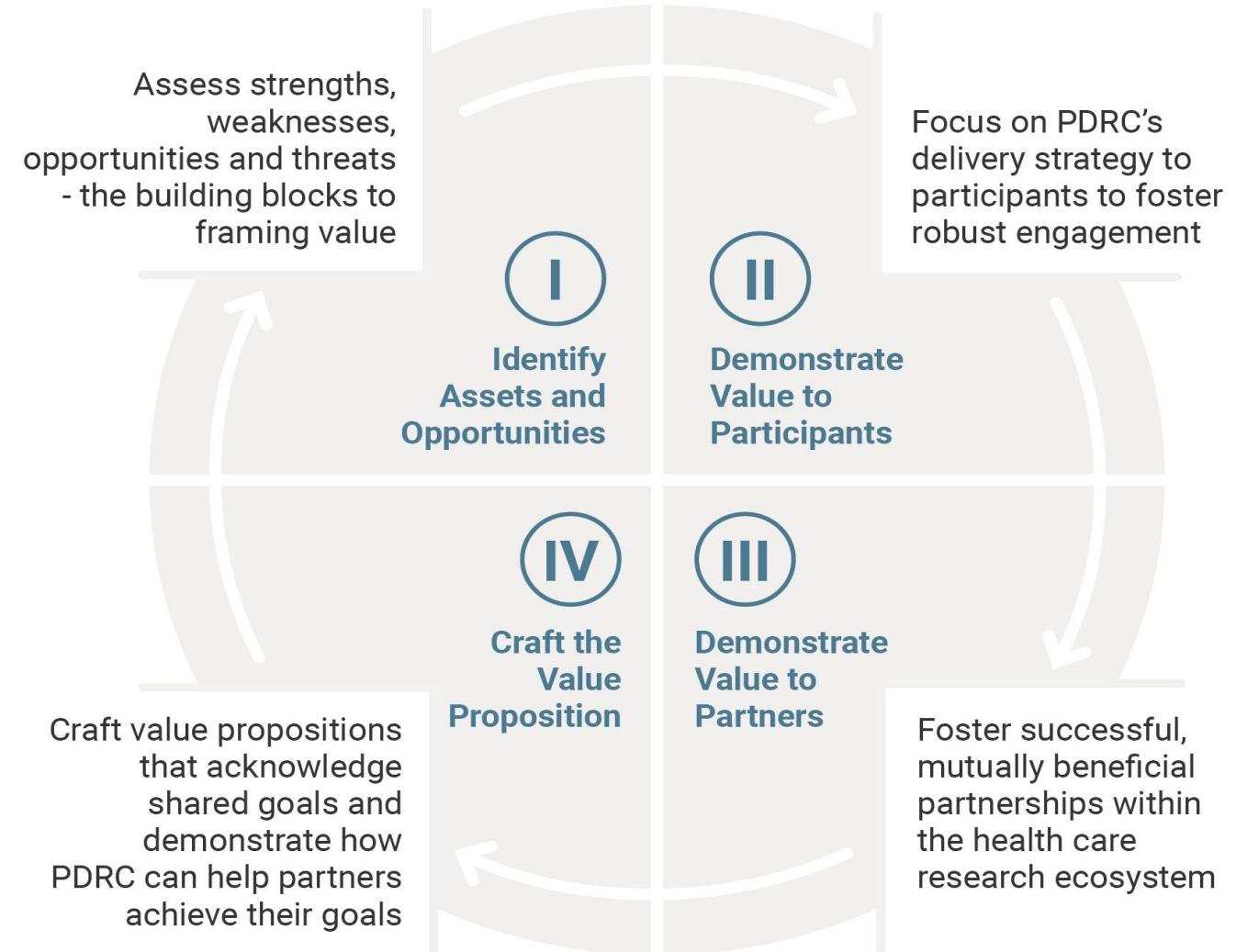
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# Workgroup Findings: Sustainability

## Key Findings

- PDRCs' sustainability relies on complex business models and partnerships with diverse collaborators
- PDRCs must be able to:
  - Understand goals and needs of partners
  - Identify how PDRC can help partners achieve goals
  - Articulate the value to partners in working with PDRC

## Overview of Content



# Workgroup Findings: Digital Engagement



A resource about returning value in the context of research participation, and the principles that should guide strategies when using digitally-based methods.

