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PCORnet Front Door / GPC Research Opportunity Assessment

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1. PCORnet Front Door Overview
 - a. <http://pcornet.org/frontdoor>
 - b. PCORnet went live a few weeks ago
 - c. It will vet the proposed projects
 - d. Open to external for non-profit use, not yet industry
 - e. **Distribute Jim McClay's slides**
2. Three options:
 - a. Data Network Request
 - b. Request for Network Collaboration
 - i. Similar to GPC collaboration requests
 - ii. PCORnet will review, analyze, matchmake
 - c. Request for PCORnet Study Designation – brand awareness
3. At GPC
 - a. How to triage, what are the next steps?
 - b. Different approaches
 - i. Stuff we want to do as GPC
 - ii. Stuff that comes through as PCORnet designated study
4. Tracking of various projects
 - a. E.g., Jim has been struggling to get UNMC involved in RELIANCE trial
 - b. There are a number of PCORnet designated studies, contractually we are supposed to participate with several studies
 - i. What does it mean to be involved? A variety of things: data, patient panel, patient recruitment
5. What are best practices?
 - a. Grant deadlines aren't a part of clinicians work habits
 - b. How much should PIs chase potential involvement?
 - i. One must consider politics at each site
 - c. PCORnet is a top-down process
 - d. How to address this?
 - i. KK: trials need to be locally bought into, beyond the PI
 - e. Intermediate step: GPC's Research Opportunity Assessment
 - i. How to staff it? With PEOs, Patients, etc.?
 - ii. How to adapt the assessment process
 - iii. Challenges include how to be responsive re: participation, process streamlining
 - f. Don't engage researchers until it's ready to go; e.g., adaptable – revved up and then put on hold; TAPIR – gone through IRB processes and then put on hold; don't want researchers to become numb to PCORI announcements
 - g. Jim has a form that he completes to boil down the details of proposals for presenting to potential co-Is
 - i. Scope of work, budget

6. PCORI screening process
 - a. LOI, review, full application, review, funding if approved
 - i. Where the proposal/protocol is in this trajectory determines how much energy/engagement is paid
7. Site processes range in formality
 - a. If a site has a CTSA, the project/proposal goes to the leader sometimes
 - b. Some site PIs personally contact department chairs, research directors, division chiefs who would know various faculty, keyword search in archived/published research, looking for colleagues whose research aligns with the projects
8. Example projects:
 - a. TAPIR, from the Vasculitis PPRN
 - i. Shared with PIs, UTSW ready to go and Dr. Merkel decided to only recruit at KUMC
 - b. Pain trial application
 - i. Jim recruited clinician, and then did all the paperwork for grant b/c clinician wasn't aware what to do
 - c. Request from MS Foundation – first official knock to PCORnet front door
 - i. This is in the early stages – developing LOI
 - ii. If they want the feasibility query prior to the due date, that's a lot of effort without any guarantee of funding/ROI
9. Projects need to be parsed, converted to a “clean request” format to be distributed
 - a. Front door team is very open to feedback
 - i. E.g., provide a one pager or elevator pitch with summary, application status (timeline scale), site requirements, contact info, due dates
 - ii. Should this come from the investigator/Front Door?
 - iii. What do we send, when, and to whom?
10. GPC Next Steps
 - a. Does GPC have a swat team to respond to these?
 - b. Who owns what step of the process?
 - c. Streamlined email process – takes a long time to get people in-person to discuss
 - d. Requests go to PIs and PMs immediately?
 - e. Post to discussion board? Ideas need to stay in confidence
 - f. Some cases are:
 - i. If you have someone at your site, go for it
 - ii. This is an important, high priority study (“gpc stamp of approval”)
 - g. Requests get logged in ROA request form that go to: PIs, PMs, PEOs
 - h. Timing expectations are important to set
 - i. Does GPC central track who says yes/no
 - j. Interested sites fill out the front door response form
 - i. Could this also go to a repository in the GPC; cc GPC
 - k. Think through, route docs, automate as much as possible
11. **KUMC:** forward email to Rick Barohn, copy Steve, Russ; enter into REDCap; forward to PIs, PMs, PEOs; provide feedback about digestible “one-pager” to PCORnet PMO