

The Next STEP (Supporting TNB Engagement in PCOR) Convening

Overview: The Next STEP (Supporting TNB Engagement in Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR)) Convening is a two-day virtual conference, held **September 29-30, 2021**. Next STEP will bring together TNB community leaders, patients, clinicians, and researchers. Next STEP goals include:

- Promote TNB patient centered outcomes research (PCOR)*
- Share findings and lessons learned from existing PCORI-funded projects in TNB health
- Collaboratively identify best practices across all stages of TNB health research
- Generate strategies for disseminating PCOR results to TNB communities and healthcare stakeholders to increase PCOR evidence uptake

The Next STEP Convening will be hosted alongside Howard Brown Health's annual Midwest LGBTQ Health Symposium (MLHS), offering an opportunity for information sharing between MLHS attendees and Next STEP Convening members, as well as disseminating TNB community-engaged, patient-centered research to LGBTQ health providers and researchers. This will be an opportunity for intentional trust building and collaboration, as well as increased involvement of the TNB community in PCOR, taking into consideration real-world circumstances and historical factors known to hinder this community's engagement.

What can I expect if I decide to participate in the Next STEP Convening?

You can expect to be involved in some creative, deep and engaging discussions. You will be asked to participate in 2 days of the Convening and one Zoom meeting:

- **Day 1:** Convening participants will join MLHS attendees in attending a welcome from our Special Guest, Dr. Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary for Health U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, keynote speaker sessions with **Bamby Salcedo**, President and CEO of the TransLatin@ Coalition, and **Adriana Cardona-Maguigad**, Education Reporter at WBEZ. Next STEP Convening participants will attend presentations and panel discussions about community-engaged, TNB-led health research and language justice in the MLHS's Research Track. Day 1 runs from 8am-3pm CST.
- **Day 2:** Next STEP Convening participants (approximately 40) will gather in a separate virtual space. Day 2 includes a welcome 'breakfast', relationship building/networking activities, and large and small group discussions to explore best practices in TNB PCOR. Day 2 will close with a performance. Day 2 runs from 10am to 5pm CST.
- **Follow-Up Meeting on Zoom:** Next STEP Convening participants will also be asked to attend a 90-minute "member checking" zoom meeting on November 16, 2021 7-8:30pm CST. The Four Corners team will digest everything we learned and heard at the Convening and share back results with participants to make sure we are accurately and meaningfully representing your thoughts and contributions before finalizing our results.

Compensation: Next STEP Convening participants will be compensated up to \$800 for their time, energy, engagement and emotional labor. If your attendance at the Convening is considered part of your regular work (e.g., you are salaried and your job has given you time to attend) you will not receive compensation. If your participation is not considered part of your regular work, you may choose to:

- Accept full compensation at \$800
- Accept partial compensation at \$400
- Decline your compensation to support TNB community members who will be attending this event

What is expected of me if I decide to participate in the Next STEP Convening?

You will be expected to attend and actively participate in both days of the virtual convening (September 29-30, 2021). You will also be asked to attend a 90-minute virtual “member checking” meeting scheduled on November 16, 2021 (7-8:30pm CST). You will be expected to communicate with the Four Corners team to ensure you are registered for the event and send a short bio to be included on a participant list that will be distributed to everyone attending the Convening.

Who can attend this event? Do I need any specific qualifications to attend this event?

This event is invitation only...but we are currently accepting applications from people that would like to be invited. We'll have a group of about 40 people. We are looking for members of the TNB community and/or researchers who are committed to participant-driven TNB research. The below table outlines desired skills, knowledge, and abilities:

| For TNB Community Members | For Researchers |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ A basic understanding and interest in research➤ A strong connection to the TNB experience and/or TNB communities whose voices and experiences have not been prioritized in both health care and research (e.g., BIPOC, people with disabilities/chronic illness)➤ The ability to apply your own experience to a more universal goal of patient-centered research➤ A willingness to act as a bridge between the TNB and research communities➤ Being comfortable with talking in public and group participation; confidence to actively participate in multi-stakeholder groups to communicate the TNB perspective | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Experience with community-engaged/participatory research practices (involving TNB people throughout all stages of the research process)➤ Commitment to bridging trust, building capacity, and investing in TNB people/communities➤ Understanding of the inherent researcher-community power dynamic and ability to center TNB voices/experiences➤ Able to use technology (e.g., Zoom) (if you don't have access, we can work with you to ensure that you have the ability to participate) |

Note: All attendees will need to be able to use virtual meeting technology (e.g., Zoom). If you do not have access, please let us know and we can work with you to ensure that you have the ability to participate.

Languages: All activities and presentations will be available in English and Spanish.

*What is Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR)?

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research or PCOR is the meaningful involvement of key stakeholders in all stages of research. Key stakeholders include people receiving care (patients), caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare team members. PCOR focuses research on what matters most to the people receiving care and their caregivers, includes stakeholders in every stage of the research process, and produces results that have a direct, real-world impact on how patients, and those who care for them, make decisions about their healthcare. We are particularly interested in community-based participatory research (CBPR) principles and practices used in PCOR.

**Have questions or want to learn more? We'd love to hear from you.
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