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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2011 + + + + +

The Steering Committee met at the Metropolitan Center, Liaison Hotel Capitol Hill, 415 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., at 9:00 a.m., Donald Casey and Gerri Lamb, Co-Chairs, presiding.

PRESENT:

DONALD CASEY, JR., MD, MPH, MBA, Co-Chair GERRI LAMB, PhD, RN, FAAN, Co-Chair DANA ALEXANDER, RN, MSN, MBA, GE Healthcare KATHLEEN ALLER, MBA, McKesson Enterprise Intelligence ANNE-MARIE AUDET, MD, MSc, The Commonwealth Fund

JUAN EMILIO CARRILLO, MD, MPH, New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Weill Medical College of Cornell University JANN DORMAN, MA, PT, MBA, Kaiser Permanente KAREN FARRIS, RPh, PhD, University of Michigan College of Pharmacy PAMELA FOSTER, LCSW, MBA/HCM, ACM, Mayo

Clinic Health System WILLIAM FROHNA, MD, FACEP, MedStar JEFFREY GREENBERG, MD, MBA, Brigham and Women's Hospital THOMAS HOWE, MD, Aetna SUZANNE HEURTIN-ROBERTS, PhD, MSW, HRSA CHRISTINE KLOTZ, MS, Community Health

Foundation of Western and Central New York JAMES LEE, MD, The Everett Clinic RUSSELL LEFTWICH, MD, State of Tennessee

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PRESENT(Cont'd):
MARC L. LEIB, MD, JD, Arizona Health Care
  Cost Containment System, Arizona's
  Medicaid Program
JULIE L. LEWIS, MBA, Amedisys, Inc.
LINDA LINDEKE, PhD, RN, CNP, University of
  Minnesota School of Nursing and Amplatz
  University of Minnesota Children's
  Hospital Clinic
DENISE LOVE, MBA, RN, National Association
  of Health Data Organizations
LORNA LYNN, MD, American Board of Internal
  Medicine
JEAN MALOUIN, MD, MPH, University of
  Michigan
MATTHEW McNABNEY, MD, Hopkins ElderPlus and
  Johns Hopkins University
EVA M. POWELL, MSW, National Partnership for
  Women & Families
BONNIE WAKEFIELD, PhD, RN, FAAN, University
  of Missouri and Iowa City VA Medical
  Center
ALONZO WHITE, MD, MBA, FCCP, CPE, Anthem
  Care Management
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TAROON AMIN
HELEN BURSTIN, MD, MPH, Senior Vice
  President of Performance Measures
SHEILA CRAWFORD
LAURALEI DORIAN, Project Manager
ANN HAMMERSMITH, JD, NQF General Counsel
SARAH LASH
NICOLE McElveen, MPH, Senior Project Manager
SUZANNE THEBERGE
WENDY VERNON, MPH, MPT, Senior Director,
  National Priorities
ALSO PRESENT:
LIPIKA SAMAL, MD, Brigham and Women's
  Hospital
ARJUN VENKATESH, MD, MBA, Brigham and
  Women's Hospital
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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	9:11 a.m.
3	MS. DORIAN: Good morning,
4	everyone. Welcome to the Care Coordination
5	Steering Committee meeting with NQF. I'm
6	Lauralei Dorian, project manager for this
7	project. And I can tell you we're very
8	excited to have you here. We're really
9	looking forward to this project. I think
10	we've brought together a great group of people
11	from many different backgrounds and looking
12	forward to the day. I think before we get
13	started I'll have the rest of the NQF team
14	introduce themselves. Helen?
15	DR. BURSTIN: Hi, everybody. I'm
16	Helen Burstin. I'm the senior vice president
17	for performance measures at NQF. Welcome.
18	MS. MCELVEEN: Good morning,
19	everyone. Nicole McElveen, senior project
20	manager with the National Quality Forum.
21	MS. THEBERGE: Good morning,
22	everyone. I'm Suzanne Theberge. I'm a

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1	project manager at the National Quality Forum.
2	MS. VERNON: I'm Wendy Vernon,
3	senior director with the National Priorities
4	Partnership at the National Quality Forum.
5	MS. HAMMERSMITH: I'm Ann
6	Hammersmith, NQF's general counsel.
7	MS. DORIAN: And Arjun, I might
8	have you introduce yourself as well.
9	DR. VENKATESH: Arjun Venkatesh.
10	I'm a resident in emergency medicine at
11	Brigham and Women's and Mass General.
12	MS. DORIAN: Thank you. And now
13	we're going to have you go around the room.
14	We'll do our welcomes and introductions. And
15	at the same time we'll have Ann do your
16	disclosures of interest. So we might start
17	down at this end and then go around.
18	MS. HAMMERSMITH: Lauralei.
19	MS. DORIAN: Oh, of course. Oh,
20	the chair. Sorry.
21	MS. HAMMERSMITH: Well, I give a
22	little introduction actually.

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1	MS. DORIAN: Oh.
2	MS. HAMMERSMITH: An explanation.
3	MS. DORIAN: Okay, perfect.
4	MS. HAMMERSMITH: So if you
5	recall, all of you received a disclosure of
6	interest policy and form from us which you
7	filled out and which we reviewed carefully.
8	What we'd like to do now is have you go around
9	and disclose anything that you feel needs to
10	be disclosed. You don't have to recount your
11	CV because that would take way too long and
12	you don't need to go through the form and
13	summarize every response. What we're looking
14	for you to do is to disclose any of your
15	activities that may be relevant to the work
16	that this committee will do. We're
17	particularly interested in your disclosure of
18	consulting work that's relevant including any
19	speakers fees. We're also interested in any
20	grants or research support that you have that
21	may be relevant to the work that's before the
22	committee.

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1	One thing that I want to talk
2	about very briefly is when we do these
3	disclosures people often say I don't have any
4	financial conflict. In this context
5	disclosures are not limited to financial
6	conflicts. If you've worked on something and
7	it's your baby a dime may not have passed
8	hands but you could potentially have a
9	conflict because you're very invested in it
10	and you have a very, very strong point of view
11	potentially. So I just want to remind you of
12	that.
13	The last thing I want to remind
14	you of is that you serve on this committee as
15	an individual. We often have people say "I'm
16	here representing the American Association of
17	Healthy People," but you sit as individuals.
18	So, you don't represent your employer, you
19	don't represent any group. Even if they
20	nominated you to serve on the committee you
21	are not representing their interest. You're
22	here because you're experts and that's what

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1	we're after, your individual expertise. So if
2	we could start with the chairs I'm going to
3	ask everyone to introduce themselves, tell us
4	who you're with and then do any disclosures.
5	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Good morning,
6	everyone. I'm Don Casey. I'm the chief
7	medical officer for Atlantic Health, vice
8	president of quality. And I want to welcome
9	you all and we're very happy that you're here.
10	I have several disclosures to make. I think
11	all of these are non-financial but they are
12	relevant. I have served in the capacity of
13	members of writing groups and technical
14	development panels for the following
15	organizations: American College of Physicians,
16	the American College of Cardiology, the
17	American Heart Association, the American
18	Hospital Association, the American Medical
19	Association, NCQA, the American Board of
20	Medical Specialties and also CMS and NQF.
21	I've received funding from AHRQ for research
22	in care coordination but not recently. And I

Page 9 1 think that summarizes it. 2 CO-CHAIR LAMB: Good morning, 3 everyone, delighted you're here. I'm Gerri I'm co-chairing with Don. I am a 4 Lamb. 5 faculty member at Arizona State University and 6 continuing that vein also have activities that 7 I think are relevant although not all 8 financially related. I am a consultant on the 9 INTERACT program which is transitional care 10 for older adults between nursing homes and hospitals. I just sat on the Board of 11 12 Internal Medicine's PIM related to care 13 coordination and I am on a working group at 14 the American Academy of Nursing on care coordination. 15 DR. WHITE: I'm Alonzo White, 16 17 managing medical director for Anthem Care Management. I work for WellPoint. 18 Μv 19 responsibilities are basically case 20 management, disease management and the health 21 and wellness programs. I volunteer with a group called Not One More Life which is an 22

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1	inner-city program for people without
2	insurance who have asthma and it's designed to
3	reduce the asthma mortality rate in the inner-
4	city populations, strictly voluntary. And my
5	wife is director of Meaningful Use at McKesson
6	and is a manager in their electronic medical
7	records and practice management software
8	division.
9	MR. FROHNA: Good morning. My
10	name is Bill Frohna. I'm chairman of the
11	department of emergency medicine at Washington
12	Hospital Center here in the District and also
13	work for MedStar Health. Our group of
14	emergency physicians and PAs provide services
15	to five hospitals in the nine-hospital MedStar
16	Health system. I oversee the operations of
17	those five departments and so 110 physicians,
18	about 55 PAs. The only disclosure I have to
19	make is that I come from a family with nine
20	siblings and many of those are involved in
21	health care and I have made those disclosures
22	on the form, but nothing personal.

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1	MS. FOSTER: Good morning. My
2	name is Pam Foster. I am the director of care
3	coordination at Mayo Clinic Health System
4	currently in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. I just
5	transferred from the Mayo Clinic in Arizona to
6	that position. And my disclosures I think
7	would include that I am a board member of the
8	American Case Management Association and I am
9	a client of McKesson as well as Executive
10	Health Resources. And finally, since my
11	application I am now involved in a grant
12	application for CMS money for care
13	coordination through the CBO and we're just in
14	the early stages of that.
15	DR. LEFTWICH: Good morning, I'm
16	Russell Leftwich. I'm the chief medical
17	informatics officer for the state of
18	Tennessee's Office of e-Health Initiatives,
19	the agency responsible for promoting EHR and
20	HIT adoption in Tennessee. I've spent a great
21	deal of time the past eight months as a
22	volunteer with the Office of National

Page 12 Coordinator's Transitions of Care Initiative 1 2 and their standards and interoperability framework and am the co-lead of the clinical 3 information model group and the care planning 4 5 work group. And I'm a physician advisor for the American College of Physician's web-based 6 7 EHR information resource. I'm glad to be here 8 and participate, thanks. 9 MS. KLOTZ: Hello, I'm Chris Klotz and I work as program advisor to the Community 10 Health Foundation in Western and Central New 11 12 York which is based out of Buffalo, New York. My role there, I have responsibility for 13 14 designing and managing large projects and initiatives, and have had responsibility since 15 2005 with a series of projects under a care 16 transitions initiative. And in that role I'm 17 18 currently providing technical assistance for two rural applications for the community-based 19 20 care transitions at CMS. 21 DR. FARRIS: I'm Karen Ferris. 22 I'm a professor from the University of

Page 13 1 Michigan College of Pharmacy and I have a few 2 disclosures. I have worked for the past seven years on a volunteer basis doing work with the 3 Pharmacy Quality Alliance where we develop 4 5 measure concepts around medication use and 6 pharmacist services. I'm co-PI on an NHLBI 7 grant based back in Iowa where I was formerly 8 and that is looking at care transitions and 9 how pharmacists may improve that transition, 10 I'll just leave it at that. And I'm initiating some work in the Battle Creek area 11 12 with the Calhoun County group. And we are wanting to focus on who in fact manages the 13 14 med list across their system. And hopefully we're going to come up with some different 15 16 ways of doing that. And last year through PQA I was offered a speaking opportunity that was 17 18 paid by Lilly and then most recently I've been 19 in some discussions with Merck focused on 20 medication adherence. And that's a very 21 limited contract for five hours. 22 HI, my name is Jann MS. DORMAN:

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1	Dorman. I work for Kaiser Permanente. I'm
2	the senior director at our Care Management
3	Institute and I oversee a portfolio of
4	initiatives for care delivery improvement and
5	innovation like palliative care, transitions,
6	chronic disease management, et cetera. My
7	disclosure is that takes more than all of my
8	time and I have no other disclosures to make.
9	(Laughter)
10	MS. ALLER: Hi, I'm Kathleen Aller
11	with McKesson Provider Technologies. I'm
12	responsible for implementing quality measures
13	developed by others within EHRs and for
14	assisting providers in deploying and using
15	those measures. But I have no involvement in
16	creating them.
17	DR. HEURTIN-ROBERTS: Hello, I'm
18	Suzanne Heurtin-Roberts. I'm with HRSA. My
19	focus is quality improvement and cancer
20	prevention and control. I'm on detail to HRSA
21	from the National Cancer Institute. And the
22	only thing I can think of that would be any

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disclosure is I'm on an interagency HHS committee on quality cancer care and we're working on developing a pilot study of care coordination in cancer care. Otherwise no connections.

DR. LINDEKE: Good morning. 6 I'm 7 Linda Lindeke from Minnesota. I'm a pediatric 8 nurse practitioner on faculty in the School of 9 Nursing at the University of Minnesota in the 10 Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs. It is funded by the Maternal Child 11 12 Health Bureau and we have done a number of 13 projects. I don't see any conflict. I'm not 14 funded on any of these projects but I'm in an advisory capacity to the National Association 15 of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, a couple of 16 AHRQ projects. I'm on the Medical Home 17 18 Advisory Committee for the Academy of 19 Pediatrics and also on an American Nurses 20 Association Congress in Nursing Practice and 21 Economics. 22 DR. AUDET: Anne-Marie Audet. I'm

	Page 16
1	vice president for the Program on Health
2	Quality and Efficiency at the Commonwealth
3	Fund. And my potential conflict is as a
4	funder of many projects that are looking at
5	care coordination. We have our state action
6	to avoid rehospitalization which is looking at
7	care transitions in over a hundred hospitals
8	in three states. We're funding a lot of the -
9	- we have funded measure development in the
10	past, right now we're not doing that, but
11	we're funding some investigators like Steve
12	James, Jerry Anderson, Eric Coleman, so. And
13	in that capacity sometimes I do sit on
14	advisory committees for these projects but
15	otherwise I have no other conflicts.
16	DR. WAKEFIELD: Bonnie Wakefield,
17	I'm an investigator in the Health Services
18	Research Center at the Iowa City VA where we
19	focus on access, rural health and health
20	information technologies. I'm also an
21	associate research professor at the University
22	of Missouri School of Nursing and I have no

disclosures.

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2	MS. LEWIS: Good morning. I'm
3	Julie Lewis. I work for Amedisys which is a
4	national home health and hospice company. I'm
5	their vice president of health policy so my
6	work mostly focuses on developing and piloting
7	alternative payment delivery models. Because
8	I haven't been there long I should probably
9	just add that my most recent job was with
10	Dartmouth and Brookings working on the ACO
11	model. So I probably would have had a lot of
12	conflicts there but I think they're gone now.
13	So nothing to disclose.
14	DR. CARRILLO: Good morning,
15	Emilio Carrillo. I'm vice president for
16	community health at New York Presbyterian
17	Hospital where I'm very much involved with
18	grants, contracts and programs in care
19	coordination with CMS and the state of New
20	York. I'm associate professor of medicine and
21	public health at the Weill Cornell Medical
22	School and sit on the boards of the National

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1	Hispanic Medical Association and the United
2	Way in New York where occasionally there are
3	issues of care coordination that come my way.
4	And I lecture and teach culture competency and
5	cross-cultural communication. I was one of
6	the founders of the quality interactions
7	program.
8	MS. POWELL: I'm Eva Powell with
9	the National Partnership for Women and
10	Families. And just about everything I do
11	these days is related to care coordination so
12	I'll try to hit the high spots. I lead the
13	health IT program at the National Partnership
14	and through that role I provide significant
15	support to ONC specifically on care planning.
16	I also serve on the Quality Measures Work
17	Group under the Health IT Policy Committee.
18	I'm also the co-chair for the Care
19	Coordination Council for the e-Health
20	Initiative. I am serving with Russell on the
21	S&I Framework Transitions of Care Group and
22	have done a number of things with NQF

Page 19 1 including the quality data model, structural 2 measures and some other groups. I also have worked with the National Transitions of Care 3 Collaborative specifically on elements related 4 5 to health IT. And I serve on the Triple Aim 6 faculty with IHI. 7 DR. MCNABNEY: My name is Matt 8 McNabney and I'm a geriatrician at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. And I'm the 9 10 medical director of our PACE program which is the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the 11 12 Elderly, an outstanding care coordination model which I must reveal is a bias I have. 13 I'm also chair of the clinical practice 14 15 committee with the American Geriatric Society and many of our efforts in that committee 16 focus on care coordination and the health care 17 18 home. 19 Hi, I'm James Lee. DR. LEE: I'm 20 a practicing internist from the Everett 21 Clinic. That's north of Seattle, Washington. 22 My current involvement is with our local

Page 20 1 hospital system, Providence Health, in coming 2 up with a LEAN approach, taking care of patients from admission to home. 3 And previously I was involved in the CMS physician 4 5 group demonstration project with the Everett 6 Clinic. And I don't have any conflict to 7 disclose today. 8 MS. LOVE: I'm Denise Love. T'm executive director of the National Association 9 10 of Health Data Organizations. I represent and work with states and private sector data 11 12 agencies who are building large-scale claims databases to measure the cost, quality and 13 14 access of care for market and policy purposes. And so my bias might be that I work with and 15 promote claims databases for measurement for 16 17 public reporting. And we are actively engaged 18 with many states on all-payer claims databases 19 and we are this week and going forward engaged 20 with X12Ns who define implementation guides 21 and core standards for payer-based reporting 22 to state and local health departments. And I

Page 21 have no other conflicts. 1 2 MS. ALEXANDER: Good morning. I'm I'm the chief nursing officer 3 Dana Alexander. 4 with GE Healthcare IT. I do represent GE with 5 its membership for the National Quality Forum although I understand here I am an individual. 6 7 I also chair the Nursing Informatics Working 8 Group Public Policy Committee with AMIA. I am 9 a member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives on their Technology Task Force and 10 also a member of the HIMSS Nursing Committee. 11 12 I do frequent speaking for each of those organizations but with no financial 13 14 reimbursement. Thank you. 15 DR. MALOUIN: Good morning, I'm 16 Jean Malouin with the University of Michigan. I'm the associate chair for clinical programs 17 in family medicine, associate medical director 18 19 for ambulatory care there. And most recently 20 the medical director for our 450-practice 21 statewide PCMH initiative in Michigan. 22 Good morning, Tom Howe, DR. HOWE:

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1	medical director with Aetna with patient
2	management responsibilities. But also was one
3	of the organizers of our National Data
4	Repository which uses existing measures for
5	measurement of Aetna clinical management and
6	referral of that information back to
7	physicians. Also, piloted a PCMH project in
8	New Jersey and an e-prescribing initiative.
9	Other than that I don't think I have any
10	conflicts.
11	DR. LYNN: Good morning, I'm Lorna
12	Lynn. I work for the American Board of
13	Internal Medicine where I have developed a
14	number of practice improvement modules for
15	physicians to use which put together data from
16	charts and patient surveys to give them a
17	picture of the quality of care they provide.
18	Our ongoing initiative for this year is to
19	develop a module on care coordination which
20	Gerri serves on our committee for that. So
21	that's an area of strong interest and we will
22	have a viewpoint on that but are also looking

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1	to learn from here. Other activities I have
2	that might be relevant is I recently was a
3	reviewer for the Pioneer ACO applications. I
4	have a husband who is a consultant for some
5	pharmaceutical companies but I honestly always
6	have to call him and ask them which they are
7	when I fill out a disclosure form.
8	DR. GREENBERG: Hi, I'm Jeff
9	Greenberg. I'm associate medical director at
10	the Brigham and Women's Physician's
11	Organization, part of Brigham and Women's
12	Hospital. I'm also a practicing general
13	internist and I just started practicing at the
14	Brigham's brand new medical home in Boston.
15	And nothing else to disclose.
16	DR. SAMAL: I'm Lipika Samal. I'm
17	also here from Boston, Brigham and Women's.
18	I'm a primary care doctor and researcher, and
19	I'm actually one of the speakers. I'm not a
20	committee member. I have nothing to disclose.
21	MS. HAMMERSMITH: Okay, thank you,
22	everyone. Are there any committee members on

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1	the phone, Lauralei?
2	MS. DORIAN: Not yet. We're
3	working on the phones but we'll check back in
4	a few minutes.
5	MS. HAMMERSMITH: Oh, okay.
6	CO-CHAIR CASEY: The only one
7	person I saw that wasn't here on my list was
8	Mark Leib.
9	MS. HAMMERSMITH: Okay. All
10	right.
11	MS. DORIAN: He'll be calling in.
12	Yes.
13	MS. HAMMERSMITH: Thank you,
14	everyone, for those disclosures. Is there
15	anything that you, based on what you've heard
16	that you want to discuss or any questions you
17	have for each other or of me regarding the
18	disclosures? Okay, thank you. Have a good
19	meeting.
20	MS. DORIAN: Thanks, Ann. And
21	thank you, everyone. We definitely have a
22	very impressive group of people and we're

1 grateful to you for taking the time out of 2 your obviously busy schedules. And thanks to Don and Gerri as well for the leadership 3 you'll certainly be providing throughout the 4 5 day. So what I'm going to do now is 6 7 just go through the agenda of our morning session and afternoon session. 8 This morning 9 you'll hear from Wendy Vernon who introduced herself earlier to talk a little bit about the 10 NPP's relationship to care coordination 11 12 endeavors in the past. And then you'll hear 13 from Don and Gerri who we're lucky enough have 14 been involved a lot in care coordination and 15 performance measures in the past so they can touch upon some of the things that they've 16 17 been involved in, some of the measures that 18 came in, some of the measures that didn't come 19 And then we are going to hear from Lipika in. 20 who will give her presentation on her paper, 21 her annotated outline. And then Arjun is 22 going to talk about the findings of his

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1 environmental scan.

