Useful Information from UCSF Conference Call on PCORI Funding Announcements

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We enjoyed an informative conference call on Friday, June 8 to discuss the recent PCORI funding opportunities. The attached document, nicely prepared by Aria Yow, summarizes key information, insights, and resources shared on the call. While the entire 3-page document is worth reading, this post also lists some specific resources for investigators discussed on the call (see below).

Resources

The Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) offers many resources for learning how to define and engage a “stakeholder”. The Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) home on the UCSF CTSI web site offers a broad array of resources, including articles and monographs on both “patient-centered outcomes” and “comparative effectiveness research”. In addition, the site for the Community Engagement & Health Policy (CE&HP) program has many helpful resources for engaging stakeholders.

Also, various patient advocacy organizations can provide thoughtful, engaged patients and other advocates, for study engagement.

The PCORI site provides links to monographs, presentations and other resources for addressing and engaging the stakeholder. Another useful resource is a recent publication in the Journal of General Internal Medicine that has often been referenced in these discussions. We can’t speak to how robust the PCORI “contact us” department is, especially given the agency’s rapid growth.

San Francisco Bay Collaborative Research Network (SFBCRN). This is a cross-disciplinary primary care research network. SFBRN has relationships with physicians and clinics across the greater SF Bay Area and forges productive collaborations between them and investigators. This network would be particularly helpful for investigators who have identified a study question, but not yet identified the stakeholder.

In addition, the idea was raised of providing a very small CTSI intramural grants pool to support a brief (2-3 page) preliminary or exploratory proposal, or a feasibility study. Pending approval and availability of funds, this funding could be used to facilitate applications for any grant, not just one from PCORI.

Finally, this community-driven CER Open Forum wiki will help investigators pursue funding opportunities (such as those from PCORI), develop collaborations, and share research ideas and resources across UCSF. [Forum has been archived.]

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