## There are many ways to return value



Returning research results



Contextualizing participants' health relative to norms



Offering opportunities to engage in the research process beyond study subjects



Building new skills or capacities



Increasing awareness of influences on participants' health



Providing information about relevant studies in progress



Facilitating connection with others

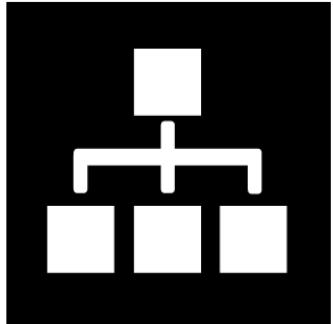
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Found in the PCORI Engagement Tool & Resource Repository [here](#).

# Workgroup Findings: Improving Representativeness



A resource for PDRCs about how to better engage partners from traditionally underrepresented groups in research governance.



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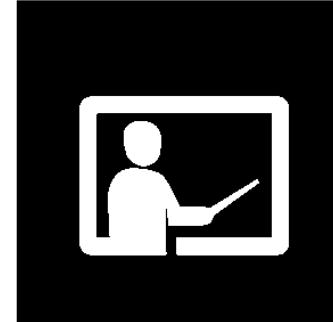
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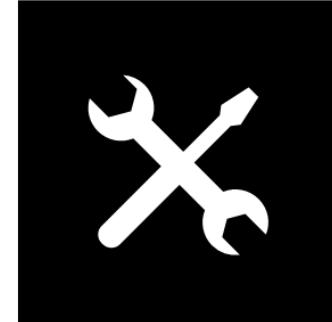
Community-centered Practices



Cultural Competence/  
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Education/Training



Supportive Resources

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## Strategies for Improving Patient Representativeness in Research Governance

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# Workgroup Product Dissemination



## Microproducts

- Issue Briefs
- Case Study Briefs
- Slide Decks
- Dissemination Toolkits



### IBD Partners: Patient Governance Committee Recruitment Strategy

A Case Study on Strategies for Improving Patient Representativeness in Research Governance

Value Proposition Playbook for Participant-Driven Research in Health Care (External Dissemination Toolkit)

#### Newsletter Blurb

Value Proposition Playbook for Participant-Driven Research in Health Care Offers Guidance for Patient- and Participant-Driven Research Communities to Define their Value Proposition for Stakeholders

The Value Proposition Playbook for Participant-Driven Research in Health Care is a practical guide developed by and for patient- and participant-driven research communities (PDRCs) to support their sustainability efforts by demonstrating value to their participants and partners. The Playbook was developed by and for organizations that are part of PDRCs to sustain participant-driven research by crafting and delivering value propositions that resonate with their stakeholders.

While many resources address how mission-driven organizations can fulfill their missions, PDRCs are unique in that the business model necessary to achieve sustainability and meet their goals is complex and often involves multiple partnerships with diverse collaborators. The Playbook emphasizes the importance of understanding an individual organization's assets and strengths, as well as its ability to collaborate with external partners to leverage resources and achieve shared goals.



**Issue Brief**  
**Digital Strategies for Returning Value to Research Participants**

**Introduction**  
The past decade has seen increasing recognition that the traditional medical and health services research enterprise is not driving improved care delivery and health outcomes to the degree it could or should be. Indeed, the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown into sharp relief the need for research participants to be engaged in research in meaningful ways. Concluding with five guiding principles to ensure a virtuous and mutually beneficial cycle of research engagement, this issue brief offers key insights for both researchers and research funders.