2	And then during the afternoon
3	session it'll be quite an interesting session
4	I think. This is where you guys will really
5	have the opportunity to set the pathway
6	forward for the care coordination call for
7	measures. We'll have a bunch of discussion
8	questions that we can ask you and feel free to
9	throw out questions of your own. We'll start
10	detailing really the pathway forward and shape
11	the specification within the call for measures
12	and see what measures maybe are out there
13	already that we want to encourage to come in.
14	So it should be quite an interesting session.
15	We've already gone over the
16	project with you on the orientation call and
17	I think you've received a lot of documentation
18	already, but just to remind you that this
19	project is broken down into phases. That this
20	first phase really gives you the opportunity
21	to shape the future of care coordination
22	measures and that's what's really exciting

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1	about it. And so we really want to talk about
2	where we want to be. And as you've heard in
3	phase I the environmental scan and white
4	paper. And then in phase II will be when we
5	do receive measures and evaluate them through
6	our CDP process. So does anybody have any
7	questions so far about the schedule for the
8	day or any questions about the project?
9	DR. BURSTIN: I just want to add a
10	tiny bit of additional context. For some of
11	you who have been on NQF committees for awhile
12	this is actually quite different. We rarely
13	have the luxury of sort of a prequel to a
14	project. We really do see this as trying to
15	get to that next set of care coordination
16	measures and you will hear shortly from Don
17	and Gerri about their efforts when they
18	chaired the last committee. And we didn't get
19	as robust a response to that call for measures
20	as we had hoped so I think our thinking this
21	time was let's take the chance. We have the
22	time to actually work with you, think through

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1	what we really need, try to sort of prime the
2	pump of those out there to bring in the
3	measures we think will really add value. So
4	we'll talk more about this, but the idea would
5	be can you help us collectively develop what
6	we're calling a pathway towards getting those
7	measures in which is why we're focusing for
8	example as you'll hear shortly on the paper a
9	lot of the emphasis is on HIT and it's not
10	surprising many of you have experience in HIT.
11	That obviously seems to be a key factor in
12	bringing in measures that would actually get
13	us that broader experience with care
14	coordination.
15	So we'll really be, this is
16	you're not going to have to evaluate measures
17	today, you're not going to do a lot of the
18	usual work of NQF. You will get to do that
19	next time but this is really a chance to set
20	the direction, signal to the measure
21	development field what's needed and then also
22	with the help of Lipika and David Bates and

Page 29 the folks at the Brigham then think about what 1 2 the HIT infrastructure needs that will help us 3 get there. So we may not get all those measures in this cycle, but again you'll at 4 5 least be priming that pathway to bringing in the measures we think really matter. 6 And 7 you'll hear much more about that from Gerri 8 and Don, but for any of you who are used to 9 usual NQF process this is a luxury and I hope we take good advantage of it. 10 Good morning, 11 MS. VERNON: 12 As Helen and Lauralei mentioned I'm everyone. Wendy Vernon and I introduced myself as part 13 14 of the National Priorities Partnership group I've been there since 2007 working 15 at NOF. with the National Priorities Partners on 16 17 providing input most recently to HHS on the 18 National Quality Strategy. And what we wanted 19 to do this morning was just give you sort of 20 an overview of that input so that you, as you 21 go down this pathway of developing your 22 pathway for measures that you have some sense

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1	of sort of where HHS has been in terms of the
2	National Quality Strategy as well as what
3	NPP's most recent input was this past month.
4	So with that let me just get started. Can you
5	go to the next slide?
6	So this is just more broadly NQF's
7	mission but I thought it was important to
8	point out that NPP is convened by the National
9	Quality Forum and has been since its
10	inception. And really NQF's mission, you're
11	really here addressing the second bullet
12	around endorsing national consensus standards
13	sort of leading the path there. But our first
14	bullet there is on building consensus on
15	national priorities and goals. And so at NQF
16	what we really want to make sure is that our
17	work is interconnected and that we're, you
18	know, as these priorities are developed and as
19	our partners support them and others that we
20	make sure that internally we're also doing our
21	best to make sure that those priorities and
22	goals carry through all the work of our

steering committees and that it informs your 1 2 work moving forward. 3 The third priority area or the 4 third mission, sorry, piece was around then 5 promoting the attainment of national goals 6 through education and outreach. So not only 7 do we need to set the priorities and goals but 8 obviously to also help to achieve them through 9 the work that we do at NQF. So the next slide. 10 So just a quick overview of NPP. 11 12 Most of you are probably familiar, some of you have participated in a lot of the work that 13 14 we've done over the past several years. Some of you are actually, or your organizations are 15 16 on the National Priorities Partnership but 17 again convened by the NOF. We have about 48 18 leaders, soon to be 51. We just had a call 19 for nominations over the summer and we're 20 waiting for board approval to add additional 21 federal partners to this group as well as a 22 couple of new partners. But really as with

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Page 32 all of NQF's work aims to be multi-stakeholder 1 2 to the greatest extent possible so we include consumers, purchasers, various quality 3 alliances. We want to make sure we have a 4 5 healthy representation of health care professionals and providers, and really more 6 7 recently have been looking to broaden our 8 scope beyond the health care delivery system 9 and really make sure that we're getting into 10 more state-based organizations. We have the National Association of Medicaid Directors, 11 12 also looking at engaging community work more 13 fully, and then certainly health plans and 14 industry representatives. And then you see our federal partners at the bottom there. 15 NPP 16 currently co-chaired by Bernie Rosof and Helen 17 Darling. Next slide. So initially when NPP was formed 18 19 there wasn't any type of legislative mandate 20 around priority-setting, it was -- really the 21 NOF board felt that this was a void in the

area, that we needed national priorities and

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1	some type of common or shared goals to really
2	help us identify what to measure, what was
3	important, what we should all be working on.
4	There are a lot of signals in the field of
5	various sort of competing priorities. And so
6	in 2008 NPP released its initial report with
7	six priority areas but then in 2010 with the
8	Affordable Care Act there was language in
9	there about developing a National Quality
10	Strategy with multi-stakeholder input. And so
11	HHS contracted with NQF to convene the
12	National Priorities Partnership with the goal
13	of really having some type of national
14	strategy that again would be able to
15	coordinate and align public and private sector
16	efforts to get everyone sort of rowing in the
17	same direction so to speak. Next slide.
18	So with that late last year, so
19	about a year ago HHS came to NQF again and
20	said we need input on this National Quality
21	Strategy that's to be released in early 2011.
22	And so we provided input. We were pleased to

Page 34 see that in March when the National Quality 1 2 Strategy was released that there was pretty good -- that the priorities and the goals were 3 fairly well informed by what NPP had 4 5 recommended to HHS with a couple of exceptions which I can talk about sort of as we go 6 7 through the different priority areas. But 8 then this past year then after the release of 9 the National Quality Strategy they came back to NPP and really wanted more information on 10 some more specifics around goals and measures, 11 12 some strategic opportunities for how we might get there and really again to help them make 13 14 it more actionable. So they acknowledged that the first National Quality Strategy was a step 15 in the right direction but that it really 16 needed to be made a little more actionable. 17 So that was where we focused our efforts this 18 And the next slide. 19 year. 20 And really before we get into the 21 priorities and goals I just wanted to mention 22 quickly there are three sets of strategies

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1	that you might want to take a look at in your
2	spare time. I know you've gotten a lot of
3	reading for this meeting and you have plenty
4	of other things to read but really wanted to
5	make sure that we focused on sort of building
6	these three areas out. And certainly they all
7	hinge on the ability to measure well or
8	support measurement. So really emphasizing
9	that we need some type of national strategy
10	for data collection and measurement and
11	reporting, that we need supports for community
12	infrastructure to be able to undertake
13	improvement efforts, that we can't just, you
14	know, say here are priorities and goals,
15	everyone go forth and do this when we
16	obviously have a lot of infrastructure needs
17	that need to be met. And then third,
18	recognizing that much of this will not come to
19	fruition if we don't have payment delivery
20	system reform that supports the achievement of
21	these priorities and goals.
22	So as we sat down to do the work

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1	over this past year of really looking at the
2	six priority areas that were in the National
3	Quality Strategy we had a lot of discussions
4	about what the goals should look like. And
5	these were sort of our guiding principles.
6	They may help you as you think through your
7	work as well. But one of the biggest things
8	that we talked about was striking a balance
9	between sort of more immediate and longer term
10	priorities and goals. And what this really
11	sort of boiled down to was aspirational versus
12	achievable. Are we shooting for the moon, you
13	know, are we asking for too much. And I
14	think, you know, early on with NPP there
15	really was this need to really let's aim for
16	what we want and not be timid. This wasn't a
17	time for timidity, that you know we do have
18	some goals where I think the path is
19	relatively clear of, you know, good evidence
20	of success but it's still not widespread
21	enough. And so we certainly want to continue
22	to focus on some of those areas like around,
Page 37 you know, safety and infections and things 1 2 like that. But that there really is so much more that we could and should be doing. 3 So I 4 think you'll see as we go through the 5 priorities and the goals that they really tend to take on, particularly I think in the care 6 7 coordination and person- and family-centered 8 care areas that they really tend to take on 9 more of an aspirational where do we want to 10 They really wanted to make sure that we be. focused more on health outcomes as opposed to 11 12 processes, that we tend to a lot of the times and I think this came out in much of our care 13 14 coordination work in 2010 when we had our Care Coordination Work Group convening meeting, you 15 know, we tend to get in discussing a lot about 16 adults and the elderly, and we really need to 17 make sure that we're thinking across the 18 19 entire life span and taking into account 20 children and their needs. 21 Health equity was huge and is 22 always a big point of discussion and we wanted

Page 38 to make sure that we kept that front and 1 2 center, that this wasn't just about improving averages, this was about also closing the gap 3 between the best performing and those patients 4 5 and populations that really need improvement desperately. Again, I think with the addition 6 7 of the partners that extend beyond the walls 8 of the health care system, wanted to make sure 9 that we were thinking more broadly beyond 10 health care delivery. So certainly in the priority areas that focus more on population 11 12 health you'll see that a little bit more, that we tried to have goals that extended beyond 13 14 health care which of course, you know, people don't live in the health care delivery system 15 16 so it's important to meet them where they live. And then really emphasizing this need 17 to have flexibility of approaches, that we 18 19 can't dictate necessarily from the federal 20 level how we will achieve these things, that 21 states and communities really need to have the 22 flexibility to be innovative and to meet the

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1	needs of their specific populations depending
2	on what their needs are.
3	So this is our rendition of the
4	Triple Aim essentially, or the three aims.
5	We're not allowed to call it the Triple Aim.
6	But you're probably all very familiar with
7	this, Better Care, Affordable Care, and
8	Healthy People/Healthy Communities. And in
9	the middle you'll see these are the priority
10	areas of the National Quality Strategy. They
11	are all in the middle because they are all
12	they all have some impact on each of the three
13	areas, they're all interrelated. We don't see
14	plucking one priority out necessarily and just
15	talking about the goals within that priority
16	area. And you'll see sort of as I think
17	this is the one area where I could dive into
18	each and every one of these areas and figure
19	out how it, you know, care coordination is so
20	critically important in all of them. So what
21	I'm going to focus on today a little more in
22	detail is the person- and family-centered care

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1	and the effective communication and care
2	coordination priority areas, but you'll see
3	how obviously all of these are impacted by
4	care coordination. So the next slide.
5	So this is the first priority area
6	and I'm going to go through these pretty
7	quickly but you have them and certainly if you
8	have any other questions about the specifics
9	I'm happy to answer them. But essentially for
10	the first two priority areas, for health and
11	well-being and then for the preventing and
12	treatment of the leading causes of mortality
13	which will be on the next slide, the
14	subcommittee that was focused on this really
15	wanted to make sure that we got at three
16	different levels of improvement, that we
17	focused on things that could be done at the
18	community level, community-level supports,
19	policies, those types of things, things that
20	could be achieved by individuals that were
21	really focused on healthy lifestyle behaviors,
22	and then things that could be impacted by the

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1	delivery of clinical preventive services. And
2	so obviously when you look at the measure
3	concepts and some of the things that NPP was
4	encouraging HHS to look to when selecting
5	measures you can see things that very clearly
6	need improved care coordination, mental
7	health, oral health. So any type of
8	prevention activity certainly you need to have
9	effective care coordination.
10	So the next slide is really
11	getting at the prevention and treatment of
12	cardiovascular disease. HHS indicated and now
13	they have a Million Hearts initiative that's
14	geared at really improving cardiovascular
15	disease. And so again you'll see that three-
16	part goal strategy around community
17	interventions, healthy lifestyle behaviors and
18	clinical preventive services. And really
19	emphasizing there addressing tobacco use,
20	making sure that there's better control for
21	patients who have high blood pressure and high
22	cholesterol, that we address some of the

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dietary problems that people have access to
healthy foods, et cetera.
The next one is patient safety and
I sort of wish that I'd flipped the slides
again. I thought about that this morning when
I woke up. But because the original NPP work
included admissions or preventable
readmissions in the care coordination priority
area but as the National Quality Strategy came
out HHS really framed this more under safety
and so we included it there as well. And so
this really mirrors the work of the
Partnership for Patients that's currently
underway through HHS and CMMI. And so NPP
decided we really just need to reinforce the
work that's going on there. But in addition
to emphasizing hospital readmissions which is
what the Partnership for Patients is focusing
on, NPP really felt it was important to focus
also on hospital admissions. So looking at
admissions for ambulatory-sensitive
conditions, obviously also a strong need for

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care coordination there.

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2	And then the other thing that we
3	wanted to do was, in addition to the areas of
4	safety, the healthcare-associated conditions
5	that HHS had identified with the Partnership
6	for Patients which are in very fine print at
7	the bottom, but they're things like
8	healthcare-associated infections and UTI and
9	bloodstream infections and falls and pressure
10	ulcers. Really wanted to make sure that we
11	also tackled some of these areas of
12	inappropriate care that can also be harmful to
13	patients. So that's where you see the
14	inappropriate medication use in polypharmacy,
15	some of the inappropriate maternity care which
16	was the work of NPP's earlier overuse work
17	group.
18	And then before we launch into the
19	two priority areas which I felt like were
20	really important to this work in terms of
21	affordable care this is a priority area on its
22	own. HHS had not really got a lot of detail

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1	in the National Quality Strategy around
2	affordable care and so this group really spent
3	a lot of time talking about what was going to
4	be important to patients and to employers and
5	to the federal government. And so we looked
6	a lot at things that got at consumer
7	affordability and insurance coverage and
8	whether patients were able to obtain needed
9	care in addition to sort of those bigger
10	numbers around, you know, our continually
11	escalating health care expenditures nationally
12	and at the state level.
13	So as we looked to patient- and
14	family-centered care this is really I think
15	one of the areas where care coordination is
16	obviously critically important. The care
17	needs to be focused on the patient to ensure
18	that they have a positive experience of care
19	and that they're getting high-quality and safe
20	care, that their care is accessible, all of
21	those things very important for this group to
22	consider I think. Using a shared decision-

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1	making process and developing care plans,
2	really enabling patients and their families to
3	navigate and coordinate their care. And these
4	actually mirror the original goals of NPP.
5	It's things that NPP partners have really been
6	espousing for several years and I think these
7	really resonate with the field as things that
8	are important. As we got into measure
9	concepts, you know, we certainly had some
10	areas around experience that we can look to.
11	Really wanted to start to get into whether
12	patients felt like they had the confidence to
13	manage chronic conditions and I think before
14	I even go to the next slide, these two really
15	I think emphasize how interrelated these two
16	priority areas are because it was really hard
17	for the subcommittee that worked on this to
18	sort of tease them apart. So it's kind of
19	like where can we HHS asked us for three
20	goals for priority area, two measures per
21	goal, and it was sort of like where can we get
22	in these various concepts that we feel are so

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1	important while sticking to this, you know,
2	wanting to have a parsimonious set and not
3	really I think, you know, they really could
4	have gone much broader and included a lot more
5	goals, but really trying to keep it to a
6	limited number used I think these two
7	priority areas to really try to get in a lot
8	of important concepts. And I think as you go
9	through talking about what your pathway
10	forward is I hope that this will be sort of
11	helpful in seeing where NPP feels like the
12	important areas are and how we might be able
13	to get there. So the next slide.
14	This focuses on, and it's played
15	out a lot more in detail in the report but
16	certainly looking at some of the measure gap
17	areas and where NPP felt like more nationally
18	there were gaps. And this is probably an
19	important place to stop and talk about the
20	types of measures that NPP was really looking
21	at. So HHS wanted measures to monitor
22	national progress. So when we looked at what

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1	types of measures to recommend back to them we
2	really looked at things that were already
3	reported in like AHRQ's health care and
4	disparities report and some of the
5	Commonwealth Fund reports that come out,
6	things that are already out there that have
7	been in use for awhile to look at some of
8	these things. So, you know, as you go through
9	your work obviously the and I have a slide
10	that will play this out in a moment in a
11	little more detail but you know, what types of
12	things at the provider or the health care
13	professional level when you're thinking about
14	accountability could help to support those.
15	So in terms of these measure gaps what NPP was
16	really wanting to see was that we would have
17	sort of this national composite of really how
18	patients and families are experiencing their
19	care, that we would have some national
20	indicator of the breadth of use of experience
21	surveys, and that we would have a national
22	type of measure to really assess whether

Page 48 1 patients have these longitudinal care plans 2 across time that aren't just, you know, discharge plans as they're coming out of the 3 4 hospital and that they integrate shared 5 decision-making. So really in this area the 6 NPP felt like there was a lot of room for 7 measure development in terms of what we would 8 want to measure progress by at a much bigger 9 sort of population level which I think is 10 different from what you will probably be looking at in your work, but I hope that this 11 12 can help to sort of guide that a little bit. So, for effective communication 13 and care coordination got into a lot of 14 discussion about the importance of the quality 15 of care transitions and communications across 16 17 Wanted to ensure that we, and this settings. is where the earlier work of NPP had a 18 19 priority area focused on palliative and end of 20 life care which did not make it into the 21 National Quality Strategy. So NPP felt it was 22 important to, you know, provide input to HHS

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1	on the priority areas as they come out in the
2	National Quality Strategy, but to continue to
3	emphasize the importance of palliative care,
4	end of life care, really looking at the care
5	that patients with chronic illness and
6	disability need. And so this was if you will
7	sort of that got snuck in I guess you could
8	say. So wanting to make sure that the care
9	coordination, I think this came out in the NPP
10	work that we did, was really in the eyes of
11	the recipient, that it's not something care
12	transitions or good care coordination is not
13	what we say it is, it's what the patients
14	experience and what they feel they have been
15	prepared to do and to manage. And so you know
16	a lot of that gets back to quality of life and
17	experience.
18	And then the third goal area is
19	really a challenging one and it was really
20	trying to push this notion of how do we get at
21	this shared accountability. And obviously
22	there's a lot of work going on in this area

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1	right now but really how do we determine
2	whether there is better communication. How do
3	we determine whether there's good coordination
4	between the health care delivery system and
5	the community resources and supports? How do
б	monitor that and watch for improvement there?
7	And so I think that again is an area of
8	difficulty for measurement, I think, but
9	hopefully we're starting to blaze new trails
10	there.
11	So you can see some of the measure
12	concepts again. We wanted to incorporate some
13	of the earlier palliative work. NQF does have
14	a palliative steering committee doing work
15	there. So, but you can sort of see
16	emphasizing again care transitions and control
17	of chronic diseases, and really looking again
18	at those outcomes.
19	In terms of measure gaps, again,
20	you know, we have measures of experience of
21	care transitions, Eric Coleman's measure, but
22	it's not something that we're really able to

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1	look at yet at a broader population level and
2	so that's really what NPP was desirous to see,
3	if there are measures out there that can sort
4	of look more broadly at how as a nation we're
5	doing. How as a nation are we doing with
6	having complete transition records? Are we
7	doing better with chronic disease control?
8	How are we doing in providing care that's
9	concordant with patient's wishes, whether end
10	of life or other? And so a lot of work to be
11	done here and a lot of blank spaces where, in
12	some of the other areas, for the health and
13	well-being areas for example we had a lot that
14	we could pull from because there are a lot of
15	measures that are being reported at the
16	national level through Healthy People 2020 for
17	example that we could sort of say these are
18	things that we would like to emphasize as part
19	of the National Quality Strategy. But in this
20	area really still rather limited in what we
21	could pull from. So, the next slide.
22	So, this is my very rudimentary

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1	slide. And some of you may hear us talk about
2	a measurement cascade, or rolling up and
3	rolling down of measures. And it's very small
4	print, but essentially what we're trying to
5	demonstrate here is that we have these
6	national goals. So if the national goal is
7	around, you know, improving patient experience
8	across the board, that nationally wouldn't it
9	be great if a hundred percent of our patient
10	population experienced positive care
11	transitions. Then what does that mean needs
12	to happen at a state level, at a health plan
13	level? What would we need to measure at a
14	provider level, at a clinician level or even
15	at a patient consumer level? Which is, you
16	know, the patient-consumer is sort of
17	throughout this. But on the far right side
18	all of those boxes going down really stem from
19	that top one, that you know, states could
20	measure how their patient populations are
21	doing on care transitions. Health plans could
22	look at their populations and how they're

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1	doing. Providers, clinicians, all of those
2	could look at that as sort of a guiding star
3	of what's important. But then you might also
4	think about are there standard things that are
5	being included in care plans, and are health
6	plans ensuring that their network providers
7	are including those. I can't even read my own
8	things there now, that's really sad. But
9	essentially what we're trying to show here is
10	that it may not be that what's measured at a
11	national level is what we need to measure at
12	a provider. I think there are opportunities
13	where it could be. But what at a
14	provider/clinician level would feed into that?
15	So what are the most essential things that we
16	would want to measure to ensure that we had
17	positive care transitions for all of our
18	patients? So again, very rudimentary and not
19	in any way evidence-based, it was just my
20	thought process. So if you go back to it keep
21	that in mind.
22	This slide really just sort of

Page 54 1 encompasses the sort of vision for the 2 National Quality Strategy is that really we 3 get on the same page. We're all working towards the same things, we're all rowing the 4 5 same directions. And so I won't belabor this but just wanted to include it to demonstrate 6 7 that we're really hoping that we start to see 8 unified signals. We've seen some good 9 evidence so far. I think, Helen, you were the 10 one who discovered SAMHSA's framework that they had developed for their patient 11 12 population which mirrored the National Quality Strategy to a tee. They basically took the 13 14 goals of the National Quality Strategy and the 15 work that we were doing at the time with our 16 Healthy People/Healthy Communities 17 subcommittee and looked at it for their So for care coordination or for 18 population. 19 the safety area, for example, for readmissions 20 they wanted to see the patient populations 21 that are most important to SAMHSA, how are 22 they doing with readmissions and preventable

