MEMO

To: State Reporting Managers  
From: Eric Colchamiro, National Quality Forum  
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Re: Review of State-Based Reporting Survey

Following the June 28th conference call, state reporting managers were emailed for future call topics. After compiling an index of these suggestions, NQF staff surveyed this group to assess topic preferences. Participation was high: 24 individuals representing 21 states completed the survey.

Participants were asked to assess a value (1-5, with 5 being most interest) to the topics. Those in bold received the highest average ratings across the 24 respondents:

- Safety Measurement – how can states effectively use measures to report out data (4.21)
- Auditing & Data Validation – how can states know whether events are being captured? (4.09)
- Developing Standard Definitions for Event Reporting (4)
- Role for Consumers (3.78)
- HAI Action Plans (3.67)
- Patient Safety Organizations (3.30)
- Serious Reportable Events (3.48)
- Root Cause Analysis (2.88)

The survey included an opportunity to submit other suggestions; those received included: measure harmonization and the development of a common index of quality measures (from CMS, HHS, NQF, and TJC) – from two individuals; federal standards, and whether benchmarks for adverse events can be developed; legislative efforts to amend event reporting statutes; and culture of safety measures.

These survey results will be used to generate an agenda and discussion items for the next call of this group, on Monday, September 13, 2010.