**Participant engagement in research is important, but challenging**

**Strategies for Improving Patient Representativeness in Research Governance**

The Participant-Driven Research Community (PDRC) Learning Network (LN)

# Discussion



- Which of the topics and products resonate with you?
- Do you have ideas about what networks of people would be interested in these products or suggestions for promotion?

# Stretch Break

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# Achieve Health Equity: Modeling Community-Driven Research Approaches

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## Doing Research Differently

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# Expanding Beyond the Individual to Focus on Community Health



- “Health equity and health disparities are intertwined. Health equity means social justice in health (i.e., no one is denied the possibility to be healthy for belonging to a group that has historically been economically/socially disadvantaged). Health disparities are the metric we use to measure progress toward achieving health equity.”

Braveman P. What are health disparities and health equity? We need to be clear. *Public Health Rep.* 2014

- This requires removing inequitable structures, policies, and practices that impact health

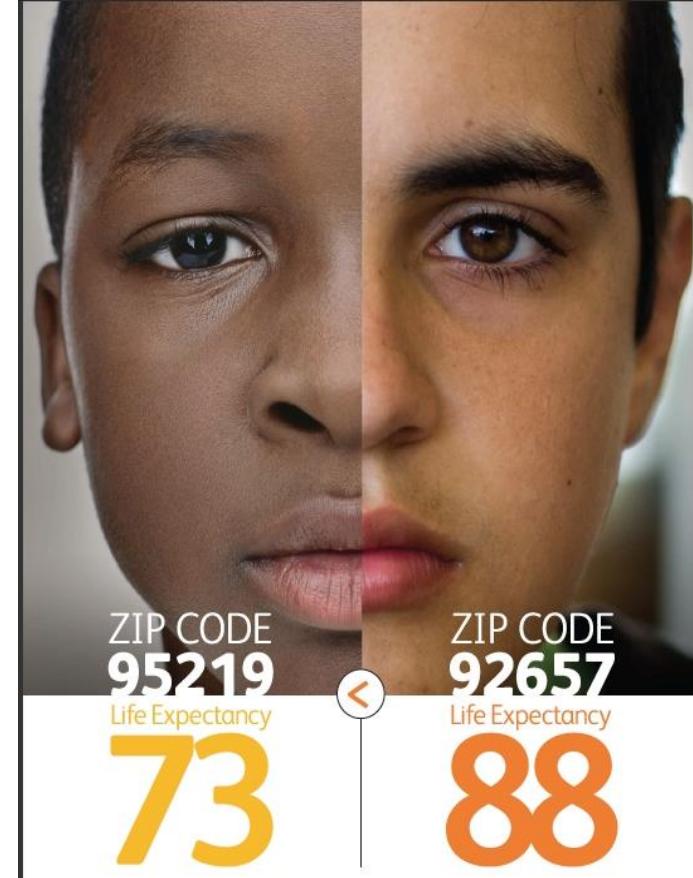


Image from “Health Happens Here” campaign, sponsored by The California Endowment

# A Call for Funders to Move Upstream: The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) Consensus Reports



## NASEM Consensus Recommendations:

- Support community capacity building and prioritize equity in the SDOH through **investments in low-income and minority communities**
- Research on the **effectiveness and implementation of social care practices**, including the integration of social care and health care
- PCORI and other funders should encourage payers, providers, and delivery systems to incorporate a **range of study designs and methods that include rapid learning cycles and experimental trials**
- Extend education and **training initiatives to include social care workforce**
- Support **transdisciplinary research approaches**

[NASEM, Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity \(2017\)](#)