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1	readmissions. How are they doing on some of
2	these other areas. So it was really, really
3	promising to see that and hope that we
4	continue to see more examples of how, you
5	know, federal but also the private sector is
6	embracing this and starting to align behind
7	it.
8	I think there's one more slide.
9	This just essentially wanted to communicate
10	sort of that at NQF and as part of the
11	measurement enterprise sort of how we see the
12	priorities kind of being the starting point
13	of, you know, what are the goal areas that we
14	want to make sure we emphasize. We also have
15	a list of high-impact conditions. And then as
16	we go through, how does that inform the
17	endorsement process which is why we feel it's
18	important to make sure that we sort of set up
19	the work of these steering committees with
20	just a brief overview of the NPP and the
21	National Quality Strategy. And then how does
22	that trickle down and how what's needed at

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1	various levels with the electronic data
2	platform and aligning environmental drivers.
3	And you can see some of the other work that
4	NQF is undertaking to try to get all of this
5	sort of moving in this same direction, and
6	that all of our various work is aligned around
7	these. So I think with that I will stop.
8	I've used all my time.
9	MS. DORIAN: Thank you. Does
10	anybody have any questions for Wendy? And by
11	the way, we have asked for the heat to be
12	turned up in case of you are feeling chilly.
13	DR. CARRILLO: Very comprehensive
14	and really aligns very nicely. I do have a
15	comment. And you know, kind of like the horse
16	is out of the barn so it's just probably a
17	comment. It's that in, you know, almost 10
18	years ago the Institute of Medicine's Unequal
19	Care showed that we have a huge problem in
20	this country with inequities in care. And as
21	the IOM pointed out a lot of that, a
22	significant portion of that is driven by

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1	communication. And so when we talk about
2	effective communication and care coordination
3	I really see very little if anything about
4	cross-cultural communication, cultural
5	competency, health literacy, language
б	interpretation, translation which are huge,
7	huge issues. So, again, there is mention of
8	cultural sensitivity, there are the patient-
9	centered goals, but I think that more
10	attention to that would have been positive.
11	CO-CHAIR CASEY: I think that's a
12	great point, Juan, and something that, you
13	know, when we talked about it before in the
14	previous steering committee it did come up in
15	spades but I don't think it made it with the
16	clarity that you're asking for, and I think
17	that's something we've got to keep in mind
18	throughout this deliberation, so thank you.
19	DR. BURSTIN: I'll also just add
20	that Nicole is actually leading our parallel
21	disparities committee which is doing a call
22	for crosscutting measures. Actually, Emilio

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1	was the chair of our Cultural Competency and
2	Disparities Committee this last round so we
3	actually specifically wanted him on this
4	committee to make sure we made those
5	connections as well to the disparities and
6	cultural competency side. But again, you
7	know, if you know of particular areas and
8	measures that would be appropriate we could
9	easily figure out which project to bring them
10	to.
11	MS. DORIAN: Okay, I think with
12	that thank you very much, Wendy. I'll hand it
13	over to Don and Gerri now to go through some
14	past work.
15	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Okay, we're
16	entering now the background and context-
17	setting which Wendy just started for us with
18	the National Priorities Partnership. And
19	again, I think as we look around the room we
20	have tremendous expertise and diversity. And
21	I think Don and I would like to emphasize what
22	Helen started us out with. It is an

Page 59 extraordinary opportunity here somewhat 1 2 In NQF's usual processes is for us unusual. to be able to step back and look at the work 3 that's gone on in care coordination and to 4 5 rethink, reframe, revise if we need to, add to it in terms of setting a direction for a 6 7 measurement of care coordination. Again, if 8 we take a look at the stages of the work ahead 9 of us today is really that process of what do 10 we want in terms of setting that pathway towards the call for measures, the evaluation 11 12 of measures and to invite all of us to think about what is meaningful measurement of care 13 14 coordination. So where have we been, where do 15 we want to go and to set the pathway. 16 So this morning what Don and I are going to start off with is a little bit of the 17 18 background on the initial work on the steering 19 committee. We have individuals in our group 20 who sat on that steering committee and so we 21 will also draw from that experience. But what 22 we also want to do is lay out for you the

Page 60 1 assumptions that we made and some of the 2 general premises not so that we can put them in stone and say this is the way we need to 3 4 proceed, but to open them up and say do they 5 still make sense. In this stage of moving 6 forward do we still support those premises, 7 should they be guiding principles, do we want 8 to add to them, and so forth. So we're going 9 to do some context work here and invite all of 10 you to join in. And then we will have the invited papers which will then lead into the 11 12 afternoon and the afternoon will be our 13 discussion of setting that pathway forward. 14 So before I go through these slides, Don, would you like to? 15 16 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Well, I echo 17 Gerri's sentiments about having you. This is 18 a great group. And you know, I sort of view 19 the work as in two parts, just to summarize. 20 And I think if we could put Wendy's slide 28 21 back up that might help because I think that's an excellent sort of framework for us to think 22

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1	about is that? I'm sorry, the next one.
2	Yes.
3	So, there are really two parts to
4	the work we're doing, and one is that there's
5	going to be a very specific focus on that
б	second set of boxes there around performance
7	measurement and the NQF endorsement process.
8	So that will be a major part of the work we
9	will do. And as you know, one of the goals is
10	to frame the request for measure submission.
11	But then I think throughout the work now when
12	we do the performance measure evaluation and
13	afterward you're going to really sort of help
14	us look at that entire slide vis-a-vis all the
15	different moving parts that are up there, not
16	to so much reconstruct everything, but to
17	build on it, to enhance it, to add things like
18	Emilio mentioned so the we continue to move
19	forward with this for the future. I'm glad
20	the room next door agrees with me.
21	(Laughter)
22	CO-CHAIR CASEY: I planned that
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1	perfectly. That what you're really trying to
2	do is to inform current and future measure
3	developers in this field to bring forward new
4	strategies, innovations, the implementation of
5	information systems to help us achieve those
6	goals that Wendy talked about. And I think
7	those are really the two important priorities
8	to keep in your mind throughout this. That
9	first part will be very technical, that
10	performance measure evaluation and we have
11	certain rules and criteria that we use to
12	evaluate that. So you'll, if you're not
13	familiar with this, need to become very
14	familiar with it. So I just think, Gerri,
15	having that two-part mindset always in tow
16	will be important throughout this process.
17	CO-CHAIR LAMB: We would encourage
18	you as we go through these discussions this
19	morning, jot down notes for yourselves so that
20	when we get to the roadmap we can really kind
21	of pull in all of those pieces as well. Can
22	you move forward on the slides, please? Okay.

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1	The earlier work that you have in
2	your packets go back one, please. There we
3	go. Okay. The previous consensus report, the
4	2010 report which you have was very much
5	framed by the work that happened in 2006, the
6	NQF definition and framework for measuring and
7	reporting care coordination. And we'll hit
8	the highlights of that in just a bit. The
9	importance of that is it really did frame the
10	call for measures and the evaluation of the
11	measures. And Karen and Christine, as members
12	of that committee if you want to jump in
13	anywhere you just feel free. And so having
14	that definition and the domains of care
15	coordination was really foundational to the
16	work in the 2010 report.
17	And then as we get into the 2010
18	report we're going to draw your attention not
19	only to the measures that were submitted and
20	the ones that were sent forward for
21	recommendation but where some of the strengths
22	and the gaps were as well, plus the premises.

Page 64 And we in the first committee spent a lot of 1 2 time talking about those premises, what would be the quiding principles that would assist us 3 in the evaluation. So we wanted to highlight 4 5 some of those for you as well. Next slide. Okay, just a reminder, this is the 6 7 NQF-endorsed definition and it goes with the 8 framework. It is that in that document that 9 guided the call for measures as well as the 10 review of the measures care coordination is a function that helps ensure that the patient's 11 12 needs and preferences for health services and information-sharing across people, functions 13 14 and sites are met over time. And as I'm sure all of you know there's been a lot of writing 15 and discussion on definitions of care 16 coordination and we'll be hearing more about 17 18 that later in the invited papers in terms of 19 what are -- what are being looked at in terms 20 of the components of care coordination, the 21 domains, so that we can also look at do we 22 want to add anything, think anything is

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1	missing from the way that it has been defined
2	in the past. As Don was saying, the intent
3	here is not to start from scratch, it is
4	really to build and refine on what has gone
5	before. Next one.
6	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Gerri, could I
7	just?
8	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Of course.
9	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Before you do
10	that maybe as the, I guess, historian, go
11	back. In 2006, if you could go back to the
12	last slide. Thank you. We were actually what
13	is referred to as a technical expert panel,
14	not a steering committee, and we were
15	subservient to a steering committee that was
16	looking at a whole host of global measures.
17	And as I think I mentioned on the call, when
18	we put the call out for measures I think we
19	got two or three and we adopted I think one or
20	two. I think the CTM3 measure put forward by
21	Eric Coleman was one of those. But it was
22	very clear to us as, and I was the chair, not

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1	the expert. There were a lot of experts as we
2	went around the room thinking about this.
3	Even the experts couldn't define very clearly
4	amongst themselves what care coordination was
5	and couldn't articulate where they thought
б	real opportunities for measurement were that
7	were explicitly available in the environment.
8	So you know, I do think that this carried us
9	forward into the steering committee that was
10	the last one. But I think that's important to
11	mention, that this has been a total work in
12	progress, and the amount of work that we've
13	accomplished in the past five years has been
14	enormous but really still very much a starting
15	point. So just recall that this is, again,
16	thoughtfully put together with a lot of input
17	from the membership, voted upon and agreed
18	upon by NQF.
19	CO-CHAIR LAMB: To add to that
20	too, those of you who are familiar with the
21	AHRQ Atlas on care coordination measures
22	probably remember that in the opening pages

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1	they talked about reviewing more than 40
2	definitions of care coordination and creating
3	an amalgam that we'll see later. So again, to
4	echo this is emergent. It's also, as we all
5	know, moving very quickly. Next slide.
6	Going back to the endorsed
7	definition and framework. These are the five
8	key domains that were identified in the 2006
9	work and these again were the domains that
10	guided the call for measures as well as
11	practices. We have health care home, plan of
12	care, communication, information systems and
13	transitions. Might note here in terms of the
14	previous work there has been a lot of
15	discussion of transitions and that focus has
16	received a lot of attention. But as you can
17	see the framework has five domains and we'll
18	go into a little bit more about the measures
19	that were received. Also, if you go back to
20	the definition in framework there is a
21	definition of each of these domains and a
22	description of them. Those are also I

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1	believe, and Nicole can correct me, are also
2	in the consensus report. Next slide.
3	So the intent here as Don has said
4	was to of the first committee that resulted
5	in the 2010 report was to set the stage. It
6	was also to accelerate future work so that it
7	was meant as a base. And we have the benefit
8	of having that work but not to be limited by
9	it. Some of the areas that we wanted just to
10	go through so that we could revisit them
11	later, and if you have comments please, you
12	know, make them, is that if you look on pages
13	39, 40 and 41 of the consensus report and we
14	would encourage you to take a look at that,
15	there were some foundational premises that the
16	first committee established related to care
17	coordination that also framed the review of
18	the performance measures. And we'll hit just
19	a couple of them here but they are outlined
20	and described on 39, 40 and 41.
21	The first premise was that care
22	coordination was relevant to all patients. So

Page 69 1 that what drove the thinking was that all 2 patients needed some aspect, some degree of care coordination, okay, and that it, number 3 two, varied in intensity. So that there was 4 5 considerable discussion as we'll get into 6 later this afternoon about care coordination, 7 case management, how do we titrate for risk 8 levels and to be able to at least for this 9 first kind of pass at this work we set the premise that care coordination existed on a 10 continuum of intensity and that we were not 11 12 going to segment out case management practice, okay? So that it allowed us to look at care 13 14 coordination as a whole rather than beginning to say what's care coordination that everybody 15 16 needs, what's case management, how are we 17 going to risk adjust so that we could stay 18 focused and look at care coordination, 19 understanding that we really did not address 20 case management and risk level in great 21 detail. So far so good? Okay. And that care coordination could 22

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1	be a function that existed, could be delivered
2	at the individual team and the organizational
3	level. And so with all those implications for
4	measurement. And consistent I think with what
5	you heard Wendy say is that the first steering
6	committee felt that the patient and family
7	experience and perspective on care
8	coordination had to be front and center, that
9	that was absolutely critical to this work.
10	We also did have another
11	assumption related to outcomes, the focus on
12	outcomes and to guide the measurement work was
13	to focus on those aspects of care coordination
14	that had evidence linking them to important
15	value-laden outcomes. We also had an area
16	importantly that we affectionately labeled the
17	gray zone in terms of what we wanted to start
18	with in terms of care coordination measures.
19	And as you'll see, after the call for measures
20	77 measures were submitted. And some of them
21	were condition-specific, some of them were
22	specifically about appointment-keeping or

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1	making, some of them were following treatment
2	guidelines. And to get our arms around what
3	is this thing called care coordination because
4	we agreed that it could be linked to so many
5	things that, you know, making appointments,
6	yes, it is part of it. However, where do we
7	want to focus meaningful measurement? So for
8	this starting work we established that the
9	measures needed to cross providers and
10	settings so that in some way it approached
11	that whole aspect of care coordination that
12	happens at the intersection between providers
13	and settings. It's not merely following
14	treatment guidelines. Important, but that was
15	not the centrality of care coordination. And
16	so you can see our effort and the struggle we
17	had in terms of centering on what is important
18	about care coordination. And so for the
19	purposes of this first go-around we said the
20	measures that were sent in, if they were only
21	did we follow treatment guidelines, that
22	didn't capture where we were going. If it was

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1	making an appointment for somebody after they
2	left the hospital, important, but it wasn't
3	where we wanted to center, okay? And again,
4	we're throwing out these assumptions and gray
5	areas for your deliberation and our
6	deliberation together about where do we want
7	to be. Don or Karen or Chris?
8	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Well, I Gerri,
9	thank you for putting this backdrop together
10	because I think it helps. I would totally
11	agree with this framework and I will say that
12	to take your points ahead a little bit further
13	this challenge of having very shall I say
14	strong-willed experts around the table who are
15	very good at what they do in their own context
16	was something that we struggled with because
17	everyone had their own perspective. And I
18	think what we ended up trying to challenge the
19	group with is to get out of that for the
20	moment and try to put in the center what the
21	team would look like and understand that for
22	example, I'll make it up because I practiced
Page 73 1 primary care for 20 years, that a primary care 2 physician ought to be really, really good at some of the things that he or she thinks 3 aren't necessarily part of their job to do to 4 5 coordinate care. So I'm just giving you that example as something that we tried to think 6 7 about in terms of making this crosscutting across the traditional boundaries of how we 8 9 coordinate care now. And so it's not to say 10 that one is not important than the other but to bring that sort of equality to the 11 12 forefront so that at any moment in time whoever is dealing with the patient directly 13 14 is in part taking the lead for helping the patient make decisions about how to coordinate 15 16 care better. 17 DR. BURSTIN: I just one 18 additional thing to add. I think many of the 19 measures we saw last time that were condition-20 specific were actually more about referral to 21 specialists. So if you've been seeing an ED

and you've had a headache you should have seen

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1	a neurologist. If you've had X you should see
2	so-and-so. And I think our feeling with that
3	did not feel care coordination-like at all and
4	very far off scope for the people who are also
5	around the table and the expertise they
6	brought to the table. So we tabled, for the
7	most part said those didn't fit. But I want
8	to be a little careful about things like
9	appointment-making or keeping because there
10	actually may be really important aspects in
11	there that would be really important. If you
12	think about, you know, Bill's role from the
13	ED, ensuring that follow-up got done, or
14	ensuring that somebody leaves the hospital and
15	has that appointment, or has some kind of
16	follow-up may be generalizable enough and
17	important enough that I think we'd want to
18	even potentially consider those.
19	I know Anne-Marie supported some
20	work that NCQA and Hopkins had done about
21	closing the referral loop, very broad-based
22	kinds of concepts. I don't want them to think

Page 75 those are off the table, but you know, I think 1 2 we're trying to stay out of the box of every condition, every specialty having a slightly 3 4 different way to approach this and try to keep 5 this sort of very important national quality strategy as very crosscutting. 6 7 CO-CHAIR CASEY: You know, Helen, 8 that's a great example of one of the 9 challenges we had. Because our discussion was okay, so you've made an appointment for this 10 11 person and this person has the appointment. 12 And so, you know, that was kind of Now what? like the measure didn't capture the now what, 13 14 and so that's why I think what Helen is trying to say is appointments are really important to 15 care coordination but we've got to know what 16 else is going on to be sure things are carried 17 18 forward. So we were trying to be 19 intentionally I think thoughtful about being 20 sure that we didn't make just the transactions 21 in and of themselves the measure of care 22 coordination alone, that it had to fit with

something else.

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2	I also believe that the other part
3	that I continually remind myself about was
4	piqued by Emilio's challenge about disparities
5	because I was scratching my head going damn,
6	I thought we worked on that. And so let me
7	refer to page 38 of the document. And Helen,
8	this is something that I think we probably
9	need to do a little bit more work with on the
10	committee with Lauralei is that we started by
11	also calling out existing NQF-endorsed
12	measures and frameworks. And so you'll see,
13	Emilio, that we looked very closely at the
14	cultural competency measures that were in
15	here, the preferred practices I should say,
16	and included them in this document. So I just
17	think we need to call out the continuous
18	update of the NQF treasure trove now.
19	And you can see other examples of
20	it. For example, on page 17 there are
21	opportunities for measurement based upon
22	existing measures that might not have been

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1	initially endorsed specifically for care
2	coordination but may actually fit the paradigm
3	going forward of being supportive of that. So
4	you know, we've got I think my final
5	message here is we've got a lot of opportunity
6	to look at what we've got and just try to
7	coordinate that better. So.
8	MS. KLOTZ: Yes, I just wanted to,
9	having participated in that steering committee
10	just kind of reiterate what you're saying.
11	There was some frustration, I think, amongst
12	all of us as we looked at the number of
13	measures that came in and realized how few
14	really looked at the issue of care
15	coordination. And I'm hopeful that in the
16	couple of years that have gone by since those
17	that maybe some people who were looking at
18	those in a more narrow way have now really
19	understood that they have to look at it for
20	the full connection of that coordination loop
21	and that maybe this time we'll get something
22	good.

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1	CO-CHAIR CASEY: You know, Chris,
2	Chris was really great. I think we were in
3	one of the subgroups together and I think that
4	you know the other opportunity we had in that
5	context was we didn't just sweep the measures
6	away. What we did was we provided very
7	thoughtful and constructive feedback to the
8	measure developers who brought measures
9	forward to say can you just go back and start
10	re-framing this part of what you're looking
11	at. And I think, Helen, that is another
12	opportunity for us is to give constructive
13	feedback to measure developers who bring
14	things forward, who don't quite get across the
15	threshold of us bringing them for endorsement,
16	but could give them actual guidance by saying
17	look at this or add this. So I think that's
18	another rule to keep in mind here that's a
19	little nuanced but is something that I think
20	we should.
21	DR. BURSTIN: Well, and actually
22	one very concrete example. Last year Brandeis

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1	did some work for CMS as part of a measure
2	they had put forward to us on readmissions,
3	follow-up care and preventable ED use. And
4	the committee at the time just looked at it
5	and said, you know, we get the readmission
6	part, we understand why you may want a
7	composite that looks at ED use in follow-up
8	but as stand-alones there are lots of issues
9	with both those measures. So we agreed they
10	were reasonable as sort of a control of the
11	overall measure, but as an example of the
12	measure that was follow-up I think it was
13	within I think 10 days after the
14	hospitalization. One of the main concerns
15	actually raised by a lot of the leading people
16	in care coordination said but you don't need
17	a doctor visit. I mean, this could be in your
18	home, this could be a home care visit.
19	There's no way, that that measure just didn't
20	reach the bar because they were so exclusively
21	focused on was there a CPT code for an in-
22	office visit. So those are opportunities for

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1	us to go back to developers like that as well
2	and say, you know, this actually could be a
3	very useful measure if you thought more
4	broadly and conceptually of what care
5	coordination could really bring to the table.
6	DR. GREENBERG: Yes, I wonder if -
7	- is there any thought to doing this in phases
8	similar to the way meaningful use was done in
9	phases with sort of low bars in phase I that
10	get progressively more intensive over time?
11	Some of the measures that you seem to be
12	tossing off I think would do a lot of good in
13	the short term. Making sure that sick
14	patients do have a follow-up in a short period
15	of time with the right provider would I think
16	benefit a lot of patients and would force
17	providers to improve their access which is a
18	huge problem at least for I think many people.
19	So sure, we'd rather know that they're doing
20	medication reconciliation and filling out a
21	care plan and doing all sorts of things, but
22	you know, if by next year or a couple of years

Page 81 1 we just knew that patients were getting 2 appropriate follow-up I think we'd be in a much better place than we are right now. 3 And maybe think about these other things down the 4 5 road once IT systems are set up that we can use to ensure those things and hold people 6 7 accountable. 8 CO-CHAIR LAMB: I think, you know, 9 that's an excellent point. And if we think 10 about this work in terms of opportunity and incremental build I would also suggest that if 11 12 we begin to take a look at the patientcenteredness piece is what are those critical 13 14 junctures that are important to the patient. Is, you know, perhaps from the flow of care 15 16 getting an appointment is meaningful but from 17 a patient's point of view is it the most 18 meaningful piece. And I think that's some of 19 the deliberation that we need to have is what 20 would it mean to raise the bar and push this 21 work forward to the next stage, understanding 22 that this is going to evolve. Even the

