

Empowerment through Research for People Experiencing Homelessness

Considerations for Engaging People with Lived Experience as Stakeholders in Patient-Centered Comparative Effectiveness Research

Resources to Empower Persons Experiencing homelessness in Comparative Trials (Project RESPECT) is a collaborative effort between the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and various Los Angeles-based researchers and people experiencing homelessness (PEH) to improve patient-centered research related to homelessness.

The Considerations for Engaging People with Lived Experience as Stakeholders in Patient-Centered Comparative Effectiveness Research document explores ways in which PEH can be involved in research partnerships. Project RESPECT started working together in 2020, and the report covers its findings from inception up through early 2024. Specifically, it reflects on what has worked well and what could be improved on in their collaborative efforts. Through these reflections, conclusions can be made to create guidelines for other stakeholders.

In the document, it was determined that when working with PEH as stakeholders in research, it is critical to consider:

- 1) Specific needs and strengths of PEH
- 2) PEH characteristics and experiences' impacts on stakeholder group activities
- 3) Being productive while meeting stakeholder needs

Our hope is that these insights help communities across the country bring together research and lived experience expertise in a way that enables them to generate solutions to the difficult question of how to improve the health and well-being of PEH.