CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO ADVISORY PANEL
EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL PRIORITIES PARTNERSHIP

NQF is seeking nominations for members of an Evaluation Advisory Panel to provide feedback on an evaluation of the impact of the National Priorities Partnership (NPP) and its work on setting national healthcare priorities and goals and in developing action plans.

BACKGROUND: NQF will subcontract with an independent third-party evaluator to conduct a process and outcome evaluation of NPP. A new Evaluation Advisory Panel is being formed to provide feedback and insight on the evaluation’s theoretical framework and overarching research questions. The panel also will provide periodic comment on other elements of the evaluation.

The investigation will examine the NPP initiative, including the uptake of the goals by the broader healthcare community. Research questions likely will focus on the activities of the partnership in developing the goals, awareness of the priorities and goals in the healthcare community, adoption and integration of the goals, and the impact of the goals on system’s change.

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ADVISORY PANEL: The Evaluation Advisory Panel will represent a range of stakeholder perspectives reflective of NQF membership and will include: consumers, purchasers, providers, quality improvement professionals, researchers, and community/public health professionals.

The Evaluation Advisory Panel will provide feedback on the evaluation of NPP. This project will not use a formal Consensus Development Process. Specifically, the work of this Evaluation Advisory Panel will include:

- reviewing theoretical framework models (logic model, inquiry flow models, etc.);
- providing comment on potential overarching research questions (within the areas of NPP resources, activities, priorities uptake, and system’s impact, etc.); and
- guiding other elements of the evaluation as necessary.

Potential panel members should offer:

- familiarity with NPP priorities and goals, along with the potential for their use and integration;
- a clear understanding of the potential impact of such an evaluation; and
- expertise or interest in evaluation theory and question development.
TIME COMMITMENT: The Evaluation Advisory Panel will be asked to participate in two virtual meetings held over the course of the project, from June 2010 to February 2011. Additional e-mail correspondence and follow-up phone contact may be necessary.

CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION: Priority will be given to NQF Members. Please note that nominations are of an individual, not an organization, so "substitutions" of other individuals from an organization at conference calls are not permitted.

MATERIAL TO SUBMIT: Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve. To be considered for appointment to the Advisory Panel, please send the following information:

- Completed Evaluation Advisory Panel Nomination Form;
- Two-page letter of interest and biography of 100 words or fewer, highlighting experience or knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and confirming availability to participate in virtual meetings and conference calls;
- Curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) of not more than 20 pages; and
- Completed Disclosure of Interest Policy and Form.

Materials will be accepted only via e-mail. Send materials to evaluation@qualityforum.org.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: All nominations must be received by 6:00 pm ET on July 1, 2010.

QUESTIONS: For more information, please contact Christy Olenik at 202-783-1300 or evaluation@qualityforum.org.