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1	thinking about care coordination has advanced
2	dramatically since we started the work on the
3	2010. I think that there's so much national
4	emphasis on it right now that people are
5	really focused on what is this experience.
6	And I think all of us have had the experience
7	of family members coming to us and saying this
8	did not feel coordinated, this was not a
9	coherent experience, what is this all about.
10	So, point well taken but let's also think
11	about what that bar is from the patient.
12	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Yes, I think your
13	point is something we actually struggle with
14	all the time at NQF. And let me say that the
15	big challenge now in the criteria for
16	evaluation is to be sure as best we can that
17	there is evidentiary linkage to a patient-
18	centered outcome. And so that is going to be
19	the challenge. I think what you're talking
20	about is a more fundamental paradigm and it's,
21	this is oversimplified, but we talk about
22	measures for what we call accountability which

Page 83 1 includes public reporting and a whole host of 2 other strategies that relate to trying to determine the focus of actually moving things 3 That is different from the measures 4 forward. 5 for quality improvement where we're measuring it because it helps us identify opportunities 6 7 in our practice to do X, Y and Z. And I think 8 that, you know, ultimately the consensus 9 development process is going to be much more 10 focused on the accountability side of it. And that means the closer there are real proven 11 12 linkages to patient-centered outcomes the So that's always the push and pull, 13 better. 14 and I don't think NQF ever says no to anything 15 you're saying. I think it's just a challenge 16 because of the scope of the work to be sure we 17 have that counterbalancing understanding of what the work is. 18 19 Just to build on DR. BURSTIN: 20 that, I'd also make the point that all of our 21 measures are up for reevaluation every three 22 years as part of our maintenance process. So

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1	it clearly could be that a measure may work
2	now and in three years it'll be like, whoa,
3	that's certainly outlived its usefulness and
4	the committee, especially as we and we
5	talked about this a little on the orientation
6	call, but we'll talk about this more as we get
7	into actual measures. We've also been raising
8	the bar of our criteria. It is harder to get
9	a measure endorsed now certainly than it was
10	three years ago. That old measure of
11	discharge instructions for CHF which
12	essentially became a checkbox measure was
13	removed from endorsement several years ago by
14	NQF saying it's not a valid indicator of or
15	I guess it's being reviewed. It's being
16	reviewed right now. We removed the smoking
17	measure several years ago and it was not,
18	obviously, not a valid indicator of did you
19	actually do smoking cessation counseling.
20	Our surgery committee, for
21	example, just looked at all the SCIP measures.
22	There's a SCIP measure that says did you order

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1	VTE prophylaxis and there's a measure that
2	said did you administer VTE prophylaxis. Well
3	they said ordering is gone. You know, we
4	don't care anymore. We really only care if
5	it's administered.
6	So it is a different model. I
7	think we are moving towards measures that are
8	really as much as we can proximal to the
9	outcome, less distal, lots of narrow process
10	steps. And there may be opportunities. If a
11	measure meets the bar now, that's fine. It
12	may not need to live forever. It's fine if a
13	measure has a life and then a better measure
14	or more advanced measure comes forward.
15	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Yes, and this is
16	an example of where taking that discipline
17	back to the measure developer by saying keep
18	working on this is useful feedback still. So,
19	yes.
20	DR. LEE: And on that subject of
21	taking small steps, for us folks who are
22	taking care of patients day to day with care

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1	management program, currently the system is
2	built around medical condition. You know, a
3	complex patient with heart failure, for
4	example. And there's been a lot of experience
5	learned doing so and people are in the process
6	of replicating across different conditions.
7	You know, but of course more research needed
8	to show that structure works. And so tiny
9	steps sounds perfectly reasonable and perhaps
10	even consider condition-based approach as our
11	first step.
12	DR. MCNABNEY: I have another
13	comment, sort of building on the type of
14	outcomes that would be pursued with regard to
15	patient preferences and patient
16	accountability. So how might we measure how
17	coordinatable a patient is? So we can
18	establish we can establish outcomes that
19	may be not achievable because the patients
20	themselves either prefer or just are not
21	manageable or are not capable of adhering to
22	well-coordinated care. And I think we need to

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1	not, certainly not let providers or systems
2	off the hook by any stretch, but have a
3	measure or strive for a measure that
4	demonstrates that that was evaluated, you
5	know, measured in some way and documented
6	because, you know, like James, working with a
7	lot of people that the best efforts, their
8	care is not able to be coordinated and then
9	the outcomes are therefore bad.
10	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Yes, I think it's
11	a great question and really, really important.
12	And something we struggled with before. And
13	to the extent that you can define some sort of
14	standardized elements that might relate to
15	patient-level characteristics I think that may
16	be important, especially if we get into this
17	notion of risk adjustment. But for the, you
18	know, experiential part of this we've all had
19	patients who, you know, despite our best
20	intention are upset with a lot of other things
21	besides us and don't want to be bothered with
22	anything that we ask them to do so it seems.

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1	So I think you're talking to the choir here
2	about this and I do think in the area of
3	accountability it's a sensitivity to, from my
4	perspective, being fair to the people that
5	actually have to do the work, that at least in
6	their own minds some of it is beyond their
7	control, quote unquote. So I think having
8	that sensitivity is important and will come
9	into our discussions.
10	DR. WHITE: Can I ask a quick
11	question also? We talked a little bit about
12	special populations with cultural competency
13	but what about behavioral health? Because in
14	my experience that's a huge barrier that if
15	you can't address that you can't address the
16	rest of it.
17	DR. BURSTIN: There seems to be a
18	lot of projects we're launching these days.
19	We're also about to launch a behavioral
20	health/mental health project. So, again,
21	we've tried to keep this somewhat separate but
22	I think this is very fair game particularly in

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1	this committee about sort of the interstices.
2	So people who sort of fall between mental
3	health/primary care kinds of issues, those
4	coordination approaches I think would be fine
5	here as well. And we can you know have that
6	other committee take a look at those as well.
7	Those are obviously critically important and
8	were a hallmark of that SAMHSA framework that
9	they put forward as well.
10	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Just a request. I
11	think Eva, is it Eva? Eva's idea of putting
12	your card up so that we can kind of track
13	people. The other thing is remember that
14	after you finish speaking please turn off your
15	mic because it blocks other people. I think
16	Eva, you were next.
17	MS. POWELL: Thanks. I'll put out
18	a suggestion and it's just something I've been
19	thinking about lately. And it is relative to
20	all of the other comments as well. Of course,
21	the problem that we're trying to solve is how
22	do we standardize something that will rarely

Page 90 1 if ever be an actual standardized process 2 because care coordination depends on all of the various and sundry individual needs of an 3 4 individual patient. And I've thought for some 5 time that one way to approach this that's a little bit different, it's still though I 6 7 think a process measure would be to measure 8 according to a care plan. In other words, I haven't been able to think of a scenario where 9 a care plan would not be appropriate for a 10 patient. And so even the healthiest patient 11 12 still needs to go to the dentist twice a year, 13 get a mammogram, get a pap smear. So, if that 14 can be a point of standardization and then measure against the care plan then that might 15 be a way to approach this. 16 17 Now, of course part of the problem 18 with that is that there is no such thing as a 19 longitudinal shared care plan yet. We tried 20 to work that into the meaningful use stage II 21 and I've never heard such weeping and gnashing 22 of teeth in my life, so. So there's a lot of

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1	work to be done there. But it seems like that
2	would be a way to get at these issues of
3	accountability because that would be something
4	that would need to be built into a care plan
5	as being very specific about this is the step,
6	this is when it needs to be done by and this
7	is the person who's responsible, and then
8	using technology to assess at a certain point
9	of time did this stuff happen and that can get
10	it out of the manual mode of actual people
11	having to go through and measure. But I don't
12	know how to do that. But it seems like that's
13	a little bit different approach while it's
14	still kind of a process measure.
15	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So let me see if
16	this helps because I think, again, that that's
17	an excellent point and something we struggled
18	with. I would say that it is difficult given
19	the diversity as I'll call it of the way care
20	coordination gets done now to expect that
21	we're going to have a one-size-fits-all
22	because communities are different in terms of

Page 92 1 the resources they have as an example. Ι 2 mean, Chris was very helpful in her mind in terms of helping us clarify that. 3 But the 4 outcomes, the expected outcomes should be the 5 prize, do you see what I mean? So if there are five different ways to get to the expected 6 7 outcomes that's really what we're looking for. 8 As far as the process goes, again 9 I'm going to challenge you to think about 10 whether the process that's in place could achieve the expected outcome. Do you know 11 In other words we have a lot of 12 what I mean? process that we think theoretically is a great 13 14 idea and it sometimes makes people feel good, but is it necessarily tangibly proven to be a 15 16 benefit. And we're not expecting perfection 17 here, but to the extent that we can have that 18 linkage then that can be a positive support of 19 what we're trying to do. 20 DR. AUDET: So actually that was 21 my point which was made before so I'm glad you 22 brought it up right now. I distinguish

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1	enablers and actual functions, and I think
2	what I'm hearing is we're really not
3	interested in enablers per se. Making an
4	appointment is an enabler. If you don't make
5	an appointment you cannot have care
6	coordination. These are just the basic
7	enabling capacity. But we really want to go
8	to the next stages as I think what you were
9	saying here, also have the relationship
10	between having an enabler is essential but not
11	sufficient. We need to see what else is
12	there.
13	DR. CARRILLO: Yes, I wanted to
14	build on some of the points that Matthew made
15	about the issue of fairness and complexity and
16	doing leveling. And you know, it's the old
17	20/80 rule. I mean, 20 percent of the
18	patients bring about 80 percent of the cost.
19	And we have to be mindful of health reform, we
20	have to be mindful of the pickle that Medicare
21	and CMS are in. So I think that for us to
22	inform the nation we need to be mindful of

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1	that and the most severely impaired and
2	disadvantaged patients are something that we
3	should be looking at. And it can be looked
4	at. In New York state working with CMS
5	there's a program that is called Health Home
6	where there's a leveling in terms of care
7	coordination for patients that are severely
8	persistently mentally ill, patients that have
9	three chronic conditions, two chronic
10	conditions, all of the above, and different
11	reimbursements for care management. I mean,
12	there's actually a reimbursement for care
13	management functions. So I think that we need
14	to keep our eyes on the prize and think about
15	the very high-need patients that need linking
16	with housing resources, linking with rehab, et
17	cetera, et cetera. So I wanted just to amend
18	that to what Matthew said.
19	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Perhaps as we get
20	into the afternoon we can come back to that
21	because I think your point speaks to the issue
22	that we were dealing with before which is how

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1	does the high-risk individual fit into this
2	measurement pattern. If we deal with an
3	assumption that all patients require some
4	aspect of care coordination but there are some
5	groups that need very in-depth complex care
6	coordination and how do we deal with that.
7	And whether we would still adhere to that
8	assumption of keeping it as a continuum versus
9	separating it out. Can I get the next slide?
10	We just have just a few more.
11	Okay, just so that you have a
12	sense of where things ended with the first
13	stage is that after the call for measures 77
14	measures were submitted, and ultimately 10
15	were recommended for endorsement and endorsed.
16	And take a look there in terms of the five
17	domains that came out of the framework. Only
18	two domains were addressed in the new endorsed
19	measures, plan of care which I think Eva was
20	talking to before and transitions. There were
21	no measures that were recommended for
22	endorsement in the health care home, in

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1	communication, and information systems. So
2	that again this is fertile ground for
3	discussion this afternoon in terms of where do
4	we want to be going, what are the issues. And
5	as you go back through the consensus report
6	you'll see a lot of dialogue about what the
7	issues were and what measures were submitted
8	that were not recommended for endorsement.
9	Last slide.
10	I think it's the last one, yes, is
11	overall this work, the 2010 consensus report,
12	really was establishing a foundation,
13	beginning to build on the definition and
14	framework and define an infrastructure for
15	care coordination as in the health care home,
16	the plan of care. And it did identify as we
17	just talked about the need for high-risk care
18	coordination measures although at that time we
19	made a decision to keep them linked in.
20	Process-wise it was seen as a start. There
21	were a few measures that moved forward but it
22	began to establish that context of what's

Page 97 1 important, what isn't important, and now 2 several years later the recommendations we may make may build on that, they may be different. 3 4 And as you saw from the measures that went 5 forward, transitional care measures have been better developed, better thought of, you know, 6 7 in terms of the work that's been done in the 8 past linking them to outcomes. And then 9 again, outcomes is a start and if you looked 10 at the paper that came out of the workshop on care coordination there are issues with some 11 12 of the outcome measures like preventable That has been one that has 13 hospitalization. been the focus of a lot of dialogue whether 14 15 there is consistency in the way that that's 16 being measured. 17 So overall a good start. I think we deliberated on lots of critical issues, 18 19 tried to get our thinking down for future 20 So hopefully it will be helpful as we work. 21 go to this next stage in looking at how do we 22 want to advance the field.

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1	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Gerri, just let
2	me make one more point and that relates to the
3	preferred practices. I think that when we
4	started working on this with Nicole we were
5	getting lots of sort of quasi-anecdotal or
6	published examples of strategies that didn't
7	fit measurements. So I would encourage you
8	all to really get seriously familiar with the
9	preferred practices as well. I think
10	obviously our focus here is on measures but
11	part of the challenge was that we got lots of
12	great ideas at least in terms of the things
13	that you're doing as an example including some
14	of the things Emilio was talking about like
15	behavioral health, children with special
16	needs, et cetera, et cetera. So embedded in
17	the preferred practices is a lot of rich data
18	on sort of the things that we pulled out of
19	all this wisdom that actually was also quite
20	extensive. So pay attention to that as well.
21	I think we're at the break, Lauralei?
22	MS. DORIAN: Yes. Right in time

Page 99 for morning tea. 1 2 CO-CHAIR CASEY: So what time do we want to be back? About 10 minutes? 3 4 MS. DORIAN: Yes, I'd say about 10 5 minutes. 6 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Okay, great. 7 Thanks. 8 MS. DORIAN: Thank you. 9 (Whereupon, the foregoing matter went off the record at 10:51 a.m. and resumed 10 11 at 11:12 a.m.) 12 MS. DORIAN: Okay. Lipika? Can 13 you just test the mic for me quickly? 14 DR. SAMAL: Testing. Okay. 15 MS. DORIAN: Okay, so over to you. DR. SAMAL: I didn't think I 16 17 needed this but maybe I do, this is a big 18 room. 19 MS. DORIAN: I'd like to remind 20 everybody as well that you should have the 21 annotated outline for the commission paper in 22 your folders that you've received. Yes, in

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1	your folders. So you might want to take that
2	out and follow along. And feel free to start.
3	DR. SAMAL: Okay. So my name is
4	Lipika Samal. I am a primary care doctor and
5	researcher at Brigham and Women's Hospital.
6	I'm working with David Bates who's the chief
7	of my division and he's very involved with
8	this project. He's unable to make it today.
9	And the other three members of our team, one
10	is going to present right after me, that's
11	Arjun Venkatesh and there's also Omar Hasan
12	who's a hospitalist in general medicine and
13	Lynn Volk who is an expert in quality
14	measurement.
15	So just to orient you to the
16	process here, this is really meant to garner
17	feedback from you. This report is going to be
18	partially completed in a month. So basically
19	the first draft is due in a month and the idea
20	is for the paper to be available to you when
21	you're evaluating measures in the next phase.
22	So what I'd like you to do is to

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1	take out the outline which is in your folder,
2	and I think you've located that, and I have 20
3	minutes. So I did not include all of the
4	information in the outline in the slides but
5	I'm going to ask you to write comments on this
б	outline. I'm going to collect it from you
7	afterward. You can also email me later but I
8	just think this is a better way to make use of
9	our 20 minutes that we have and then we'll
10	have 30 minutes for questions but it will be
11	combined between me and Arjun Venkatesh. So
12	just to make sure that I get all of your
13	comments so that we can make this as useful as
14	possible.
15	So basically the goals here as I
16	just said are to provide guidance to the
17	steering committee and we want to identify
18	areas where using clinical information systems
19	or health information technology may improve
20	upon existing measures. And so just this
21	bullet point here, I just wanted to say
22	basically you know we've up until now mostly

Page 102 depended on insurance claims, patient-reported 1 2 measures such as surveys and chart review 3 which are, patient-reported and chart review 4 are very costly, time-consuming. Insurance 5 claims in lieu of a shared payer database you know are prone to measurement error from dual 6 7 coverage or changes in coverage. So there are 8 reasons why electronic measures could 9 potentially be an improvement over our current 10 And then the last bullet point measures. here, condition-specific. So many of our 11 12 measures are condition-specific. And you know, we're talking about care coordination 13 which can include the idea of a condition 14 coordinated over time for an individual but 15 also should include cross-condition 16 17 coordination and cross-setting. But cross-18 setting as everyone has been saying has been 19 emphasized. 20 So I really don't have time to do 21 a background section unfortunately. Page 3 of 22 your packet is kind of the, I mean it is the

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1	outline of what I would envision as the
2	background section. So if you could just, you
3	know, take a look at that. If you have any
4	ideas of other things that would help to set
5	the stage or orient the reader let me know.
6	I purposefully kept it really limited because
7	I just felt like that was, it was too broad an
8	area to really, to spend a lot of time on in
9	the paper. So basically I'm just going to go
10	through one slide on meaningful use and then
11	I'll jump into the other areas. So I'll spend
12	about five minutes talking about data needs
13	and five minutes talking about current
14	capabilities and then five minutes talking
15	about each of these two sections.
16	So, many of the people in the room
17	are very intimately aware of meaningful use
18	and basically the things I wanted to just
19	emphasize in this slide were that in the core
20	set there's one explicit measure of care
21	coordination and that is a measure of transfer
22	of information across care transitions. And

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1	you know, as we were just talking about,
2	that's not all that there is to care
3	coordination. And so there are a number of
4	other measures that are related and they're
5	categorized and they're under different
6	headings. And I think that's really important
7	to remember as people are talking about
8	meaningful use and talking about care
9	coordination in the same sentence. The stage
10	1 menu set includes medication reconciliation
11	and a summary of care record which are two
12	other I would say tasks/data needs. And as
13	far as I know and if someone here was on the
14	committee they could correct me. I believe
15	these were initially part of the core set for
16	stage 1. Who was it that was saying they were
17	on the meaningful use committee? I couldn't
18	see you. Okay. Do you know were these
19	initially part of the core set? These two,
20	medication reconciliation, summary of care
21	record?
22	MS. POWELL: I believe that they

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1	were. I think med rec was optional
2	DR. SAMAL: Okay, yes. Because my
3	understanding was there were a number of
4	things that had started out as being not
5	optional and had been moved to optional
6	because organizations just did not feel they
7	would be able to meet those. This is what we
8	were talking about with the exactly. Okay,
9	yes. Exactly. Exactly. So organizations did
10	not feel that it was reasonable to include
11	everything in the not optional and that's kind
12	of what Jeff Greenberg was talking about
13	before with an incremental approach.
14	And then what's exciting is the
15	stage 2 proposed set does include measures for
16	a number of other care coordination concepts.
17	But once again, this is all going to be
18	interplay between organizational priorities
19	and you know of course all the things that
20	guide that, and federal regulation. So that's
21	all I'm going to say about that. Obviously
22	it's a very truncated background section. And

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1	if anyone wants to make any further comments
2	about that or anyone? Okay. Let's go on
3	then.
4	So the first section begins on
5	page 4 of your outline. You know, as of right
6	now it's titled Data Needs. So this is the
7	area where we could shoot for the moon as
8	Wendy Vernon was saying before. This is the
9	area where we want to identify all of the
10	different data elements and also what I
11	consider to be aspects of data which are
12	really important for care coordination
13	measurement. So what I call core clinical
14	data elements, I don't know if there's a
15	better word for this. The problem was
16	allergies and medication lists. It's sort of
17	like very small set of information that you'd
18	really want to have when transitioning care.
19	It's obviously not enough information when
20	you're talking about caring for the whole
21	patient and across the life spectrum in care
22	transitions. So comprehensive care planning,

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1	I just put that bullet there to remind me to
2	talk about the idea that we're talking across
3	conditions, we're talking about a person's
4	entire lifetime. And communication across
5	settings is sort of one of the sticking points
6	in health information systems.
7	So I just, on both of these slides
8	cited these two papers which were two of the
9	only ones that I felt they were, you know,
10	this one is a primary research investigation
11	and this one's a systematic review. I would
12	be open to suggestions from others of other
13	places in the literature where I could find
14	primary data about these concepts. There's a
15	lot of papers that are thought pieces. There
16	are not a lot of papers that have really gone
17	out to practices as they did in the Ann
18	O'Malley paper, or looked at a number of
19	different types of computer discharge
20	summaries as they did in this paper. And so
21	really that's what I'm looking for here is
22	trying to find scientific data behind the data

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needs and current capabilities.

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2 So first of all, the top bullet and sub-bullets are related to this Motamedi 3 paper where I thought it was interesting. 4 5 When they looked across the literature and 6 they did a systematic review of the literature 7 they found these, what I consider aspects of 8 high-quality discharge summaries which are 9 somewhat subjective. Providers talked about 10 discharge summaries being comprehensive, brief, brief is very important, and legible 11 12 which is a problem that is solved by health 13 information systems. Another thing that was 14 discussed there and in other venues is the fact that there's often not a record of 15 16 patient education in discharge summary and so 17 that's a really important part of discharging 18 a patient but there isn't really a place to 19 record that in our records often. And that's 20 I think an artifact of our paper charting 21 methods. 22 The second bullet here is, you
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1	know, just basically like a laundry list of
2	functionality to support different tasks. So
3	thinking about what we want to do with
4	medication reconciliation. We want to really
5	raise the bar there and go beyond what we've
6	done in the past. We want to track laboratory
7	tests from the time that they are even
8	conceptualized to the time the order is
9	written on paper or put into a computer system
10	through the result coming back to the provider
11	and the result being communicated to the
12	patient. This is what people call loop
13	closure. And we don't really have
14	functionality to support all these tasks yet
15	but that's something we're thinking ahead that
16	we really like. And tracking referrals, I
17	think we talked a lot about tracking referrals
18	but once again, this is about loop closure.
19	So making sure that all of the players,
20	including the family and patient, understand
21	what the specialist said, what the generalist
22	is going to handle, what the specialist is

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1	going to handle and all those concepts.
2	And then population-oriented tools
3	which I think sometimes people don't include
4	under care coordination but I think definitely
5	should be because when you are talking about
6	like a disease registry for example you know
7	the action that you take once you have that
8	information in front of you is actually care
9	coordination on the individual level. So
10	that's a tool to manage a population. But
11	every time you look at that list and say this
12	patient hasn't had such and such, that's the
13	care coordination. So we need that data and
14	then we also need tools to support those
15	tasks. So, all right.
16	So just to stop before going into
17	the current capabilities. Did anyone want to
18	just right now let me know if I've missed any
19	data needs that you think are important to
20	cover? Or if there's other places in the
21	literature, organizational experience. Are
22	you raising your hand?

