



## Board of Governors Meeting via Teleconference / Webinar

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm ET

### MINUTES

**Board Members Present:**

Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, *Chairperson*; Christine Goertz, DC, PhD, *Vice Chairperson*; Kara Ayers, PhD; Larry Becker; Michael Lauer, MD (designee for Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD); Russell Howerton, MD; Gail Hunt; David Meyers, MD (designee for Gopal Khanna, MBA); Sharon Levine, MD; Freda Lewis-Hall, MD; Michelle McMurry-Heath, MD, PhD; Barbara McNeil, MD, PhD; Ellen Sigal, PhD; Kathleen Troeger, MPH; Janet Woodcock, MD; Robert Zwolak, MD, PhD

**Board Members Absent:**

Jennifer DeVoe, MD, DPhil; Alicia Fernandez, MD; Christopher Friese, PhD, RN; Trent Haywood, MD, JD; Michael Herndon, DO

Agenda Item	PCORI Speakers
Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome - Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH, <i>Chairperson</i> and Joe Selby, MD, MPH, <i>Executive Director</i>	Dr. 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. Joe Selby then reviewed the meeting agenda. He noted that the presentation on the Multiple Sclerosis Portfolio is the third in a series of major portfolio reviews.
<b>Consider for Approval:</b> Minutes of the June 18, 2019 Board Meeting - Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH	<i>The following motion was made by Barbara McNeil and seconded by Sharon Levine.</i>  <b>Motion:</b> Approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2019 Board Meeting. <i>Approved by a majority vote of the Board by voice vote (no opposed, no abstentions).</i>

<p><b>Consider for Approval:</b>  Proposed Cycle 3 2018 Slate of Large Awards for the Limited Competition Dissemination and Implementation (D&amp;I) PFA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Sharon Levine, MD, Chair, Engagement Dissemination and Implementation Committee (EDIC), and Joanna Siegel, ScD, Program Director, Dissemination &amp; Implementation</i></li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Levine introduced the proposed funding slate of D&amp;I awards for the Cycle 3 2018 <i>Limited Competition Implementation of PCORI-Funded Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Results</i> PFA and noted the role of the EDIC in the funding approval process for D&amp;I awards requesting budgets of \$500K or more. Levine then introduced Dr. Joanna Siegel, Program Director for Dissemination and Implementation, to present the EDIC-recommended slate of D&amp;I awards for Cycle 3 2018.</p> <p>Siegel outlined the applicable merit review criteria and provided an overview of the PFA review process. She noted there were 19 Letters of Intent (LOI) submitted, 16 invited to submit a full application and 6 applications were received. EDIC is proposing to fund two of these applications with an overall funding rate tied to the recommended slate of 33%,</p> <p>The slate proposed for funding has two projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Implementing Patient Decision Support for Lung Cancer Screening through Tobacco Quitlines” and</li> <li>• “Widespread Implementation of a Patient-Centered Online Therapy for Adolescent Traumatic Brain Injury.”</li> </ul> <p>Following brief descriptions of the proposed implementation projects and their goals, Siegel provided additional information in response to questions regarding findings from the original PCORI-funded research, evaluation of the proposed projects, and tailoring of strategies for the specific implementation sites.</p> <p>This slate of awards represents a total funding of approximately \$2.2M.</p> <p><i>The following motion was made by Robert Zwolak and seconded by Gail Hunt.</i></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Approve funding for the recommended slate of awards from the Cycle 3 2018 Limited Competition Implementation of PCORI-Funded Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Results PFA</p> <p><i>Approved by a majority vote of the voting Board members by roll call vote (15 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions; 1 recusal: Kara Ayers); Christopher Friese and Mike Herndon indicated earlier their intention to recuse but were not present at this meeting.</i></p>
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<p><b>Research Portfolio Exploration Series:</b> Focus on Multiple Sclerosis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Kim Bailey, MS, Senior Program Officer, Clinical Effectiveness and Decision Science</i></li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Bailey presented an overview of PCORI’s investment in PCORI’s Multiple Sclerosis portfolio, highlighting prioritized targeted research questions that have been identified as areas of need by patients and stakeholders, specifically comparing disease-modifying therapies (DMTs); comparative benefits and harms of different treatment approaches other than DMTs for treating symptoms; and, the comparative effectiveness of telerehabilitation vs conventional direct care. Out of the eleven funded studies in which PCORI has invested \$66M, ten are randomized, and one is an observational research design. She summarized patient-centered endpoints that are included in the studies and provided examples of key decisional dilemmas that are addressed in some of the studies.</p> <p>Currently, one study has reported results, which was a study that compared the use of a care manager intervention versus usual care on MS patients experiencing depression and pain. The results at the end of the study did not show an immediate difference across outcomes, but patients in the interventional arm were more likely to have both their pain and depression under control at six months.</p> <p>Bailey reported on other PCORI funding initiatives to support patient centered outcomes research relating to MS, including engagement awards and infrastructure awards.</p> <p>Bailey answered questions regarding the clinical equipoise for two large study trials addressing whether or not a first line treatment strategy and escalation strategy was better than a high-efficacy treatment strategy, which is a question of important concern to clinicians, patients, and stakeholders, and may have implications beyond the immediate MS condition area. To the extent possible, PCORI investigators were encouraged to harmonize outcomes and endpoints to ensure generalizability across studies.</p>
<p>Wrap up and Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Grayson Norquist, MD, MSPH</i></li> </ul>	<p>Meeting ended at 12:58 pm</p>

**Minutes were approved by the PCORI Board of Governors 08-20-2019**