



Meeting of the Board of Directors

OPEN SESSION

April 6, 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); Lee Fleisher; Elizabeth Fowler; Marjorie Ginsburg; Kate Goodrich (CMS Designee); William Kramer; Dolores Mitchell; Deborah Parham Hopson (HRSA Designee); Laurel Pickering; Louise Probst; Lewis Sandy (via teleconference); David Shahian; Kirsten Sloan

Board Members Not Attending: Donald Kemper; Nancy Wilson (AHRQ 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

OPEN SESSION ONE

The Board convened in open session at 10:04 a.m., ET.

Measure Endorsement Ratification

Marcia Wilson, Senior Vice President, Quality Measurement, reviewed the one measure being considered for ratification of endorsement from the current phase of the Person and Family Centered Care (PFCC) Off-Cycle Review Project. Following discussion by the Board, the floor was opened for public comment, but no comments were made.

ACTION: The Board ratified endorsement of Measure #2483, Gains in Patient Activation (PAM) Scores at 12 Months, as recommended by the CSAC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in executive session from 10:19 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ET.

OPEN SESSION TWO

The Board convened in open session at 1:45 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 ratified Measure 2483, gain in patient activation or PAM scores at 12 months.

ACTION: The Board approved the updated 2016-2019 NQF Strategic Plan.

Dr. Siegel entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2015 Board of Directors meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved the minutes from the November 4, 2015, Board of Directors meeting.

Disclosures of Interest by NQF'S Board of Directors

Board members orally disclosed their professional interests, based upon Disclosure of Interest forms completed in March 2016. Board members were asked to provide any additional disclosures to Cherish Simpson, Governance Manager.

Measure Incubator

Helen Burstin, Chief Scientific Officer, and Nicole Silverman, Chief Operating Officer, updated the Board on the NQF Measure Incubator™, including incubator funding and projects.

Dr. Burstin and Ms. Silverman stated that the Incubator Advisory Committee (IAC) is charged with protecting NQF's mission and brand through oversight of Measure Incubator™ activities. Initial IAC efforts led to the development of conflict of interest policies for the Measure Incubator and guidance on the types of funding and projects that it may accept.

NQF will accept funds for general Measure Incubator activities or specific projects. Funders cannot specify the project outcomes or influence discussions for the projects that they fund. There will be a firewall between the funders and the way the work is completed. No funding will be accepted from a funder who has an exclusive interest in a product or activity relevant to a project.

Board comments included a recommendation to clarify proprietary interest in a product. This issue will be discussed by the Incubator Advisory Council for clarification.

Measurement Science Briefing

Dr. Helen Burstin gave an update on measurement science activities and briefed the Board on the status of the NQF Sociodemographic Status (SDS) Trial Period.

NQF has been working on a variety of different measurement science areas, including foundational issues that use new and emerging measures. There is work around PROMIS that covers these particular areas.

Attribution work has already begun with a team from the University of Michigan and the University of Pennsylvania that review best practices of different attribution models. The result of this work will be a paper commissioned by NQF.

In addition, Dr. Burstin reminded the Board of its approval of a two-year trial period prior in anticipation of permanently changing an NQF policy that allows bringing measures forward that include adjustment for SDS. All measures submitted to NQF after April 15, 2015, are part of the trial period.

The Board ended the open session at 4:02 p.m., ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Hammersmith