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MS. LOVE: I think an emerging
data source and under 1(b) I made a note that
consideration or mention of the statewide all-
payer claims databases.
DR. SAMAL: Yes.
MS. LOVE: Even though they may
not be fruitful today I am hopeful that they
should be encouraged in this document
somewhere, but that the vision would include
them for future measures. Because they do
bring across payers and providers, all the
data and all the utilization data.
DR. SAMAL: Yes, I understand what
you're saying. Are there any sources either
in academic literature or organizational
experience that I could use to write about
that?
MS. LOVE: I would refer you first
to the APCDcouncil.org site where we have a
lot of Commonwealth papers out there that
states have been using to build that business
case.

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1	DR. SAMAL: Okay.
2	MS. LOVE: And then I can probably
3	find some other papers and send you some
4	links.
5	DR. SAMAL: Great.
6	MS. LOVE: But we're trying to put
7	a compendium on the APCDcouncil.org site.
8	DR. SAMAL: Great. Great. Yes, I
9	think that's very important, especially as we
10	get into the barriers and we talk about lack
11	of interoperability I think that's really
12	important. Yes.
13	DR. AUDET: Two small items. One
14	on your clinical information characteristics
15	of desirable information, comprehensive,
16	brief, legible.
17	DR. SAMAL: Yes.
18	DR. AUDET: I think it would be
19	great to get a bit more specific about brief,
20	such as really what's really important is what
21	are the items that need followed up and by
22	when.

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1	DR. SAMAL: Okay.
2	DR. AUDET: And another source of
3	it's not going to be scientific data
4	because I think some of this is still in pilot
5	but there's, there are two groups that I think
6	you might want to touch base on that are doing
7	a lot of testing of these measures. And one
8	is the Premier. They're doing a lot of
9	piloting of measures. And they're trying to
10	get at some of these care coordination
11	measures and patient-reported outcomes. And
12	the other one is the Dartmouth collaborative
13	on accountable care organizations. So these
14	are two kind of test pools or test beds. So
15	you may not, it's not published literature
16	yet.
17	DR. SAMAL: Well, I mean, that's
18	part of the problem I'm running into is
19	there's not a lot of published literature. So
20	whatever is out there, you know, it would be
21	good to bring as much of that together as we
22	can. All right. Great. I'm so glad people

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1	are participating. Oh, yes.
2	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Just a point of
3	clarification. In the section on data needs.
4	DR. SAMAL: Yes.
5	CO-CHAIR LAMB: It's framed as
6	functionality to support care coordination
7	tasks. And so if these are the supports I'm
8	interpreting them as structural antecedents,
9	that you have to have them in place to
10	actually track whatever is measured related to
11	care coordination. So is there also a section
12	here in terms of what the data needs are going
13	to be for the care coordination measures?
14	DR. SAMAL: Okay, I see what
15	you're saying. So in other words, well, I'm
16	not totally sure what you're saying. Are you
17	saying if I talk about these as structure,
18	like the Donabedian structure-process-outcome,
19	then I also need to talk about the process
20	that you go through and then from that would
21	come all of the data elements that you would
22	measure. Is that right?

Page 115 1 CO-CHAIR LAMB: Not necessarily 2 the process, but if these are the pieces that you need in place to be able to track what's 3 important, what about the discussion about 4 5 what is actually tracked related to the 6 quality of care coordination and the outcome. 7 Okay, I see what DR. SAMAL: 8 you're saying. So come out with all of the 9 actual data elements from each of these. Okay. That makes sense. 10 DR. CARRILLO: Yes, in terms of 11 12 data needs, thinking about the customer. Who is using the data and who needs to input the 13 14 data. Particularly in dealing with the highrisk, high-cost patients the community-based 15 16 resources are very important. Community-based 17 organizations --18 DR. SAMAL: Right. 19 DR. CARRILLO: -- behavioral 20 services, social services. And it's a real 21 challenge. I mean, clinicians have been, 22 nurses and doctors and hospitals have been

Page 116 working on this for a long, long time. 1 2 DR. SAMAL: Right. DR. CARRILLO: But for us to be 3 successful we need to be able to have 4 interoperability with this whole sea of 5 6 resources --7 DR. SAMAL: Yes. 8 DR. CARRILLO: -- that are for the 9 most part not very much technically oriented. 10 So that's an important need that I don't know to what extent it's been looked at, but 11 12 certainly in New York state people are 13 wrestling with it at all levels of care. 14 DR. SAMAL: Yes, that's right. 15 And so you're saying that even if it's not, if they don't have electronic records in those 16 17 organizations we need to somehow be able to 18 capture the information. 19 DR. CARRILLO: You know, a CDR, 20 you know, how are we going to project the 21 information. And also what information we 22 need from them.

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1	DR. SAMAL: Right, right.
2	DR. CARRILLO: I mean, could it
3	just be faxing something that is secure? I
4	mean, how are we going to get that information
5	that may not be an EMR but that it's
6	desperately important?
7	DR. SAMAL: Yes, definitely. And
8	I know that some organizations are using
9	electronic records. Like there's something
10	called Efforts to Outcomes someone I know uses
11	in their orientation, so.
12	DR. CARRILLO: So, I mean if fax
13	technology is what's available to some of
14	these critical services that we need to
15	coordinate care with is there a way of
16	integrating that kind of lower tech data into
17	our data exchange?
18	DR. SAMAL: That makes sense, yes.
19	Okay.
20	MS. KLOTZ: And one other thing
21	here. You mentioned the importance of patient
22	education, and that brings to my thought

Page 118 patient understanding. I mean it's one thing 1 2 to have done education but does the patient I don't know if there are any 3 understand. 4 measures of that. The only one that comes to 5 mind might be the patient activation measure that would at least give you a sense of the 6 7 individual's readiness to understand and take 8 responsibility. 9 DR. SAMAL: Yes. I mean, there are actually a lot of validated measures about 10 the patient-provider relationship, trust, 11 12 communication, knowledge, efficacy and things 13 like that. So I mean that's a really good 14 point, that could be incorporated as well. 15 In terms of what's DR. LEFTWICH: coming or likely coming, the clinical 16 information model work group in the S&I 17 Framework that I co-chaired concluded that the 18 19 medication list, the problem list, the allergy 20 and intolerance list and patient demographics 21 should be core data elements that are in every 22 document that's part of a transition of care,

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1	close loop referral, hospital discharge
2	summary and the patient instructions from the
3	hospital discharge. That was presented to the
4	HIT Standards Committee two months ago and
5	they indicated two weeks ago that that would
6	be their recommendation for states to have
7	meaningful use, that that functionality be
8	part of the requirement for an EHR to be
9	certified for that. So.
10	DR. SAMAL: Okay.
11	DR. LEFTWICH: And those are
12	defined down to data elements that will make
13	it interoperable between systems.
14	DR. SAMAL: Great.
15	DR. LEFTWICH: And include some
16	additional data elements from what's been
17	there previously like the date of
18	reconciliation on the medication list, the
19	problem list and who reconciled them. The
20	identity of the primary care physician and the
21	demographics.
22	DR. SAMAL: So now it's just been

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1	approved. So where would I find that like
2	online or what would I look under to find
3	that?
4	DR. LEFTWICH: The Standards and
5	Interoperability Framework has a wiki that's
6	siframework.org with all of their work. The
7	HIT Standards Committee and Policy Committees
8	have recordings of all of their meetings.
9	DR. SAMAL: Right, I saw that on
10	the website. Okay, great. So that was just
11	approved because I'd seen some stuff from July
12	and August. Okay, great, thank you. That's
13	very useful.
14	DR. LYNN: Just one last thing
15	over here. Hello. It may be implicit in what
16	you're talking about but in terms of patient
17	perspective I think you also, with care
18	coordination you have to include family
19	perspective.
20	DR. SAMAL: Yes, yes. Of course,
21	yes.
22	MS. ALEXANDER: I'm sorry. I

Page 121 1 wanted to make a point too to keep in mind 2 regarding discharge summaries. And that thinking about the discharge summary from the 3 perspective of the care team and based upon a 4 5 plan of care, and not solely upon the 6 perspective of the physician discharge 7 summary. 8 DR. SAMAL: Right. 9 MS. ALEXANDER: Particularly in 10 your previous slide when you were talking about the patient education is often not 11 12 included in the discharge summary because it's 13 not documented. Well often patient education 14 is documented but it is not included in the 15 physician discharge summary. 16 DR. SAMAL: Exactly, so it's in the nursing clinical documentation. 17 MS. ALEXANDER: Yes or it could be 18 19 other clinicians too such as PT, speech, that 20 type of thing. 21 Right, right. Okay, DR. SAMAL: 22 that's a really good point. Okay. Yes.

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1	MS. POWELL: Another comment just
2	to go along with that is it may be helpful
3	just to kind of take a step well, it
4	depends. If you're looking at what is
5	existing out there now this may not be the
6	case, but to the degree you're trying to set
7	a path forward part of the problem with this
8	has been a lot of the same information is in
9	a lot of various and sundry different
10	documents and this is something we ran into in
11	the context of meaningful use. The comment
12	was made that there's really not a lot of
13	value to a discharge summary without a plan.
14	So the idea is let's have one document that's
15	a discharge summary and plan, and that then
16	brings value in and you've eliminated one
17	document. So I guess the larger framing for
18	my comment is I think part of what we need to
19	do is not figure out how to put what we're
20	doing now into electronic format but take a
21	step back and say how is what we're doing now
22	not helpful, and how is it a lot of rework.

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1	And let's look at how can what information
2	is necessary at what points in time to whom,
3	and let's design as few documents or as few
4	presentations of information as possible that
5	can give that valuable information when and
6	where it's needed. So that's my first point.
7	Then the second point would be on
8	the comprehensive care plan, and this is
9	another place where, again, my mind just
10	naturally gravitates toward this as like the
11	primo document from which pieces can be taken
12	for specific purposes. But then I think part
13	of the care plan really has to be and it
14	really needs to start with a goal. And that
15	needs probably to be an element of information
16	that goes across whatever documents or
17	whatever care settings there are. The high-
18	level goals, not just clinical but also
19	patient goals because those are two very
20	different things. And then that can become a
21	frame of reference for actual specific actions
22	related to care coordination.

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1	DR. SAMAL: And so when you say
2	"goals" do you mean goals along the lines of
3	like a clinical goal for the patient, or a
4	goal like a very broad goal, like I want to be
5	able to live on my own again?
6	MS. POWELL: Both. And I think
7	that's part of what makes this hard. I think
8	of this in a similar way to what Wendy talked
9	about in terms of the cascading of measures.
10	What is the ultimate clinical goal for this
11	patient who has terminal cancer? It's not
12	cure, it's palliative care. And so then what
13	does that mean, and what does that mean for
14	each member of the care team, who's
15	responsible for what, what are the roles of
16	the patient and family, and then what are the
17	goals for the family in that circumstance.
18	And then again kind of the cascading so that
19	people understand this is the overall care
20	plan but underneath that umbrella of the
21	longitudinal shared care plan then each
22	individual discipline or person or area of

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1	look on page 18 of Preferred Practices you can
2	see a lot of what you're talking about. So I
3	would again harken back to what's there. And
4	some of the things you're talking about
5	because I didn't process them all may actually
6	not be all there so how do we enhance that.
7	But I think both the committee and yourself
8	should really use this as a structure to help
9	inform what you're talking about.
10	DR. SAMAL: Yes, okay, definitely.
11	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So Linda had her
12	hand up.
13	DR. LINDEKE: I wanted to raise
14	one point. It's not, I haven't read about it
15	here but in my clinician role working with
16	premature infants at discharge I'm very
17	fortunate compared to Gerri, we really do
18	start at the beginning of this story with
19	pregnancy and all that. But we talk a great
20	deal and it does come into these summaries
21	about risk because we're sending discharge
22	summaries about unique physiology, a

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1	combination of all sorts of rare events in
2	some cases, multi-diagnoses that will take
3	huge amounts of family and community
4	resources. And we've realized we need to say
5	eye condition, at risk for blindness,
6	pulmonary condition, interventricular
7	hemorrhage, at risk for, in order to get the
8	clinicians whoever they might be, even
9	sometimes the family attention, that this
10	isn't just an eye screening you can do down
11	the block. So I don't know if you see this in
12	the literature. It's extremely important with
13	multi-diagnosis special needs children and
14	others I'm sure to, "at risk for."
15	DR. SAMAL: Okay. How am I doing
16	on time? We're out of time. No, we have a
17	little bit more time for questions. I guess
18	we'll just move ahead to the next section
19	which begins on page 5. Okay. So, this is,
20	you know, now these are things that I
21	identified from just these few papers as
22	current capabilities and I think a major

Page 128 overarching question that you guys, that you 1 2 can help me on is should I be looking for the frontrunners in each area or am I trying to 3 understand what the general, what's going on 4 5 generally? So I mean for example, I've used a lot of, I've used the NEMSIS data set a lot 6 7 and that does not have anything about care 8 coordination that I know of in it. Mavbe in a broad sense it does. But we don't have a 9 10 lot of nationally representative data on care coordination so, you know, I would really just 11 12 be going to things like there's a survey I quoted on the next slide and, you know, give 13 14 me some idea of whether you want me to talk about like what's the best, what's the state 15 of the art or you know what do we have 16 17 generally. I think some of the points that I brought up here, so for example the first 18 19 point is from the same paper in Journal of 20 General Internal Medicine which was that they 21 went to a number of practices that are fully 22 electronic and they found out that continuity

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1	with the PCP is not built into that system.
2	They have a separate scheduling system and
3	someone has to think, okay, who is their
4	doctor, let me figure that out before
5	scheduling them. Also for referrals I think
6	this is like something everybody knows but,
7	you know, fully electronic practices, they're
8	communicating with non-electronic practices so
9	often they're sending out their requests and
10	receiving reports by fax and then they're
11	scanning them in as a PDF which makes it, you
12	know, at this point fairly useless for quality
13	measurement and also for clinical care I would
14	say. And then in multispecialty practices and
15	this is something I can say from my
16	experience, you know, we don't even really
17	send a true referral request anymore because
18	we're just expected to read each other's
19	notes. And so you know, that really does not
20	fit into the framework of making sure that the
21	specialist understands what the question is
22	and whether you want co-management or just

Page 130 recommendations and then tracking the referral 1 2 to completion. That really isn't, even fully electronic practices with very advanced 3 4 electronic systems there's not necessarily a 5 function for that. And so then just maybe, let's just go to the next slide and then we'll 6 7 stop there. 8 So this is a survey of regional 9 health information organizations or RIOs and 10 they were able to survey I think the number for response for different questions was 11 12 different, but for the first question can people in the inpatient setting access 13 14 information from the ambulatory setting. Out of the 59 surveyed 44 said they could. 15 And then vice versa, if a primary care provider is 16 17 doing a follow-up visit and the discharge summary is not available at time of visit. 18 19 Now remember, if you're having people follow 20 up within a week that's really, that happens

a lot. Only 32 out of the 43 surveyed had

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that. I say only because I mean, those are

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1	not these are what I would think are some
2	of the key things that you need for care
3	transitions. So that's why I said only. But
4	if you have other sources of information about
5	either of these issues so the ambulatory
6	settings, care transitions or ambulatory
7	inpatient. Yes.
8	CO-CHAIR LAMB: If we kind of go
9	back to the NQF framework and we take a look
10	at those domains and then we also look at
11	other definitions of care coordination it's
12	care coordination happens at between, it's
13	between the providers, between the patients.
14	And you know, and I know that it becomes
15	really complex but care coordination I think
16	as Wendy said before is owned by the patient.
17	Providers support it but virtually every
18	provider in a health care setting is doing it.
19	I think it's important to move beyond looking
20	at the medical component and the PCP to
21	specialist in the hospital or in the
22	ambulatory care setting, to broaden out that

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1	this is something that goes across every
2	professional that is there because it doesn't
3	work otherwise. And so it would be good to
4	kind of broaden out that perspective and take
5	a look at what is it going to take to share
6	information that's being generated by
7	virtually everyone in the health care system.
8	And it makes it really complex and I know we
9	need to start it, but if we stay so focused on
10	just communication in one venue we're never
11	really going to get to what the issues are and
12	how to solve them.
13	DR. SAMAL: Okay, yes, that's very
14	useful to know because there's a I didn't
15	really, let's see here. What did I include
16	about this. Under page 6 there's 1(e) is
17	about personal health records. And I guess
18	(f) also is related to this. Because you
19	know, I think we were just, before this
20	meeting we were talking about consumer health
21	informatics and the question was whether or
22	not that fits in here. You know, it's a huge

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1	field and now people are generating all kinds
2	of quantitative data at home which we need to
3	figure out how to process in the health care
4	system. So yes, I definitely think that's
5	important. It's very helpful to know that we
6	want to try to at least touch on that as well.
7	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So that's the
8	nurse speaking. And as the doctor I defer to
9	the nurse.
10	(Laughter)
11	DR. SAMAL: That's always a good
12	idea because usually we're wrong. Okay.
13	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Not just the
14	nurse, every health care professional, and we
15	have many of them represented around the room
16	as well.
17	DR. SAMAL: You know, definitely.
18	And just to give an example from something I
19	had worked on, I worked on a systematic review
20	about consumer health informatics. And we had
21	decided to really take that completely out of
22	the health care setting. So we actually said

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1	if a doctor, nurse or someone in the health
2	care system had to be involved with the use of
3	the technology then it wouldn't be included in
4	our study. So that ruled out all patient
5	portals, and it was very interesting to look
6	at the literature. And this actually was
7	funded by AHRQ and is on their website. But
8	yes, there definitely are studies out there
9	and there's information out there. So we can,
10	if we're trying to do that, we're trying to
11	cast a wide net, that's good to know. We can
12	pull in examples from all of the different
13	areas. So. Yes.
14	DR. MALOUIN: So I had a comment.
15	I'm not sure exactly where this fits in but I
16	think it just, it speaks to the biggest
17	challenge that I've found in measuring care
18	coordination. So what we're doing in the
19	state of Michigan is we have a large, we're
20	part of the CMS multi-payer advanced primary
21	care demonstration project and we have about
22	450 practices that are across a wide

Page 135 1 geographic region with a lot of different 2 EMRs, a lot of different capabilities. And so we, one of our primary goals is care 3 4 management, care coordination. That's one of 5 the initiatives that we're implementing. And so we, the first thing we did was come up with 6 7 a list of metrics of what we want to measure 8 to sort of, you know, for quality, for patient satisfaction and what do we want to measure 9 10 for care coordination. And it's hard enough to agree on the measures but it's impossible 11 12 to try and measure them when you're going across multiple EHRs. And so I think what we 13 have to think about is that everybody's doing 14 a lot of great work in their own systems, but 15 in order to do meta-analyses of this work and 16 look at, sort of draw really broad conclusions 17 18 you have to be measuring common things. And 19 that's I think where the challenge is. So 20 even if we come up with, you know, a great set of core measures, if we can't develop 21 22 reproducible ways of capturing those I think

Page 136 we're never going to be able to really add to 1 2 the knowledge and the literature on this, in this area. 3 DR. SAMAL: Yes, definitely. 4 5 DR. MALOUIN: So that's my challenge. I'm sure it's all of our 6 7 challenges. 8 DR. SAMAL: And that's why it's 9 tough for me to decide whether we should look 10 at sort of the front-runner systems which are very, which are isolated. You know, our 11 12 system is very advanced but we're isolated. We are slowly trying to scoop in practices 13 14 into our system but we can't really talk to 15 other systems either. 16 DR. MALOUIN: Exactly. 17 DR. SAMAL: I don't know if we should focus there or if we should focus as 18 19 you're saying more on like what is actually 20 happening in real life and how hard is it for 21 us to actually go across these. 22 DR. MALOUIN: Well, and how do we

Page 137 get from where we are to where we want to be. 1 2 Because I think that's the biggest challenge. And what we ended up doing is sort of taking 3 these sort of indirect markers like, you know, 4 5 reduced ED visits because that's all we've got and we're saying well, if you're coordinating 6 7 care well then you're going to end up with X, 8 Y or Z, but that's really not getting at the 9 processes of care that got you to that 10 outcome. 11 DR. SAMAL: And those measures 12 then drive different systems such as ones 13 where the ED tries to set up a care 14 coordination program, or you know, and then 15 that's not exactly what we're talking about 16 here either. So okay, let's just keep going. 17 I'm sorry, Emilio CO-CHAIR CASEY: has his. 18 19 DR. SAMAL: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes. 20 DR. CARRILLO: Just to build on 21 what Gerri said before. I think that rather 22 than just an afterthought or a section 7 that

Page 138 the whole idea of the communication at the 1 2 patient-centered level, the patient and also communicating with the homeless shelter and 3 the rehab center and the CBO and the visiting 4 5 That, we may not have it but that has nurse. to be a destination. I mean, so maybe the 6 7 organization of the paper needs to be in a way 8 that reflects the gaps that we have rather 9 than just like a summary, then we also need to work on the following. Because that just gets 10 lost. I think that, you know, out in the 11 12 field this is where the action is. 13 DR. SAMAL: Right. 14 DR. CARRILLO: That's where it's happening and we need to point towards that 15 16 direction the way that Gerri said. 17 Right, that makes DR. SAMAL: 18 Okay, so let's see. So what's the sense. 19 next? Okay, so now we're moving to page --20 well, it's really page 7. So you know, at 21 this point I'm just basically listing some of 22 the various -- and these actually, a lot have

