Evaluating Research Partnerships: Key Questions to Ask

Assess the process by documenting the following:

- Number of PFAs that participated in the research project.
- · Number of meetings held with researchers and PFAs.
- Number and description of ideas generated by PFAs.
- Number and description of PFA-generated ideas that resulted in changes to the research topic, questions, plan, implementation, or dissemination activities.
- Degree to which the research process was positively affected by the partnership.
- Degree to which the timing of a research project was affected.
- Degree to which the cost of a research project was affected.

Patient and Family Advisors can be asked the following questions about their experience:

- I felt prepared to partner with the researchers.
- I felt supported by the researchers to speak up.
- The researchers listened to and took my perspective and ideas seriously.
- I felt that my contributions were valued by the researchers.
- The researchers were willing to make changes based on my input.
- I believe the research project was improved because of my participation.
- I felt that I participated in this project to the best of my ability.
- I would partner with researchers in the future.

Researchers can be asked the following questions about their experience:

- I felt prepared to partner with PFAs/PFAC.
- I was able to elicit the perspective and input of the PFAs/PFAC.
- I made changes based on the information I received from PFAs/PFAC.
- The project was improved because of the partnership.
- I would partner with PFAs and PFACs in the future.