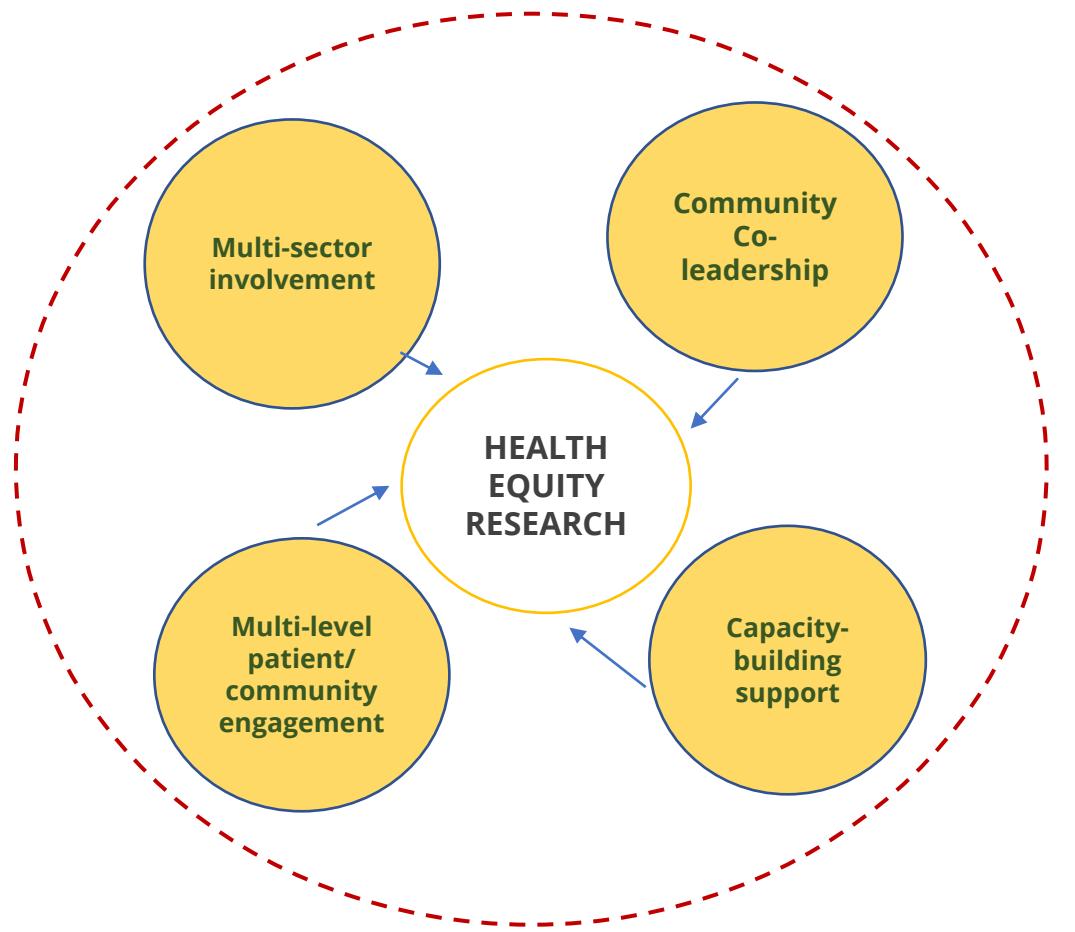
[NASEM, Integrating Social Care into the Delivery of Health Care: Moving Upstream to Improve the Nation's Health \(2019\)](#)

# Takeaways from Early Stakeholder Discussions



Element	Considerations
Overall Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Geographical context is crucial</b> – e.g., Appalachia, urban neighborhoods</li><li>• Incorporate training for researchers and community partners</li><li>• Foster collaboration and communication across centers- e.g., working groups, frequent meetings, supplemental awards for cross-center projects</li><li>• Consider follow-on implementation awards for research</li></ul>
Speed and Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fund research beyond the traditional model, e.g., pilot funding, feasibility phase, and designs beyond RCTs</li><li>• Consider rapid funding not tied to cycles and higher risk projects</li></ul>
Partnerships and Balance of Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fund transdisciplinary research which moves beyond discipline-specific approaches</li><li>• <b>Consider who is at the table from the start (intersectoral partnerships)</b></li><li>• <b>Rules, structure, and funding should incentivize partners to effectively collaborate</b></li></ul>
Research Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Guided by community identification of needs and solutions</b></li><li>• Requirement of conceptual model that recognizes multifactorial factors and levels</li><li>• Consider type of evidence needed to impact policy and community outcomes</li></ul>