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1	come up now in our conversation which is
2	great. And if you want to mention others
3	that's great. I organized it under technical
4	and organizational though some of them could
5	fit under both, and we could go back and forth
6	and discuss those, even those categorizations.
7	So first of all, lack of data standards. So
8	this is something that's being addressed and
9	right now is slowly in the process of becoming
10	a reality of having data standards that will
11	allow the technical interoperability. Legacy
12	homegrown systems. So like for example we
13	have a system that's very advanced that we
14	built that we want to keep using. And there's
15	also older versions of commercial electronic
16	health record systems that are not able to be
17	- you know, you may hear that Epic, I
18	shouldn't say Epic, but I'm just saying you
19	may hear that a commercial system is
20	interoperable with your system but the person
21	you're communicating with may have an old
22	version of that system. So that can be an

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1	issue.
2	And then kind of going to a
3	different area which is, you know, one that's
4	sort of you know what I'm really interested
5	from a research perspective, that's part of
6	the reason I think about it a lot, clinical
7	decision support tools which are tools for
8	physicians, once again going back to physician
9	focus, at the point of care. They don't
10	support audit and feedback in a lot of cases
11	and so you're doing double work, you're doing
12	data entry but you're not getting a report
13	back, and then if you do get the report back
14	it's not necessarily in a time or place where
15	you can react to that and provide care
16	coordination for a patient.
17	And then the last part of that
18	bullet is about risk stratification which I
19	think is what you're talking about, right?
20	Okay. I was thinking about it more from the
21	perspective of, you know, providers often say
22	don't give me these cookie-cutter

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1	recommendations from clinical practice
2	guidelines because they don't apply to this
3	patient. So you know, being able to be more
4	intelligent than that and providing
5	recommendations for people is I think the next
6	step.
7	Another issue is just encounter-
8	based documentation. So in very short, acute
9	hospitalizations having all the information
10	kind of in one encounter and just kind of
11	putting that on a shelf and starting the next
12	one as a separate chart the next time the
13	patient comes to the hospital makes sense but
14	when you're talking about longitudinal care
15	over someone's lifetime or collaboration then
16	that type of system of organizing information
17	does not make any sense. And then I think
18	someone also talked about, well this is
19	basically what you're talking about,
20	measurement bias because information about
21	care transitions is stored in different
22	systems. So whether it be paper charts or

Page 142 1 electronic that is a measurement issue. Any 2 other thoughts or comments there? Okay. Yes, 3 okay. MS. ALLER: I would just comment 4 5 that --6 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Use your 7 microphone. 8 MS. ALLER: The whole issue of 9 data standards is just astronomical. 10 DR. SAMAL: Yes. MS. ALLER: And when we talk about 11 12 things like a care plan it's wonderful. But 13 unless we not only have a very clear structure 14 with implementation guidelines and it's had 15 time to mature so that it's well-adopted and 16 the bugs are worked out of it we're not going 17 to have high-quality data for measurement. 18 DR. SAMAL: Yes. 19 MS. ALLER: So it's not good 20 enough just to have a standard that somebody's 21 put together if it hasn't had time to be out 22 in the industry, be tested, be used and worked

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1	through so that we mean the same thing when we
2	use it.
3	DR. SAMAL: That makes sense.
4	Then someone else had a comment? Yes.
5	MS. POWELL: This is apiece
6	technical but it's actually I think a bigger
7	organizational issue I guess. But the issue
8	of just because you yes, data standards are
9	a huge problem. But we do have a lot of
10	standards and data still doesn't flow. So
11	it's not just a problem of standards, it's
12	also a problem of incentives both on the
13	vendor end. Just from a market perspective if
14	you are the Brigham and Women's you don't have
15	a vendor issue. You'll get the attention of
16	your vendor because of the volume that you
17	produce for them, but if you're a very tiny
18	one-doc shop out in rural Montana getting the
19	attention of a vendor is going to take awhile
20	if you get that.
21	DR. SAMAL: Yes.
22	MS. POWELL: Just, again, it's a
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9 we're really trying to get at is shared	
10 accountability. But if there's all kinds of	
11 disincentives for sharing information so that	
12 we can actually perform the functions that we	
13 need to perform to coordinate care for	
14 patients then we've really got a huge	
15 roadblock.	
16 DR. SAMAL: Yes.	
17 MS. POWELL: And that then in turn	
18 kind of I think affects vendors and market	
19 products because there's not a demand.	
20 DR. SAMAL: Exactly. Exactly.	
21 And so, and I think that's part of the reason	
22 why I said that data needs really is driving	
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8 and saying what we really need then we're able	
9 to push that forward. Yes.	
10 DR. AUDET: About clinical	
11 decision support, I would also probably	
12 suggest adding that. Right now clinical	
13 decision support is really focused on a	
14 fragmented delivery system and what we really	
15 need is clinical decision support that	
16 supports the care team and the care plan. So	
17 an evidence-based care plan that everyone has	
18 available. So it's not only one person	
19 ordering a medication but it's really talking	
20 about care coordination underneath it.	
21 DR. SAMAL: That makes sense, yes.	
22 Okay. So yes, we could just go to the next.	

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1	So I called this organizational and if, you
2	know, if people would rather it be called
3	policy or maybe taken out completely because
4	it's not you know technical information let me
5	know. But this is, a lot of these are kind of
6	corollaries to the other bullet points because
7	as I was thinking about it I was thinking we
8	can't really leave that out. So resistance to
9	changing legacy systems. I mean, that's
10	because people like me are used to using a
11	system and it's also because the organization
12	doesn't really have an incentive to do that.
13	Or I mean they do, but you know, the incentive
14	has got to be weighed against a lot of other
15	priorities as well. And it's tough to even
16	know when you go into that process how much
17	it's going to cost, how long it's going to
18	take, what you're going to get from it. So
19	that's an issue that is going to come up a lot
20	I think in the future.
21	Then the next is, you know, this
22	is once again kind of physician-centric I

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Page 147 think because it's about the resistance to 1 2 mediating care plans between specialties. And we don't often do a good job with that. 3 And finding ways to do that at an organizational 4 5 level is really important before you can get 6 buy-in into any technical solution to the 7 problem. Yes. 8 DR. WHITE: Let me just add one 9 other problem that you may not have considered because a lot of the carriers have a lot of 10 11 claims information. It's very useful. They 12 may also have members who are in case management and other health and wellness 13 14 programs, disease management, et cetera. But when a member changes plans that information 15 doesn't follow the member. 16 17 DR. SAMAL: Yes. 18 DR. WHITE: And is there a way 19 that we could make sure that that information 20 gets, you know, transmitted from one carrier 21 to the next, or from one provider to the next so that they have that information? 22

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1	DR. SAMAL: That makes a lot of
2	sense. I mean, I think in lieu of having an
3	interoperable solution that makes a lot of
4	sense, yes. Yes. Okay. So, yes.
5	DR. LINDEKE: Can I make were
6	you on the next slide? A very quick comment.
7	Trying to educate the next generation of
8	health care providers when the environment is
9	click and drop-down menus really worries me.
10	My colleagues and I talked about this
11	yesterday, of engaging the thought process
12	when the day is spent clicking rather than the
13	clinical decision-making unique to this
14	patient. I don't know where it is in the
15	literature but it's a huge unintended
16	consequence danger for care quality.
17	DR. SAMAL: And I guess the other
18	things that relate to that are the patient-
19	provider relationship is affected by the
20	clicking and also just the human-computer
21	interface affects your cognitive process as
22	well. So I don't know if that's too broad to

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1	get into at this report but we'll have to
2	think about that further. Okay.
3	MS. KLOTZ: I'd also like to
4	suggest thinking about the fact that as we
5	know most care coordination is done by the
6	patient and the family, and that we need to be
7	careful that this isn't a process of taking
8	that responsibility away from the patient and
9	family.
10	DR. SAMAL: That's a good point.
11	And I think that's where I also have to decide
12	how much to talk about personally controlled
13	health records or that type of technology
14	which is actually trying to put the power back
15	with the patient and family more.
16	DR. HEURTIN-ROBERTS: Can I follow
17	up?
18	DR. SAMAL: Yes.
19	DR. HEURTIN-ROBERTS: On just what
20	Linda said. I guess part of what's concerning
21	me about this, or just a concern I have is
22	that there's a real danger that we collect

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1	information that is easily collectible through
2	electronic health records and not necessarily
3	what we really want to know. You know, it's
4	like looking under the lamppost for keys you
5	dropped somewhere else. And I think we need
6	to be really mindful of this.
7	DR. SAMAL: That makes sense, that
8	makes sense. And I think that's also what we
9	were talking about before.
10	MS. POWELL: Can I just add
11	something to what Christine said? I think it
12	is important to consider the patient and
13	family because they do certainly have a role
14	in this and yet they're part of the reason
15	why care coordination doesn't happen as well
16	as it could or should is because the health
17	system itself is not doing some of the things
18	that it needs to do to help the patient and
19	family be successful in that. And so I just
20	want to be careful about not in places
21	where this is really hard just kind of turfing
22	it to the patient and family. Because things

Page 151 1 such as making appointments and navigating the 2 health care system, that's difficult for those of us who actually work in this all day every 3 day and to think that a patient is going to be 4 5 successful at that is, I just want to make 6 sure that we're assigning responsibilities 7 well. 8 DR. SAMAL: Right, right. I mean 9 people have likened it to the banking industry 10 or airline industry where now you as the consumer do all the work basically. We don't 11 12 want to get to that point. 13 MS. POWELL: Yes. But there are 14 certainly places where patients and families 15 can be more involved or have, given the right 16 tools. 17 DR. SAMAL: Right. That makes 18 Okay, so just -sense. 19 MS. KLOTZ: To clarify what I was 20 trying to say too is that the system should 21 support the patient and the family, not push 22 it off to them.

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1	DR. SAMAL: Right. And yes.
2	Right. I did put a bullet in and it's
3	actually here on page, right next to the
4	I'm sorry, let me see here. It's about
5	personal health records. Where did I write
6	that. It's page 8, the second bullet point.
7	I wrote that because if we are going to talk
8	about consumer health informatics there's a
9	huge literature around that as a concern. And
10	even, not just consumer health informatics.
11	I mean, patients are concerned about
12	electronic exchange of information in general.
13	So I think that's definitely a huge issue that
14	we should at least address. Okay.
15	So the last two bullet points here
16	are actually kind of the same thing. The
17	first one is from the paper in the Journal of
18	General Internal Medicine which was that, you
19	know, when they talked to clinicians providers
20	were describing work-arounds for tasks where
21	when they interviewed the vendors, the vendors
22	said no, we actually have a function to do

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1	that. So I think that's something we don't
2	want to forget is that clinicians don't
3	necessarily get the training and the support
4	that they need to really use what's even
5	available in the products. So that's an
6	organizational problem. And then
7	DR. WHITE: Excuse me. I wanted
8	to make a comment about that.
9	DR. SAMAL: Yes.
10	DR. WHITE: That is true but some
11	physicians are also clinicians are also
12	resistant. And there's still a lot of
13	resistance out there. I think we all sort of
14	assume that everybody's on the same page and
15	they aren't.
16	DR. SAMAL: Yes.
17	DR. WHITE: And there are a lot of
18	providers out there who still don't want to
19	use electronic medical records.
20	DR. SAMAL: That's right. That's
21	definitely true. And people are talking about
22	sort of the graying out, is that really going

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1	to be a phenomenon where people gray out and
2	the ones that aren't using are going to retire
3	or not. Are there also people that are coming
4	in that will be resistant.
5	DR. WHITE: The other thing is we
6	need to remember that these systems are
7	phenomenally expensive, especially if you're
8	in a one- or two-provider practice setting.
9	DR. SAMAL: That's right. And I
10	know that some of the efforts around the
11	regional extension centers were meant to try
12	to create community-wide resources, regional
13	resources for clinicians, but I don't really
14	know that that's really penetrated the market
15	or if people really are even aware of that
16	yet. So. Okay.
17	And then work flow redesign change
18	management. So you know basically we now have
19	moved to thinking that the health IT should
20	fit the work flow but when we're talking about
21	raising the bar and encouraging people to do
22	things they haven't with care coordination we

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1	have to remember that we're asking them to
2	redesign their work flow to use the health IT
3	that's supposed to encourage the care
4	coordination. So concepts of change
5	management are important I think.
6	DR. LEE: You know in some of the
7	more successful stories we hear around using
8	EHR I think the training is not just
9	conditions but staff as well because then that
10	defines a proper workload you know per member.
11	So bullet number three, consider adding staff.
12	DR. SAMAL: Yes.
13	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So I just want to
14	point out that it's noontime now.
15	DR. SAMAL: Okay.
16	CO-CHAIR CASEY: And I know that
17	you've got some slides to cover and people
18	still want to make comments, but I want to be
19	mindful of our schedule because we're behind
20	now, so.
21	DR. SAMAL: Yes, and we have more
22	time for questions.

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1	CO-CHAIR CASEY: And we'll
2	probably bring Arjun after lunch.
3	DR. SAMAL: Oh, I see. Okay.
4	That's fine. So let's just go to the next
5	slide. So I'm not going to read through
6	everything here but basically bullet 1 talks
7	about problems with the way that documentation
8	is well, we talked about some of that
9	already, how documentation is optimized more
10	for capturing information, for billing and
11	capturing your decision-making process in a
12	way that may not actually be helpful in this
13	situation. We talked about bullet number 2 I
14	think already and we talked about bullet
15	number 3. Great. Okay. Could we go to the
16	next one? Okay.
17	So, you know, really this is now
18	sort of bullet points that respond to the
19	other bullet points. So we don't have to go
20	through each one. We talked about the first,
21	the second, the third. I brought this up
22	earlier saying there's not really electronic

Page 157 tools for tracking the task. Even if you have 1 2 a disease registry it may not help with that. We talked a little bit about insurance 3 information flowing to other insurers, but we 4 5 didn't talk much about that coming to the point of care coming into the care settings. 6 7 So for example, you know, knowing if a patient 8 has filled a prescription, that is something 9 that really I think makes a huge difference in 10 your decision-making process and your conversation with the patient. Talked about 11 12 personal health records. What we didn't talk about is the fact that we haven't really 13 14 gotten to a point where everyone has agreed upon bidirectional communication for many 15 reasons, time, work flow, cost, liability. 16 So that's a whole area that we could focus on in 17 18 the future. And I think in the paper this 19 really is going to be almost like a laundry 20 list unless people feel like there is some 21 data behind any of these that we could cite. Otherwise it'll sort of just be a discussion 22

Page 158 Next slide, please. 1 section. 2 And you know, these are just kind of responses to the issues with documentation, 3 clinical decision support. And just another 4 5 idea about being able to display information, quantitative data, longitudinal data to 6 7 patients and providers in a way that is 8 helpful to the patient to understand their 9 self-management and to, rather than counterbased documentation that we have now which 10 makes it very difficult I think to bring 11 12 things together for patients. So that is really my last slide and if anyone has any 13 14 other comments right now that's fine. I know that people probably don't because they'd like 15 16 to eat lunch. 17 So, I'm going to collect your 18 outlines and then if you want to email me 19 that's fine. My email is just my first 20 initial "L" and my last name S-A-M-A-L at 21 partners.org. Or if you just write your name 22 and email on your outline I will contact you.

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1	Thank you.
2	CO-CHAIR CASEY: And Lipika,
3	you'll be here through the rest of the
4	meeting.
5	DR. SAMAL: Yes and I'll be here
6	all day.
7	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So thank you very
8	much.
9	DR. SAMAL: Thank you.
10	(Applause)
11	DR. BURSTIN: Just one comment.
12	So, Lipika is just as you could tell at a
13	fairly early stage of developing this paper.
14	So this input has been great. You'll see a
15	draft of this paper come back to you for
16	review. We're hoping the paper serves two
17	roles one of which is obviously to help inform
18	the committee about what are the likely
19	directions, but also I think it's we're
20	also hoping this is part of that critical
21	pathway of putting something like this out
22	there that allows developers and others to

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1	start thinking about where they potentially
2	could go for the next generation of measures.
3	So thank you, Lipika.
4	DR. SAMAL: Thank you.
5	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So Lauralei, is
6	it lunchtime?
7	MS. DORIAN: It is lunchtime now.
8	We'll have Arjun's presentation after lunch.
9	I think what we might do is just maybe break
10	for 10 minutes for lunch and then we can take
11	lunch back to the table if that's okay with
12	everyone?
13	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Have a working
14	lunch then.
15	MS. DORIAN: A working lunch, does
16	that sound good? Okay, thank you.
17	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Is everyone okay
18	with that?
19	MS. DORIAN: Operator, are you
20	there?
21	OPERATOR: Yes, I'm here.
22	MS. DORIAN: Can you see if there

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1	are any public members on the phone for public
2	comment, please?
3	OPERATOR: No one is on the phone
4	yet.
5	MS. DORIAN: Okay, thank you very
6	much.
7	OPERATOR: You're welcome.
8	(Whereupon, the foregoing matter
9	went off the record at 12:05 p.m. and resumed
10	at 12:25 p.m.)
11	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So let's kind of
12	review while you're eating what we've done.
13	We started off with sort of getting to know
14	folks. We've reviewed some of the detail
15	about the journey we're on vis-a-vis what this
16	committee's going to try to accomplish in the
17	next few months. We've had I think a very
18	elegant presentation from Lipika on the work
19	she's doing and I think she appreciates the
20	feedback you've given. We're really going to
21	look forward to having this paper in our hands
22	during our deliberations.

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1	We thought we'd change the agenda
2	a little bit because we want to be sure to
3	capture everyone's point of view in the room.
4	We've noticed that some people are a little
5	less shy than others so for those of you who
6	are shy, get over it. You're going to be
7	asked to talk. Because we really do want to
8	be sure that everyone in the room is
9	participating on this in this afternoon.
10	We are going to I'm going to
11	say a few words, then Arjun is going to do his
12	presentation. Arjun, about 20-25 minutes.
13	And what we're going to do is ask him to go
14	through his slides and then what we will do
15	then is have a round table with your reaction
16	to what he's talking about. And also, you
17	know, what you've heard so far. We're going
18	to ask you to be, try to be brief and if
19	you've heard other ideas not to repeat them.
20	And then Lauralei is actually going to be
21	capturing a lot of the content of what your
22	comments are in this process of going around

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1	the room. Helen suggested too that in this
2	process if you can think about sources of
3	measures that are either in development or are
4	in play. And if you can help us identify
5	where those measures lie. We're thinking that
6	a pull strategy of trying to reach out to
7	these particular areas would be also useful in
8	terms of our request. So I think that was a
9	really good enhancement.
10	Then what we will do is I think
11	we're going to then break into the questions
12	that are in your agenda because we do want to
13	really at a high level talk about these
14	questions. The major goal is to help frame
15	the call for measures which is a written
16	document and will go out to the NQF membership
17	and the public, the rest of the country, in
18	terms of saying now is the time to submit.
19	And it's in that document that we will really
20	try to be guiding in terms of what it is we
21	want. So we want your input about what we're
22	going to be asking of those measure

Page 164 1 developers. So, and then keep in mind again 2 that we're in two levels. One is you're going to be doing the review of measures but also 3 trying to reframe and redefine the current and 4 5 future state around care coordination based upon all this stuff that's here. So again, 6 7 please read the preferred practices several 8 times and you know, you don't have to do it 9 today, but after you get home, to be sure that 10 you take advantage of the great work that's been done before. So did I do that okay? 11 So, 12 any questions about our agenda or any Does that seem reasonable? 13 comments? 14 We're still on a goal to be done We know some people may actually 15 by 4:00. have to leave a little bit early. So if 16 that's the case and you feel like you're going 17 18 to be missing something we could either make 19 the phone available to you if you want to stay 20 called in or we could be sure that if you 21 missed something that we would give you a 22 chance. How many people have to leave before

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1	4:00? Just a show of hands. So only a
2	couple. So, we'll be sure, 3:00, 3:00 or
3	4:00.
4	MS. DORIAN: Don?
5	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Yes.
6	MS. DORIAN: May I also call your
7	attention to the fact that in your folders you
8	have a sort of brief summary that includes all
9	of the preferred practices from last year. So
10	that might, it's just a two-pager. So that
11	might be useful.
12	CO-CHAIR CASEY: That's a great
13	point to just keep that over to the side so
14	you can look at it when you're wondering if,
15	you know, because it's a lot of stuff. So
16	with that I want to introduce Arjun and thank
17	him for his patience. And Arjun, we really
18	look forward to this. I think what you've
19	provided us already is very interesting and I
20	think it will serve really as the foundation
21	for our discussion about how to reframe the
22	basis for what we're talking about. So it's

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1 all yours, Arjun.

2	DR. VENKATESH: Just as a little
3	background I'm a fourth-year resident right
4	now in emergency medicine and I don't have
5	much prior experience at all with care
6	coordination. But I did have the opportunity
7	to start a mini-fellowship with Helen at NQF
8	this year and this seemed like a good project
9	to start with. So, this kind of reflects a
10	view maybe from the outside of care
11	coordination. There's a lot more, many more
12	experts in the room so it'll be interesting to
13	get your perspectives when you see what I show
14	you about where it seems like there's been a
15	lot of measurement development and where some
16	of the gaps are moving forward.
17	So as my disclosures I have some
18	unrelated grant support from a variety of
19	foundations. And then I do also have some
20	consulting money related to 30-day
21	readmissions from AHRQ but that's outside the
22	scope of this project fortunately. Okay.

