



## MEETING SUMMARY

# Kickoff Webinar for PCORI's Proposed National Priorities for Health

June 29, 2021

2:30-3 pm ET

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- Members of the public were invited to learn more about PCORI's proposed National Priorities for Health, ways to provide input on the proposed priorities, and other elements of PCORI's strategic planning process.
- PCORI Executive Director Nakela L. Cook, MD, MPH, opened the webinar by providing background on PCORI's 2019 reauthorization by Congress, and PCORI's mission as a leading funder of patient-centered outcomes research. PCORI is an independent nonprofit organization authorized by Congress in 2010. Its mission is to fund research that will provide patients, their caregivers, and clinicians with the evidence-based information needed to make better-informed healthcare decisions. Cook noted the confluence of events that had created the moment for development of the National Priorities for Health, including congressional reauthorization, lessons learned over PCORI's first 10 years, and a new sense of urgency about challenges facing the US health system. Cook particularly noted challenges that had been highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including access to care, public health infrastructure, and health equity.
- Director of Public and Patient Engagement Kristin Carman, PhD, provided further background about PCORI, including its research focus and stakeholder engagement strategy. PCORI involves stakeholders across the health enterprise throughout every phase of research in order to reflect the needs of stakeholders and to improve uptake of research findings.
- Cook then introduced the five proposed National Priorities for Health, which were developed through stakeholder engagement beginning in fall 2020. The priorities revolve around patient-centered health and include interwoven themes such as patient engagement and health equity. The five proposed National Priorities for Health are:
  - Increase Evidence for Existing Interventions and Emerging Innovations in Health
  - Enhance Infrastructure to Accelerate Patient-Centered Outcomes Research
  - Advance the Science of Dissemination, Implementation, and Health Communication
  - Achieve Health Equity
  - Accelerate Progress Toward an Integrated Learning Health System

- Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Andrew Hu, MPP, closed by providing an overview of PCORI's strategy to seek the public's input on the proposed National Priorities for Health. Input received will contribute to PCORI's strategic planning process. Opportunities to provide input include a public comment period open for 60 days from June 28 to August 27. Virtual community events are expected to take place from August to October and will provide additional avenues for stakeholders to engage with PCORI during this important time in its evolution. These PCORI events will feature remarks from community leaders, including members of Congress, and will offer PCORI an opportunity to hear from a diverse range of individuals in West Virginia, Colorado, and Maryland on key themes relevant to PCORI's proposed priorities, such as health equity, innovation, and rural health.