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“Kabalikat Para Sa PCOR” Grant Application Invited for Fast Track Resubmission

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Happy New Year 2025 to All! *“Manigong Bagong Taon 2025 Para Sa Lahat!”*

The end of 2024 brought mixed blessings to our Filipino American Patient-Centered Outcomes Nasyon (FAPCORN) network. We received the bad news that our Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) *“Kabalikat Para Sa PCOR”* funding application was not funded. However, we subsequently received notice that our application was invited for fast-track resubmission, which is positive. Otherwise, it would have been a longer process, i.e., submit a letter of intent (LOI), wait for the LOI decision, write the grant if approved for submission, and re-submission. The resubmission deadline was January 14, 2025, about a month after the notice. These developments were shared with all FAPCORN stakeholders.

The National FAPCORN team received the reviewers’ comments and subsequently made changes to address the comments. We met with the FAPCORN leaders, Project Advisory Board and Consultants for feedback and input through a Zoom meeting. Attendees were provided opportunities to ask questions. We also promised to send the Zoom recording. Unfortunately, a search through the Zoom folder indicated that there is no meeting recording despite the fact that we checked. Sincere apologies to everyone! We are unsure of what happened. Our university has migrated to a new, secure government Zoom platform and we are still trying to get familiar with the functions and capabilities.

To ensure a shared mental model for all FAPCORN stakeholders, we are sharing with you the specific aims of the revised *“Kabalikat Para Sa PCOR,”* considering the reviewers’ comments and input received.

1. Evaluate the levels of engagement among current FAPCORN Leaders using an explanatory sequential mixed methods design.
2. Develop a culturally tailored PCOR/CER engagement approach and toolkit using a reiterative process among the Project Advisory Board and FAPCORN leaders.
3. Test the feasibility and acceptability of the FAPCORN engagement approach in two FAPCORNs.

We submitted the *“Kabalikat Para Sa PCOR”* grant on January 14, 2025! We are hoping for a successful PCORI grant application! Please send positive vibes for its success.



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Introducing the Community Engagement in Research Framework

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Community engagement in research is the heart of the Filipino American Patient-Centered Outcomes Nasyon (FAPCORN) network to improve patient outcomes. The Community Engagement in Research Framework (see below) may provide some structure to promote understanding and provide a visual context of the complexity of the endeavor. The Framework shows that community engagement in research is a continuum, from no involvement to community-driven/community-led endeavors. It also highlights the contextual factors that may influence and affect the points of engagement: history, trust, relationship building, respect, and transparency. When considered by the partners, contextual factors may affect the type of engagement and the overall results of the research. The framework also identifies equity indicators that affect community engagement in research. As relationships between partners are formed, transparency must be present, and trust must be developed. During this time, the critical conversations necessary to strengthen and build the partnership should be guided by identifying contextual factors and equity indicators (i.e., power and control, decision-making, resource sharing, and ownership).

The goal of FAPCORN is that all FAPCORN endeavors will be community driven or led. Through our *"Kabalikat Para Sa PCOR"* proposal, we hope to further empower FAPCORN leaders in each state so that they can work with their communities towards better engagement and shared decision-making processes. Keep this framework in mind!

Community Leader Highlight

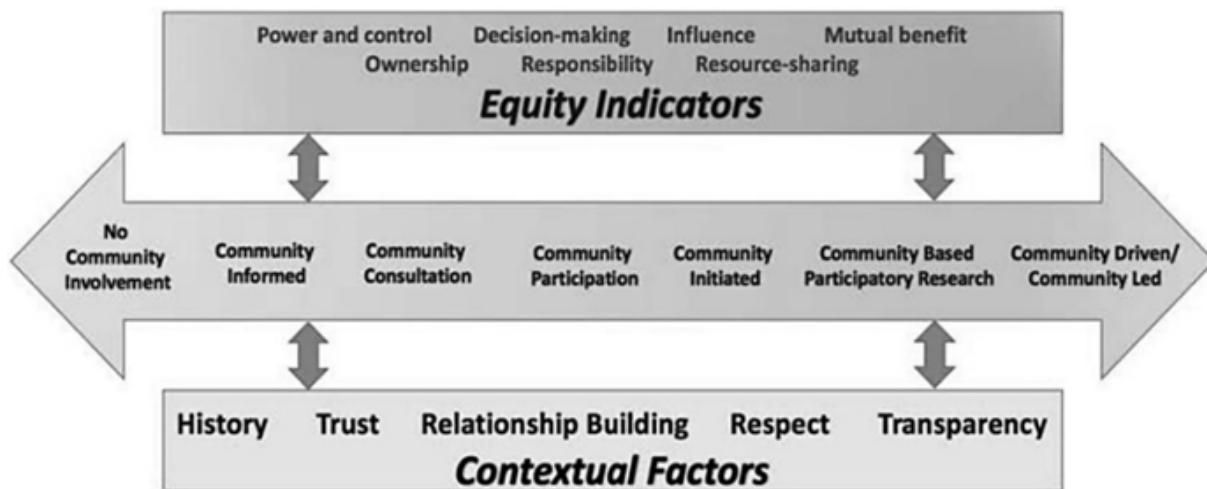


The Filipino American Patient-Centered Outcomes Nasyon (FAPCORN) network congratulates our Project Leader, Dr. Maria Danet Lapid Bluhm, for her induction to the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame (SAWHF) on May 31, 2025. She was nominated by the former Undersecretary for the Air Force, Ms. Gina Ortiz Jones. Her nomination was supported by the Chair of the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce Greater San Antonio, Mr. Gene Carangal, and Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association (APAMSA) leader, Phat Do.

The mission of the SAWHF is to present, recognize, and honor outstanding women in the community for their service and contribution through induction into the organization and to provide funding to support higher education attainment to deserving local women pursuing a college education, and to promote individual development in order to improve their status, interests, and needs of our community.

Congratulations, Dr. Bluhm!

The Community Engagement in Research Framework (1,2)



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