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1	So my main goal is going to be to
2	quickly outline the approach that I used and
3	what the purpose of the environmental scan was
4	as well as then to kind of describe the
5	methods by which I conducted a bit of a
6	systematic review, and then describe some of
7	what the measure characteristics that are out
8	there as well as what some of the subsequent
9	measurement gaps are by doing some mapping of
10	those measures. And then we can leave that
11	then with the discussion that'll kind of flow
12	into what we're going to do next which is to
13	think about future measurement gaps and what
14	may already be in development in those areas.
15	So my primary objective was to
16	identify all current measures that are related
17	to the NQF-endorsed definition which you
18	already kind of reviewed earlier and I put it
19	up there again. What's challenging about it
20	is because the definition is so comprehensive
21	and includes so many things, in order for this
22	project to get done, in order to be efficient

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1	it really became important to start drawing
2	some more lines for what would be included
3	within the environmental scan.
4	What I knew that we had was kind
5	of what was low-hanging fruit, things that
6	were easy to identify. The 2010 NQF report
7	had 10 measures and 25 preferred practices.
8	In 2011 the AHRQ Atlas was done which many
9	people in this room were part of in various
10	advisory group or executive committee forms,
11	and that had that identified 61 measures
12	relevant to care coordination. And then as we
13	kind of came into this project some of the
14	initial work that had already been done by NQF
15	had really identified some major themes. And
16	that was the incorporation of health care
17	information technology, broad-based measures
18	and moving towards outcomes away from
19	processes. And what that left me with at the
20	end was the question was where are the current
21	measurement gaps.
22	So my approach was a "system"-atic

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1	review. The quotation marks are important
2	because for the methodological purists in the
3	room I'd be raked over the coals. But the
4	primary sources for the information were the
5	primary literature, the Grey Literature, and
6	then to some degree expert opinion interviews.
7	I've made those all different sizes to show
8	you the relative importance that they played
9	in terms of how I identified what measures
10	were already out there and what they were
11	actually measuring. The anticipated outcomes
12	was an inventory of existing measures as well
13	as then a mapping analysis of this to the NQF
14	and AHRQ frameworks. And that is more of a
15	thought exercise to think about measurement
16	gaps as opposed to say that one of those
17	frameworks is better or more appropriate for
18	thinking about measurement frameworks. And
19	then finally to draw some qualitative
20	conclusions about trends in measurement.
21	The search itself from the primary
22	literature was largely out of PubMed, Cochrane

Page 170 Review, using things like review articles that 1 2 were there and things like the AHRQ Atlas. Databases being primarily the federally 3 available ones, and then the Grey Literature, 4 5 things that had been identified at CMS, previous AHRQ projects from PCPI and a variety 6 7 of other sources, including Google but not 8 including Wikipedia. 9 So in order to draw some of those 10 lines that I said before to figure out what we could and could not include I thought it was 11 12 fairly important. Because care coordination is so comprehensive and includes so many 13 14 things and touches on so many things across 15 the care spectrum. So we made an early decision to include both broad-based measures 16 17 and condition-specific measures. And the 18 reason is that ultimately it's very likely 19 that there is some balance between these two 20 that allows better measurement of care 21 coordination. To simply measure things at the 22 broad level and avoid the clinical conditions

Page 171 1 ignores a lot of what's happening underneath, 2 but then to do just the clinical condition and miss the broad measures, we've talked about 3 4 already a lot this morning as to why that can 5 be problematic. And then included measures 6 regardless of their data source. So had I 7 limited this search to electronic measures I 8 could have finished this project in a day but 9 we included paper surveys, electronics measures as well as claims-based measures. 10 What I started excluding were 11 12 things that I felt either were a little outside of the definition, were going to be 13 14 outside the scope of the project that this steering committee would work with and that 15 would also help make sure the project could 16 17 get efficiently completed. Measures that were specific measures of team communication within 18 19 one setting I excluded. Measures that had not 20 either had any field testing at all or even 21 any structured assessment of their face 22 validity, also out. Measures of screening

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1	practices, you know, percentage of patients
2	that got colon cancer screening completed in
3	the last year, I excluded those. Measures
4	that looked at single intervention and
5	response. So blood pressure response after
6	initiation of anti-hypertensive therapy, I
7	kept those out. And then measures that were
8	designed for other health care systems
9	specific to like a Swedish trust or something
10	like that seemed like they wouldn't be really
11	helpful to consider within this group. And
12	then 30-day readmission and emergency
13	department throughput I also kept out since
14	those are within other projects. Lauralei.
15	So, abstracted key measures in all
16	of these. Whether or not they've been NQF-
17	endorsed, was there any basis to say that they
18	could be electronically measured right now,
19	when were they endorsed, and then map them to
20	two frameworks. The NQF mapping was assigned
21	by me and that was looking at the original six
22	domains that we've mentioned, or five domains,

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1	sorry, that we've mentioned before. And then
2	when mapping it to the AHRQ framework when the
3	project was done a lot of mapping was already
4	done for those 61 measures they included.
5	This analysis done includes 125 measures. So
6	for that 61 where they were already mapped by
7	AHRQ I left it as-is and then after that it's
8	subject to my interpretation.
9	So in total I was able to identify
10	124 measures. What's important here is that
11	only 86 of those actually have published
12	specifications, meaning that they can be found
13	in the primary literature or within a
14	clearinghouse or that they are somewhere where
15	if somebody wanted to identify measures for
16	their use that they could go and find them.
17	And that becomes more important when we start
18	looking at what types of measures were the 30
19	percent will really start helping us
20	understand some of the gaps.
21	About a quarter of these can be
22	electronically measured or have some testing

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1	around being electronically measured, and the
2	vast majority of that falls in the unpublished
3	category. There was only one outcome measure
4	if we want to define "outcome" by a health-
5	related outcome as opposed to something like
6	preventable hospitalization or ED visitation
7	or something like that. And about two-thirds
8	of the measures would be considered kind of
9	broad or crosscutting versus about a third
10	being condition-specific. And then a quarter
11	of these had NQF endorsement. And the reason
12	this 30 number is very different than the 10
13	number we were talking about before is that
14	there are measures that have NQF endorsement
15	that have come through other projects. For
16	example, follow-up after TIA would have come
17	through a different project so it wouldn't
18	have been part of the 2010 project but
19	certainly falls within the purview of care
20	coordination.
21	So data sources. My pie charts.
22	Go ahead. Every presentation needs this but

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1	I don't have any Venn diagrams. So like I
2	said before, if you take a first glance at
3	what data sources measures come from it's
4	about a quarter being electronic and three-
5	quarters being manual of some sort. Another
6	way to cut this though go ahead and click -
7	- is to start looking at what types of data it
8	is that goes within it. So, measures that are
9	coming from electronic medical records are
10	about a fifth. Survey-based, and by that that
11	means largely paper or telephone questionnaire
12	is about a third. Chart review, two-fifths,
13	and then a small amount are claims-based
14	measures. And that could include both
15	administrative billing claims as well as like
16	pharmacy benefit type claims both within that.
17	Now, this is slightly different
18	because what this starts to say is well, what
19	about the measures that are published, that
20	are available and that people could find and
21	do something about. And what you start seeing
22	here now is that the vast majority of measures

Page 176 are surveys of patient experience and the next 1 2 large vast majority is chart review, and there's very little in the scope of electronic 3 measures that are available for people to find 4 5 and be able to use. And then there's an analysis 6 7 looking at all the measures in terms of their 8 level of measurement. And this was the level 9 that was specified by the measure developer. 10 And since, for those who have been through the NQF consensus development project before, 11 12 measure developers can specify either one or multiple levels of measurement for a measure. 13 14 So what I did first was in the aggregate which is the dark blue I took every measure and I 15 classified it by whatever its highest level of 16 measurement was. So if it could be measured 17 18 at the provider level or the system level I 19 assigned it to the system. And then the 20 disaggregate which is the light blue shows 21 measures that are, when -- that concern what 22 the closest to the patient, the most distal

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1	level is. And so obviously as you can see as
2	you go from dark blue to light blue more
3	measures are considered to be at the health
4	care provider level. What I think is probably
5	the bigger takeaway from this is that there
6	are very few measures that are kind of at the
7	hospital level which I thought was a little
8	bit surprising. And the reason that there are
9	so many practice-level and health care
10	provider level measures is because when you
11	remember that last slide, right, half that pie
12	was patient experience surveys. That's all
13	over there. And that's why it looks like
14	there's so many measures but really what those
15	are is that they're all various iterations on
16	the same small sliver of measurement.
17	So frameworks for mapping. I
18	think a handout came out before and that was
19	something I just kind of prepared for my own
20	as a mental exercise for myself to think about
21	when I find all these measures how do I make
22	that useful for you all to be able to

Page 178 interpret. And I thought well the best thing 1 2 to do is then to put it to some framework for the measurement of care coordination so that 3 you can start to think about where the gaps 4 5 There was the NQF framework that was are. essentially made up of five domains and then 6 7 four principles and that's 2006. And then 8 there was a framework that the AHRO Atlas 9 uses. And the way they originally organized 10 it was as mechanisms and what they call those are coordination activities and then broad 11 12 approaches which are fundamentals across all activities as well as effects. 13 And they 14 thought about effects from the perspective of the patient, the health care professional or 15 the system. And, next slide. The way they 16 17 also described it in the AHRO Atlas was to 18 think of broad approaches as the structures 19 and the coordination activities as processes 20 and the effects as outcomes if you want to put 21 it in a Donabedian sense. 22 The way I kind of framed it for

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1	the purpose of this activity is the next slide
2	which is this. And looks really messy and
3	really scary but it is kind of colorful. And
4	what it largely is is that the blue up here is
5	the AHRQ coordination activities. So those
6	are all the processes. And then the red is
7	the NQF care coordination domains. And to me
8	those seem to be the most relevant. Most of
9	these kind of green, broad approaches that
10	were defined by AHRQ as crosscutting things
11	that make sense is that all kind of map up
12	almost to one domain each. So in general what
13	I thought was the most valuable thing would be
14	to look at what measures look like if you use
15	one framework and then what if I re-map the
16	measures using a different framework. How
17	would that be different in terms of what kind
18	of gaps you see. And that was the goal of
19	doing this. Next slide.
20	So, first broad stroke is if we
21	look at NQF domains and the number of measures
22	per each domain there's clearly gaps with

Page 180 1 information systems and health care home. 2 Now, those are slightly newer concepts to some degree and there just hasn't been much that's 3 been, there's really very little almost 4 5 measurement-wise that can fall within either of those categories. Transitions and 6 7 communications seem to have a little bit more, 8 and then plan of care has the most, and the 9 reason plan of care has the most again is that 10 many of the patient experience surveys that have been developed since the late '80s, early 11 12 '90s focus on various aspects of what's included in plan of care and the way the NQF 13 14 domain is defined for plan of care is very comprehensive and very wide. It includes, you 15 16 know, everything from patient assessment and 17 self-assessment to needs assessment by the provider to follow-up and all that kind of 18 19 collapsed within one group. 20 If we map it to the AHRO 21 definition you start to see that there's a 22 little bit more granularity. So an example of
Page 181 1 one would be looking at the transitions 2 between settings and transitions of needs. And the difference there is that a transition 3 between setting and the AHRQ definition is 4 5 what you would think of traditionally, hospital to home, home between ambulatory 6 7 provider and specialty provider, something 8 like that. But transition needs is the 9 development of measures that really think 10 about patients as they move from one set of needs to another. Adolescent into an adult 11 12 care setting, right? Early elderly into more of a geriatric population, whatever it may be. 13 So there's much less measurement that's 14 15 happening right there. Similarly when it 16 comes to measures that try to attempt to 17 measure whether or not resources are aligned 18 or whether or not there's any linkage to the 19 community, again, very few measures and that 20 probably links to a lot of the things we were talking about before which is some of the data 21 22 considerations and things like that where it

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becomes difficult to really develop measures
 that are really capturing some of that. Next
 slide.

4 So, where are the gaps when we say 5 electronic measurement? And the thing to think about here when I present this data is 6 7 when you see electronic measures those are 8 things that we've identified primarily through 9 the Gray Literature or from other NQF projects 10 and things like that. These aren't measures that are publicly easily found or for anybody 11 12 to pick up and use but what it's start showing is that where we do see electronic measurement 13 14 may be the potential for some of this pull strategy of people that would be willing to 15 submit measures, but it also starts to show 16 where there's not even in much electronic 17 18 that's been proposed so far. So, these are 19 hundred percent bars. 20 So this is according to the NOF

22 where there are most electronic measures fits

definition. And what you find here is that

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1	within information systems and that would be
2	what you would think which is essentially
3	measures of structure, right? Do you have a
4	medical record that does these four things?
5	Do you have patient does the patient feel
б	like they have a medical record that has
7	covered these eight elements? Things like
8	that would fall under the information systems
9	and that's why there's a lot of electronic
10	measures there because most measures are
11	structure measures that fall within that.
12	Otherwise, for virtually, for transitions,
13	communication plan of care, health care home
14	there's very few, right? The percentage of
15	measures that are electronic become very small
16	basically across all domains. If we do this
17	by the AHRQ definition, again the same thing.
18	Very few measures would be considered
19	electronic in many domains and there's almost
20	none in certain domains such as interpersonal
21	communication or establishing accountability,
22	aligning resources in the community. So, what

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1	I think this starts to paint the picture of
2	recognizing is that when this environmental
3	scan will show that there's a variety of
4	measures around care coordination, very, very
5	few are electronic and the areas that we have
6	measurement gaps in already when we think
7	about electronic measurement gaps in those
8	areas it's even a bigger problem.
9	And so this addresses the second
10	question I had and I've alluded to before was
11	does the availability of the measure help
12	frame how we think about these gaps. And by
13	availability I mean has it been published and
14	is it available to somebody looking for a
15	measure to use. So if we do this by the NQF
16	domain you can see how big of a difference it
17	is, right? The number of published measures
18	is tremendous and plan of care again, very
19	high, as I said before, because that includes
20	all the patient experience work. But when you
21	look at published electronic measures they're
22	very small slivers, they're almost none for

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1	most categories. And then the same thing
2	holds true for the AHRQ framework on the next
3	slide here. Which is, again, many, many
4	measures will be published and may be
5	available, but if you only take the published
6	ones that are electronic, again, it's a very,
7	very small number that are able to be that
8	are available to anybody who's looking to do
9	any measurement. Next slide.
10	So, how does the use of the
11	framework alter the analysis? And this starts
12	pointing to whether or not thinking about
13	whether or not what framework is used to think
14	about these measures in this current project
15	affects whether or not you address measurement
16	gaps that exist currently across the spectrum.
17	So the first one I'll take as an example is
18	that proactive plan of care, right, that big
19	catch-all category that existed for the NQF
20	framework was actually relevant and mapped out
21	- and this was, AHRQ maps this out actually
22	even in their document to these five

Page 186 coordination activities as well as this one 1 2 broad approach. So then if you start looking at measure mapping within each of these 3 4 categories you start seeing why grouping it in 5 that one large category starts to miss a lot, and that's the next slide. 6 7 If you look just at the proactive 8 plan of care you'd see that there was 80-some 9 measures that addressed it, that you know 10 there's over NOF-endorsed measures for plan of care. And there's even, I think there was 11 12 eight electronic measures that are -- fit 13 within the plan of care. But then when you 14 start doing it across all those subcategories, 15 when you mapped it across the AHRQ, most of those measures are in monitoring, following up 16 17 and assessing needs. And assessing needs 18 tends to be patient experience of assessment of needs and monitoring follow-up tends to be 19 20 kind of a general transition to a lot of 21 claims-based measures of follow-up. You know, 22 two week after TIA, cardiac rehab after AMI,

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1	things like that that start falling in that
2	group versus linkage to community, care
3	management, much, much less measurement and
4	almost no measurement when it comes to NQF
5	endorsement or things that are published and
6	electronic. I also did this then for the
7	communication group. It was a very important
8	ones, everybody's always mentioning it in a
9	variety of ways and it mapped out to two,
10	really three of AHRQ coordination activities
11	because they separate what is interpersonal
12	communication, face-to-face, interactions
13	between individuals and informational
14	communication which is the actual transfer of
15	certain data elements, and then a care
16	management broad approach. And again if you
17	look here what happens in the next slide is
18	that communication has 40 measures in the
19	broad domain, very few NQF-endorsed and then
20	I think only one is published in electronic.
21	But then when you start comparing it to the
22	subcategories we see that interpersonal

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1	communication and information communication
2	both, I guess, information communication,
3	sorry, has the most number of measures and
4	this really comes down to, again, things such
5	as I'm trying to think of the best classic
6	example of that measure that would fall into
7	that. Data elements included at discharge
8	from hospital. Some of the transitions
9	measures that were included last time would
10	fall into a lot of that. Very much less about
11	care management and on establish
12	accountability I think this is interesting and
13	probably worth some discussion later. There's
14	a lot of measures that map to establish
15	accountability but that doesn't mean I think
16	that it meets the way everybody in this room
17	probably is thinking of establishing
18	accountability. So for example, if you ask a
19	patient if they can identify their clinician,
20	right, then that type of a measure is
21	considered an established accountability
22	measure. But that really doesn't get at a lot

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1	of ideas and themes that you guys have
2	discussed with respect to care coordination.
3	So I think when we see a lot of measures in
4	establish accountability as you see these
5	slides and if you look at these again in the
б	future I would take it with a grain of salt
7	because a lot of that is not necessarily
8	getting to what really is an idea of shared
9	accountability or negotiated responsibility
10	and things like that. Next slide.
11	So I think this is the last
12	question I asked which was do the gaps defer
13	based on the focus of measurement. And that
14	meant, by focus I mean whether or not it's
15	condition-specific or broad. And so what you
16	see here is that not entirely surprising, plan
17	of care measures is the place where there's a
18	lot more condition-specific measures than
19	broad measures. And that I think is largely
20	driven by a lot of the claims-based measures
21	that look for follow-up. And that's just the
22	easiest way to do that. And also not

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1	surprising, any measure of the health care
2	home is not really condition-specific in
3	general. Actually, the one that's condition-
4	specific here, it was specific to children
5	with special health care needs and one other
6	condition that I can't remember what it was
7	offhand. But in general across these what we
8	see is that most of the condition-specific
9	measures are in a specific plan of care and I
10	think that that'll probably hold true as
11	future measures are proposed as well. If you
12	do this by the AHRQ framework, again, most of
13	the condition-specific measures are on
14	monitored follow-up and monitored follow-up
15	again is usually transitions between settings
16	and there's very little when it comes down to
17	alignment of resources, the linkage to the
18	community. In general, most of the measures
19	when you map it across this, I think it
20	diffuses some of that plan of care and follow-
21	up. So the reason there were so many in
22	planned care by the NQF analysis now gets

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1	diffused across four or five categories here.
2	So that's why it starts to look like the
3	number of condition-specific measures are
4	about the same across the domains. Next
5	slide.
6	So what are some of the key
7	findings? So, from the descriptive analysis
8	I would say that most electronic measures are
9	not formally specified or published. So while
10	I was able to map them, those electronic
11	measures, that doesn't mean that there's a
12	clear numerator, denominator statement, or a
13	lot of things that we would think about in
14	terms of traditional measure specification to
15	make them usable for anybody. So the question
16	becomes is there an electronic set of measures
17	out there that we just don't know about.
18	Almost all the measures are process measures
19	and I think this then gets to both a semantic
20	game as well as meaningful kind of thought
21	game around what is an outcome measure for
22	care coordination. The one that I include as

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1	an example is drug-related morbidity
2	associated with drugs that need a high amount
3	of prescription drug monitoring. And so
4	actually, the outcome that they used within
5	the measure that's reported is the actual
6	drug-related morbidity. But are some of these
7	other processes, rehospitalization, emergency
8	department visitation, are some of these other
9	things also outcomes measures? And I think
10	that that's worth thinking about because it
11	really what kind of guidance a measure
12	developer gets around that will have a big
13	impact on what they feel they can submit or
14	not submit into the consensus development
15	process.
16	And then most measures right now
17	are patient experience surveys. That's the
18	vast, vast majority of it. And then, so given
19	that, how can you comprehensively measure
20	activities across the spectrum when the
21	majority of available measures take only that
22	small sliver of the whole process and there's

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1	a lot of measures right there, there's a lot
2	of overlapping work for that little bit of
3	area. Next slide.
4	This is my kind of what I think
5	has been the timeline of care coordination
6	measurement is that the '80s and the '90s were
7	a lot of patient experience surveys because
8	that's what was kind of doable by data. Then
9	that has started to move towards a lot of
10	condition-specific claims and measurements.
11	So I think that that actually will be where
12	go ahead and click where we are right now
13	is in that area. And that where this could
14	move to is more of these medical record-based
15	or activity and process thinking about
16	different measures. But I'm not sure we're
17	like, there's not really much to say that
18	there is something to use out there right now.
19	And what will be interesting to see is what
20	happens if somebody proposes a patient
21	experience survey in this consensus
22	development project. You know, do you want to

Page 194 1 continue to include those types of things in 2 a discussion and review them, or should the process really move towards the other end of 3 that spectrum? Next slide. 4 5 One thing I found challenging was where to put information systems in this. 6 We have it in the 2006 framework as a separate 7 8 domain but in reality I think the discussion 9 is and a lot has happened since 2006 is that 10 it's more of a crosscutting foundation. It's 11 a type of infrastructure that is necessary for 12 all these different kinds of measures. So to simply bucket measures in there I don't think 13 14 is a very useful thing, or useful way to think There's definitely the need to 15 about it. consider sub-activities. I think looking at 16 17 that plan of care mapping shows you that, 18 where you can miss things if we use too broad 19 of a group. And then the other thing to think 20 about is is there a model out there that is 21 better suited for measure mapping. Is there 22 something that is more sequential or more

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1	comprehensive where you can actually take
2	measures and put them into mutually exclusive
3	buckets to understand how well you've covered
4	care coordination as a whole? Next slide.
5	So, in conclusion, the main gaps
6	would be a lack of electronic measures and in
7	certain measure areas it would be those with
8	respect to the health care home, transitions
9	within the ambulatory setting. There's a lot
10	between the hospital and the ambulatory
11	setting. There's very little that goes at the
12	referral loop that happens within the
13	ambulatory setting and as more and more things
14	happen outside of the hospital setting the
15	importance of those measures becomes
16	increasingly important. There's really
17	nothing that starts to get at community
18	linkage and understanding how community
19	resources play into care coordination as well
20	as transition needs.
21	And then I think the last kind of
22	thing about gaps is how do you get beyond the

