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Personal Statement: I have been a P.I. on several trials of patient behavioral and educational interventions. My research has focused on diabetes, cardiovascular and kidney disease, and related conditions. A key contribution of my work is developing suitable and appropriate methodologies for intervening effectively with lower socioeconomic status groups, racial and ethnic minority groups, populations with low health literacy and functional impairment and disability. I developed the DECIDE problem solving-based patient selfmanagement program, an empowerment-based approach, that's been utilized by several investigators and healthcare settings in studies of diabetes, hypertension, and lifestyle modification for risk reduction, particularly in underserved populations. I am a long-term collaborator with Dr. Boulware on clinical research studies to improve the lives and outcomes of kidney disease patients, including TALK (Talking About Living Kidney Donation) and ACT (Achieving Blood Pressure Control Together) studies. As Senior Director of Population Health Research and Development for Johns Hopkins Healthcare, LLC., I facilitate and design integration of research into the Johns Hopkins health system focusing on developing and implementing transformative and sustainable patient-centered interventions. I have disseminated research advances through my national leadership in behavioral medicine and health care.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Quiet time; doing jigsaw puzzles; music and dancing; traveling to exotic place

Why this project is important to me: As a social worker, I know how important it is to learn from the ultimate experts on kidney disease- patients and their family members. Doing PCORI research allows us to make sure that the work we do is patient-centered and really makes a difference in helping the kidney disease community. Having worked with many patients and family members across the country, I know that we are not doing the best job in making sure that all patients understand what their Êtreatment options are, and that as professionals we can do a much better job helping patients. This project can help improve care for patients involved in this study, and more importantly beyond just this project to the rest of this country.