# What Type of Funding Models are Needed to “Achieve Health Equity” ?



## Model Examples:

**Research Centers** - Embedded in large organizations; decision-making authority over research agenda and activities traditionally held within the institution

**Research Coalitions** - A coalition of formal large organizations and informal grassroots organizations, in which larger organization(s) provide infrastructure and staff support; shared decisional authority

## ***Examples of potential research topics:***

- Studies that compare ways to increase equitable use of community resources, including exercise facilities, greenspace, biking and walking paths, and healthy food options to improve cardiovascular health
- Studies that compare community-based approaches to increase access to healthy food and social care resources through partnerships to improve diabetes
- Studies that compare approaches to improve healthcare access to youth in low-income neighborhoods through partnerships with schools, FQHCs, nurses, and school-based health centers to address mental health disparities of teens

# How to Ensure Research is Community-Driven?



## Discussion Questions:

- Research operations of this scale are traditionally located within research centers of academic institutions or large health systems. Are there **other types of organizations** that you could envision leading efforts like these considering the potential scope, scale and complexity of activities? Can you think of **novel partnership arrangements** between research and non-research organizations that situate community-based organization in leadership?
- Imagine that it was just announced that a donor made a sizeable donation to a nearby university to establish a program that funds research that aims to advance health equity. You've been asked to co-lead it. **What mechanisms would you create to ensure the community drives the direction and research areas of focus?**
- What would you hope a multi-stakeholder, multi-sector research collaborative focused on health equity would accomplish?

# Announcements

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# Studying PCORI's Patient-Centered Approach (PCA) Workgroup



## Purpose & Activities

- Advises on PCORI's evaluation agenda, projects that assess effectiveness of PCORI's approach, and projects that build evidence about promising practices for patient-centered research
  - **Activities include:** *advising on current projects, helping PCORI staff prioritize questions and projects to pursue, and serving as liaison to the full PEAP*
  - **Upcoming projects:** *planning a review of literature on engagement, tracking PCORI's influence on other organizations, and ways of studying diversity, equity, and inclusion at PCORI*

## Time Commitment

- Conference calls scheduled on ad hoc basis (about every 2 months) at key phases of project planning, conduct, and/or dissemination
  - *Workgroup members can opt into specific activities throughout the year given availability*

# How to Join or Find Out More



- The PCA Workgroup is co-facilitated by:
  - **Rachel Hemphill**, *Program Officer, Evaluation and Analysis*
  - **Michelle Johnston-Fleece**, *Senior Program Officer, Public and Patient Engagement*
- **We're recruiting new members!**
  - Please email us if you are interested or have questions about the workgroup ([rhemphill@pcori.org](mailto:rhemphill@pcori.org); [mfleece@pcori.org](mailto:mfleece@pcori.org))
- Follow-up email with more information about the workgroup and how to join

# Upcoming Events



## Mark your calendars!

- Annual Meeting (*November 17-19*)
- Upcoming Board Meetings (*November 15-16 and December 1-2*)
- PEAP Meeting (*February TBD*)

# Adjourn

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# Post-Meeting Survey



- Don't forget!
  - Post-meeting survey: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6530402/PEAP-Fall-2021-Meeting-Post-Event-Survey>
- Your feedback will be carefully considered when planning future meetings
- Feedback incorporated to-date:
  - Shorter presentations from PCORI staff
  - Greater opportunity for input/feedback
  - More time for breaks during virtual meetings