



NQF Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

12:00 – 4:00 p.m., EST

NQF OFFICES – 1030 15TH Street, NW, Washington DC
9th Floor Conference Center

Dial-in: (877) 303-9138; Conference ID: 14619786

Helen Darling, Chair, presiding

OPEN SESSION

12:00 **Welcome** **Darling/Cassel**

→ **Chairman's Report on Closed Session** **Information** **Darling**

The Board Chair will announce the actions taken by the Board in closed session.

→ **Recognition of Departing Board Members** **Information** **Darling/Cassel**

The Board Chair and NQF's CEO will recognize departing Board members: Debra Ness; Bill Roper; and John Tooker.

→ **Introduction of Incoming Board Members** **Information** **Darling/Cassel**

The Board Chair and NQF's CEO will introduce NQF's new Board members who are attending this meeting as observers: Laurel Pickering; Lewis Sandy; and Kirsten Sloan.

→ **Approval of Minutes** **Action** **Darling**
The minutes of the July 23 Board meeting are included for Board action.

12:30 **Consensus Task Force Update** **Action** **Becker/Burstin**

The Board will have an opportunity to review the Consensus Task Force findings and recommendations regarding opportunities to improve the consensus process. The Board will be asked to approve the proposed solutions.

1:30 **Measurement Systems Update** **Information** **Cassel/Mullen**

Dr. Cassel will provide a brief overview of the Quality Improvement System proposal developed in conjunction with Mark McClellan and the Brookings Institution. The proposal explores potential policy pathways for advancing the effectiveness of measurement systems through the establishment of a core measures set(s), an accountability and audit framework for measure reporting, and a process for certifying the improvement capabilities of measurement systems. Dr. Cassel will also briefly summarize the major themes of a recent half-day meeting co-hosted by NQF and Brookings to explore these ideas with a broad group of stakeholders.

1:45	<u>Public Affairs Update</u>	Information	Greiner
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Since March of 2014 when NQF's funding was extended for a year, we have been spending considerable time educating Congressional staff and key Members about quality and more narrowly about our own work. Ms. Greiner will provide an update on these efforts that demonstrate how NQF fits into the broader quality landscape; NQF's contribution to Federal policy formulation and implementation; and how our efforts are helping to achieve improvements in care. A primary goal of this outreach is to further lay the groundwork for discussions about future funding support.

2:00	<u>BREAK</u>		
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2:15	<u>Reconsideration of Cardiovascular Cost and Resource Use Measures</u>	Action	Burstin
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The Board will discuss a proposal from the Executive Committee to defer action on the cardiovascular cost and resource use measures until there is an opportunity for cross-stakeholder dialogue on concerns that have been raised about the measures.

3:00	<u>Update on Risk Adjustment Trial Period and Readmissions Measures</u>	Discussion	Burstin
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The Board will be provided an update on plans for the trial period for sociodemographic adjustment that will begin in January 2015. The trial period will also be discussed in the context of consensus-building activities regarding the recent measures in the Admissions/Readmissions consensus project.

3:30	<u>Membership Review</u>	Discussion	Comstock
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The Board of Directors will review year-to-date progress in recruiting and retaining Members of NQF and will discuss the role of Board members in helping strengthen and grow NQF.

3:45	<u>Public Comment</u>		
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