



Meeting of the Board of Directors

OPEN SESSION

July 20, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Quality Forum (NQF) was held on April 6, 2016, at NQF's offices.

Participants

Board Members Attending: Bruce Siegel (Chair); Lawrence Becker (Treasurer); James Chase (Vice Chair); Peter Briss (CDC Designee); Carol Cronin; Leonardo Cuello; Helen Darling (Interim President & CEO); Elizabeth Fowler; Marjorie Ginsburg; Donald Kemper; Dolores Mitchell; Carolyn Pare; Laurel Pickering; Louise Probst; Lewis Sandy; David Shahian (via teleconference); Kirsten Sloan; Nancy Wilson (AHRQ Designee; via teleconference)

Board Members Not Attending: Kate Goodrich (CMS Designee); William Kramer; Deborah Parham Hopson (HRSA Designee)

Non-Voting Ex Officio Board Members Attending: Paul Tang (HITAC Chair)

NQF Staff: Helen Burstin; Neal Comstock; Kathleen Giblin; Patricia Green, Ann Greiner; Ann Hammersmith (General Counsel and Corporation Secretary); Jason Johnson; Elisa Munthali; Nicole Silverman; Cherish Simpson; Marcia Wilson

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The Board convened in open session at 1:41 p.m., ET.

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Bruce Siegel, Chair, reported the actions taken by the Board during its closed session:

ACTION: The Board approved the slate of appointments for the MAP Coordinating Committee and four workgroups (Clinician, Dual Eligible Beneficiaries, Hospital and Post-Acute Care/Long-Term Care). (The slates for these groups appear in Exhibit A.)

ACTION: The Board approved the policy titled "Tenure of At-Large Board Members with a Change in Job Status."

ACTION: The Board approved the following five candidates for the Measure Appeals Board:

1. Pam Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAA
2. Joyce Dubow, MUP
3. William Golden, MD, MACP
4. Laurel Pickering, MPH
5. David Shahian, MD

Dr. Siegel entertained a motion to approve the open session minutes from the April 6, and May 2, 2016, Board of Directors meetings.

ACTION: The Board approved the minutes from the April 6, and May 2, 2016, Board of Directors meetings.

Quality Innovation Update

Kathleen Giblin, Senior Vice President, Quality Measurement, provided an overview of projects within the Quality Innovation department, including the Measure Incubator™ and National Quality Partners (NQP).

NQP is currently under transformation, not in the type of work done, but the way in which NQP is able to get the work done. Staff is focusing on accelerating the time between NQP members identifying concepts and acting on those concepts. NQP supported two Action Teams: the Antibiotic Stewardship Action Team, created in 2015, and the Advanced Illness Care Action Team, created in 2016. The Antibiotic Stewardship Action Team is specific to acute care hospitals. The Advanced Illness Care Action Team is focused on advanced illness care that is driven by patient preference, values, and goals.

The Measure Incubator™ has created two workgroups to foster the design and implementation of a learning collaborative where NQF can share evolving approaches and best practices for measure development with interested stakeholders. The Partnership and Collaboration Workgroup will advise NQF on how stakeholders can best engage throughout the measure development process. The Data and Testing Workgroup will advise NQF on data needs and how data can be used more efficiently in the measure development process.

Ms. Giblin also mentioned that the Measure Incubator™ Advisory Committee is playing a critical role in advising on the application of the Measure Incubator's conflict of interest guidelines, separation of the Measure Incubator's work from NQF's endorsement work, and creation of a mission fund to support incubation projects that lack sufficient funding.

Shared Decision-Making

Helen Burstin, Chief Scientific Officer, briefly reviewed NQF's work on shared decision-making. Shared decision-making is the process of interacting with patients who want to be involved to help make an informed, value-based choice.

NQF's activities in this area include work on the Moore Foundation's grant regarding Decision Aids Standards, the Person and Family Centered Care CDP Project, as well as work performed through the Measure Applications Partnership and National Quality Partners.

Public Comment

There was one in-person commenter, Maureen Dailey from the American Nurses Association, who supported the importance of interprofessional team in shared decision-making.

The Board considered no other business and the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m., ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Hammersmith