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Paige Backlund Jarquin DrPH, MPH, is a nationally recognized facilitator, educator, and community-engaged researcher with over 25 years of experience advancing the art and science of authentic community engagement. She completed her doctoral research while working with the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI), co-leading mini- and pilot grant training programs through the Community Engagement Core. During that time, she coached PCORI grantee partners and helped launch a Community-Engaged Research Ethics board with the Center for Bioethics at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. She was also Colorado's first Regional Health Connector, part of launching a statewide workforce focused on clinical-community linkages and translational implementation.

Dr. Backlund Jarquín has worked across hospital systems, academic research centers, community-based organizations, public health departments, and a social impact tech start-up. She brings deep, cross-sector experience to her work, with a strong foundation in clinical-community partnership, systems transformation, and participatory practice. She has trained researchers and research teams in community-engaged research principles and has facilitated hundreds of participatory meetings and trainings—particularly with Veteran Engagement Boards across the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She is the founder of The Center for Authentic Community Engagement, an organization dedicated to building capacity for ethical, inclusive, and impact-driven partnerships.