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1	patient experience survey. And a lot of
2	people have kind of mentioned this today which
3	is instead of it just being did you do patient
4	education or did the patient get an experience
5	survey is did they actually understand it. So
6	is that patient assessment, is that other
7	forms or ways of measuring whether or not
8	you're getting true person- and family-
9	centered care. And I think that those are
10	probably the areas that have the most room for
11	improvement but it would be interesting to
12	hear from everybody if they're aware of any
13	measures there and particularly ones that are
14	in the close term and being near the point of
15	development where they'd be in the next
16	project. I think that's it.
17	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So Arjun, thank
18	you very much. This is a lot of hard work and
19	we want to be able to be sure we get some
20	questions here and comments. I think that we
21	will do our round table after this but right
22	now I want to focus on this presentation and

Page 197 get your reaction and comments. And let's just spend a few minutes doing that. So, go ahead. MS. ALEXANDER: So the eMeasures, the lower number of the eMeasures I don't fund surprising at all. Whether that's NQF- endorsed measures or other. And if we think about particularly right now in the industry as related to NQF-endorsed measures that we're in, you know, a process of retooling current NQF-endorsed measures into eMeasures. I mean this is a very huge undertaking. So were you J guess aware of that and was any consideration given to that in terms of the results here and what you're reporting in terms of gaps? DR. VENKATESH: I think that that exactly is what makes sense, is that what J think that the industry right now. I mean, it's all very new. And so as these measures do get retooled I would anticipate that a lot of those measures that are currently		
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2	be then, could be classified as electronic and
3	would change that. My guess is then is that
4	then if you think about kind of globally where
5	some of those measures are that those will be
6	still some of the gaps. So we don't really
7	have many measures, for example, to measure
8	community linkage. So, as we retool current
9	measures to go electronic we're still going to
10	have a gap with community linkage afterwards.
11	But I'm sure if I redid this in like 12 months
12	it would be completely different.
13	MS. ALEXANDER: I would agree.
14	And I think the other aspect that's going on
15	in the industry too that will help support
16	this initiative of retooling the eMeasures and
17	creating standardization for some of the data
18	and information-sharing that we were talking
19	about earlier is the quality data model which
20	I think there's actually a webinar on today
21	from NQF, and then the measure authoring tool
22	for stewards as well too. So I see all of

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1	those activities supporting measure
2	development and then particularly for
3	eMeasures as well in the future. Thank you.
4	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Yes, Karen.
5	DR. FARRIS: I would just comment
6	that the segmentation of the proactive plan of
7	care is probably the most profound to me
8	personally because I did serve with a few
9	people in here on the first committee and that
10	just became a big bucket. And maybe sometimes
11	we weren't exactly sure, you know, we'd put it
12	there. So I think that that's very insightful
13	and I think helpful to this group.
14	CO-CHAIR LAMB: I'd like to echo
15	that. First off, for somebody who isn't
16	familiar with care coordination literature I
17	think you did an astounding job. The other
18	question is when we're going to get this so
19	that we can see, you know, the groupings. But
20	what struck me was the granularity, you know,
21	and I think you pointed that out. And just
22	based on your experience in working with the

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1	hundred and some odd measures whether you
2	think that the granularity in the AHRQ mapping
3	will help us not just look at gaps but be
4	clearer on where there's value in filling
5	those gaps.
6	DR. VENKATESH: Yes, I think you
7	know, from the developer of measures
8	perspective I'm wondering if what you're
9	alluding to now when it's more directed, it's
10	more granular. If your measure fits within
11	that it may almost to some degree drive more
12	measurement development because people feel
13	like it fits that bucket versus something like
14	proactive plan of care can seem so broad and
15	so much more difficult to capture within a
16	measure. So I could see maybe using some of
17	this language or even incorporating some of it
18	into the call for measures to help guide
19	measure developers so that it makes it easier
20	for them. Having been on the measure
21	development side I can totally see how it
22	would be a lot easier to follow something that

Page 201 1 helps categorize it for me as opposed to 2 having to come to the table and try to categorize it when I know that there's 40 3 definitions, 55 frameworks in the whole world 4 5 out there. 6 CO-CHAIR CASEY: So, I want to 7 point out a nuance here that I think is 8 important. And I think it may be obvious to 9 some but I'm not sure it is to everyone. And 10 that is distinguishing between what you call HIT and data standards. Because I think that 11 somehow or another data standards sometimes 12 13 get rolled into HIT and I think they're 14 related but different. But that is probably 15 symptomatic proof of your findings, that we don't have these data standards. So I wonder 16 17 if you could comment on that distinction in 18 your presentation and maybe call that out a 19 little bit more clearly. 20 Yes, there's like DR. VENKATESH: 21 a pool of measures sometimes that were 22 probably classified as administrative claims

Page 202 measures or got classified as chart review 1 2 measures and the reason being is that to capture the information necessary to know if 3 4 somebody had appropriate follow-up and 5 something was done at that follow-up for 6 example requires multiple data sources. And 7 part of that is based on the data standards 8 that I think go into each of those data 9 sources. So you can always know that somebody 10 saw a doctor of some sort after they were in one setting, or you can know that somebody 11 12 went from a primary care doctor to a 13 specialist and saw a primary care doctor 14 again, but if you wanted to know was there a consult report mailed back you'd have to do a 15 chart abstraction. And so I think that that 16 17 is a place where to some degree there's, 18 you're almost there with, you have part of the 19 data standards or you have part of the data 20 elements in something that is electronically 21 abstractable but then a little bit more is 22 And I guess what would be interesting is not.

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2	'06 and '10. And I'm sure if you looked at it
3	now, and I'm not by any means a meaningful use
4	expert and knowledgeable about everything
5	that's happened in that gap, that language has
6	evolved even more.
7	I think the way I thought about it
8	to some degree was there are measures of these
9	kind of do you have an information system that
10	is able, and these are just structural
11	measures of, you know, can it help with care
12	coordination. You could have this information
13	system and these structural measures and be
14	horrible at care coordination theoretically.
15	And then there are measures that are measuring
16	some coordination activity, follow-up,
17	medication management, something like that
18	that are abstractable electronically. And
19	they're definitely two different things. My
20	guess is the former group though it's very
21	hard to have the latter without the former so
22	maybe that's a way of having them both. But

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	22	measures like that they would be highly

Page 206 1 preferential in the endorsement process, not 2 to the exclusion of the other measures. 3 DR. BURSTIN: Yes, it's a really interesting observation. 4 I think that we want 5 to make sure there are measures out there that people can use but we also want to recognize 6 7 there are measures out there for systems that 8 are capable of using them, that we don't want 9 to push out measures that feel, I don't need 10 this, I'm way beyond this. So I suspect we're going to wind up with sort of a binary set, 11 12 one that's probably more suited to those who aren't quite -- finished that HIT journey. 13 Ι 14 don't know if you ever finish it. And ones 15 that actually really are more for the advanced 16 systems. 17 And just a follow-up comment as 18 well about the retooling aspect of it because 19 I think it's a really interesting comment. 20 One of our concerns though is that when we 21 retool measures developed for another data 22 system is you are kind of doing that junk in

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1	the looking for your keys under the
2	lamplight. You're still sort of operating
3	under the idea that this is what I have
4	available and I'm just taking the measure as
5	I had it and I'm using the data standards in
6	an EHR to create it. And I think we kind of
7	want to also get to measures where de novo you
8	say like some of the advanced health systems
9	who've created measures with their HIT
10	systems, these are the ones you can only do,
11	and I can develop this because I know what I
12	have in front of me. We thought about what
13	was most important and then we looked to see
14	if our data model could support it as opposed
15	to the other way around.
16	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Does that help?
17	Okay, Jeff, were you going to?
18	DR. GREENBERG: I think Helen hit
19	a lot of what I was thinking. I mean, it
20	seems like having a domain of HIT would
21	hopefully be obsolete soon, that we could just
22	measure things electronically and you can't,

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1	you know, it's hard to step up to the plate if
2	you can't do that. And therefore it sort of
3	assumes that you have electronic systems in
4	place if that's how we're going to measure
5	you. But I do see that you can't do that
6	right away.
7	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So you could see
8	like the patient having like the NFL
9	quarterback, the care coordination on his arm
10	there? That's still usable. You know, the
11	quarterback's got all the plays, right? I'm
12	kidding.
13	MS. POWELL: Thanks. Along the
14	lines of what Helen was saying about and
15	really using this as an opportunity to look at
16	what do we really need to be measuring that's
17	going to be helpful. I think Arjun in his
18	presentation asked the question what do we
19	mean by care coordination outcomes and that's
20	been a question rolling around in my brain all
21	morning. What are we really after? And I'm
22	not sure we've answered the question. And it

Page 209 seems to me like we really need to answer that 1 2 question before we go much further if we're 3 going to focus to any degree on outcomes. And 4 it struck me as I was looking at some of the 5 materials put together since a lot of great work has been put together to identify the 6 7 domains. Perhaps there's a way to take the 8 domains and look at them and say okay, what is one outcome for each of these domains that 9 10 would really give a clear picture that the domain has been addressed as an outcome? 11 And 12 I don't know what those would be, but to me that would be a way to really start moving 13 14 toward outcomes, some of which may be able to be measured using electronic means, others of 15 16 which maybe not, and some of which may require 17 multiple electronic data sources that we have 18 no way to link at this point. But that to me 19 seems a little bit more progressive and moves 20 us away from looking at like some of the 21 measures that were endorsed because that's 22 what we had at the time. The cardiac rehab

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1	at those things, and if we needed to get more
2	specific look at, say, health care home. What
3	really is the outcome that we're after in
4	having a health care home and make it very
5	specific to that. And some of them may be
6	some of the things you just mentioned. But
7	there may be others. I think where I have
8	trouble is defining what is really a care
9	coordination outcome versus what is just an
10	outcome measure that we should be measuring
11	anyway. I don't know.
12	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Eva, that's a
13	really critical point I think that we really
14	need to deliberate on in the discussion. When
15	we go around you'll have an opportunity to
16	talk about that. But that moves us towards a
17	premise that care coordination is really
18	central to all outcomes and it runs the risk
19	of if it achieves all outcomes what doesn't it
20	achieve and how do we know it which just makes
21	it really complex. It is such a central
22	function but we've got to tease out some of

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1	this. So we'll have that opportunity to go
2	around and talk about it. Does anybody have
3	any more questions about or comments? Jeff?
4	DR. GREENBERG: Yes, I totally
5	agree with Eva and I'm glad she brought that
б	up. I think we need not just outcomes but
7	useful outcomes for this process. You know,
8	something like quality of life is clearly an
9	outcome but I'm not sure that's necessarily
10	going to be useful in terms of how we evaluate
11	measures. You know, that's, as you said,
12	that's sort of an outcome of most of what we
13	try to do in health care. So we need outcomes
14	potentially, it's, you know, use of the
15	emergency room, use of admissions, et cetera,
16	that directly, you know more closely relate to
17	these exact things we're talking about.
18	Because some of the high-level outcomes that
19	really do matter to patients may not
20	necessarily guide us that well in terms of the
21	processes we want to try to make standard.
22	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Tom.

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1	DR. HOWE: Yes, before we start to
2	assign outcomes to some of these domains I
3	think it might be worth thinking about
4	reordering some of these domains into the old
5	paradigm of structure, process and outcome.
6	And some of these domains I think as Jeff was
7	alluding to are really just structural. You
8	can't do care coordination that's essentially
9	measurable or up to I think community
10	standards without HIT. And some of these I
11	think are enabling the process, that care
12	coordination is a process and we need to
13	define the subsets that allow us to measure
14	that as I think we started to do. But once we
15	define those then we can link outcomes to
16	them.
17	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Yes, you know,
18	Tom, very well put. The harkening back to
19	this and Chris and Karen, maybe you can help
20	us recall this. I think what we were, when we
21	were sort of with a complete blank piece of
22	paper on this we started defining it in terms

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1	of what we thought critical elements of
2	success might be from our own experience. And
3	you know, obviously there was a lot there but
4	things like community-based social services
5	and the like were things that came to mind.
6	But as you point out those are not outcomes.
7	So, I think that balancing the structure
8	process and outcome is going to be critical
9	because you can never get to outcomes without
10	knowing what it is you're trying to focus on
11	with what you've got. So I think it's an
12	elegant thing to keep in the back of our mind.
13	Because it's very easy to jump to outcomes and
14	just talk about that and not backfill with all
15	the necessary ingredients needed to achieve
16	improved whatever. So. Yes, one more
17	question and then we're going to
18	DR. AUDET: Well, I think in this,
19	I really like also the process the
20	structure, process, outcome. In reviewing the
21	documents you sent there was a whole review of
22	the literature on the impact of care

Page 215 1 coordination. And I was struck by the fact 2 that there's not a lot of evidence except maybe for transitional care. And so that is 3 another challenge that this discussion you 4 5 know poses is the evidence available to us. 6 And there's another really great review of the 7 literature on the cost of care coordination by 8 Alfred Weit where he also shows, he's done a 9 really comprehensive review of the literature, 10 that we know about the cost of not providing good care coordination but we don't really 11 12 know what the impact of good care 13 coordination. So I think in this discussion 14 maybe this structure/process/outcome will be a good way for us to anchor because if we base 15 16 it on the evidence we're going to have some trouble. 17 18 And just one follow-DR. BURSTIN: 19 up comment to that. That's actually really 20 I think the other issue is that important. 21 when you're going to get to look at measures, 22 when that happens sometime this winter you're

Page 216 1 going to need to look to see if you think 2 there's evidence for the measure focus. So in 3 some ways even if you may not necessarily be bringing in the outcomes of each of these 4 5 domains and as I scan through it it was a very 6 useful exercise. You're right, most of these 7 do lend themselves to process, Tom. I think 8 the issue still is going to be, it would be 9 interesting, even if you think they're the 10 right processes that are highly linked to outcomes we at least need to think through 11 12 what those outcomes are to see if the evidence 13 exists that that process is outcome-based. So 14 it's going to come up anyway. I'm not sure 15 they're going to be the ones that you're going 16 to bring in in this project per se but I think 17 you're going to want to be able to start 18 thinking about how to judge those processes. 19 CO-CHAIR CASEY: So let me before 20 I turn it over to Gerri say one last thing 21 about evidence. Those of you who know Gordon 22 Guyatt may have heard him teach this.
Page 217 1 Gordon's a big master. He's one of the 2 godfathers of the grade system, obviously, involved with Cochrane and the like. 3 And what he taught me was that we have to be careful 4 5 about saying there's no evidence. What we really mean is that the quality of evidence is 6 7 very poor or low to support our hypothesis. 8 And so there's a lot of good evidence -- I'm 9 sorry, there's a lot of evidence that there's 10 The quality of whether it stuff going on. actually achieves its intended effect is low 11 12 or poor at best. So I just want to -- that's 13 my pet peeve I realize but I get nervous when 14 people say there's no evidence. I think we should just be mindful of that in our 15 16 deliberations. So that's all I'll say. 17 CO-CHAIR LAMB: Okay. Here's your 18 opportunity now to answer the question that 19 we've been asking all morning which is what is 20 really important to measure. So, if you would 21 take just a few minutes and jot down you know 22 what you believe is important on a go-forward

Page 218 1 basis, keeping the theme here in terms of 2 we're not retooling the same old, same old. We're trying to advance the thinking in this 3 Is if you would jot down what do you 4 area. 5 think is important here, what should we move forward as we go from. This is stage 1 6 7 remember, where we're looking at what is 8 important to measure to frame the call for 9 measures. So take a few minutes, maybe just 10 a couple and jot down. And then we're going to go around, everybody will have an 11 12 opportunity, and Lauralei will be keeping track of these. So we're going to ask you if 13 14 you can and we know this is difficult, keep 15 your comments as brief as you can, but if somebody has already said what you think is 16 17 important just kind of say "And I agree with" 18 so that we can keep moving around. Because 19 this hopefully will give us kind of the foundation for the discussion of framing the 20 21 call for measures which will move us from this 22 stage ultimately into stage 2.

Page 219 1 The other thing is as you frame 2 your comments about what's important, if you have any thoughts about this discussion about 3 4 outcomes or available measures please bring 5 that up then so that we can kind of use this as our chance to tap into your expertise. 6 So 7 just take a few minutes and write down what do 8 you think is important. What should be on the 9 table here. 10 CO-CHAIR CASEY: And Gerri, why don't we let our colleagues who have to leave 11 12 early maybe go first. 13 CO-CHAIR LAMB: Everybody had a 14 chance to jot down their ideas? We're good? 15 Anybody need any more time? All right. Let's 16 start down. 17 MS. LEWIS: So there's been so 18 many great things said today and I'm going to 19 try, because so much has already been said, to 20 just try to add a little bit from my 21 perspective on this. So the two things that 22 come to mind for me, one is some sort of

Page 220 metric of taking the whole person into 1 2 account. And what I mean by that is that I think often that 10 minutes in the physician's 3 office has very little to do with what is 4 5 going on with that patient. And so as I said earlier, we work with patients in the home, 6 7 from the home perspective. And what you learn 8 in 10 minutes in a patient's home is very, 9 very different than what you learn in the 10 patient's office, or in the physician's office. You know, whether it's that, you 11 12 know, the roof's falling in or there's no caregiver or, you know, there's shots being 13 14 fired out in the street. You know, there has to be some mechanism in care coordination to 15 16 understand that whole person perspective. 17 And that kind of leads into my second comment which is I think sometimes when 18 19 we write performance measures we inadvertently 20 keep ourselves inside the box of the current 21 system. We don't mean to but it's how we all 22 think and so that's what we end up doing. And

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1	to that point I want to make sure, and I
2	actually haven't heard this much today so I'm
3	just, but this is just from my own so that
4	I say it. I think it's really hard to look at
5	the physician as the person who's going to do
6	all this coordination. It's expensive, they
7	don't have the time, they're in short supply.
8	You know, they certainly, it's hard to get
9	economies of scale in physician's offices.
10	And so I guess I just want to make sure that
11	as we think about who's going to do this care
12	coordination that we're open to all the
13	different, whether it's community, you know,
14	home care, whatever it is that we leave that
15	open and we don't kind of inadvertently put
16	ourselves in that box.
17	DR. CARRILLO: I think that
18	something that came up earlier this morning is
19	that we're kind of limiting our vision to that
20	narrow slice of the clinical interplay between
21	hospital, home, you know, primary care
22	physician. And I think that in terms of care

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1	coordination we have to begin to define
2	measures that go outside of the comfort zone
3	that we all have because you know, we've all
4	been around those institutions and have been
5	patients. I think we need to figure out how
6	we're going to capture the family involvement
7	and how are we going to begin to capture the
8	involvement of the homeless shelter, the CBO,
9	the church activity, you know, whatever these
10	other points of contact that are most
11	important for the person. So I would widen
12	that scope.
13	CO-CHAIR LAMB: And please
14	remember, too, if you have thoughts about
15	outcomes or measures to add that as well. Do
16	either of you want to add anything to that?
17	Eva, hang on just a sec because I think we're
18	going to go over here just so that we can
19	capture your input before you leave. Anything
20	else from both of you that you wanted to just
21	add?
22	DR. CARRILLO: Not right now.

Page 223 1 CO-CHAIR LAMB: Okay. 2 So I just wanted DR. WAKEFIELD: 3 to comment on the previous speaker's comment about HIT as a foundation rather than a 4 5 Because the chart has become a measure. 6 billing and legal document and not so good at 7 telling the patient's story. And furthermore 8 we've taken the paper record, a bad paper 9 record, and translated it to a bad electronic 10 And so you know, you really can't get record. the patient's story out of their record 11 12 anymore. And I think it has the potential to 13 both do that and allow for efficient data 14 abstraction for measures. So, I think what's 15 important to measure is this patient's story. 16 So I would support this shared plan of care 17 which is updated on an ongoing basis and I 18 think by recommending measures like that it 19 will force HIT to redesign, to be able to do 20 Because as-is, you know, it's just done that. 21 the way it is, the old paper record. So I 22 think we need to look at how, what, sort of

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1	shoot for the sky, decide what we want and
2	then have the infrastructure respond to make
3	it fit.
4	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Eva?
5	MS. POWELL: Thanks. I actually
б	agree very much with Bonnie's comment. I hope
7	that this group will really think outside the
8	box because so much of what you said about
9	EHRs is what we struggle with meaningful use,
10	is what do we want to have happen versus what
11	is possible today, and there's a huge chasm.
12	And I also want to agree with Julie's point
13	about, and I think this has been addressed a
14	little bit today, but I think we do need to
15	bear in mind that the vast majority of care
16	coordination is really not a physician
17	function, that it's certainly a multi-
18	disciplinary function and at least in my
19	experience working in a hospital very few of
20	those functions actually get taken care of by
21	physicians. And that's not to minimize their
22	importance in creating, say, a care plan but

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1	just, we will have totally missed the boat if
2	we really zero in on physician activity here.
3	But in terms of what I think is
4	really important to measure I tend to be a
5	very concrete thinker sometimes and so I did
6	kind of outline some measures that are out of
7	the box. And I have no idea how we'd actually
8	go about measuring these, but since we are
9	where we are I'll throw them out there. One
10	would be consistency in making necessary
11	linkages to clinical and non-clinical
12	supports. Another would be effectiveness of
13	a continuous feedback loop between patient and
14	caregiver and their care team members. And
15	then the third that I came up with, and these
16	certainly are not comprehensive, would be
17	patient and caregiver experience of care
18	coordination. And that's probably the one
19	that's closest to being an actual measure,
20	having actual capability of measuring. And
21	forgive me for my lack of knowledge of details
22	of what is out there, but I guess the

Page 226 difference I see here is I think it's 1 2 important to measure both patient and caregiver experience and to at least stratify 3 the results by those two different categories, 4 5 and then have that be overall care coordination, not just care transitions, 6 7 although certainly care transitions I think 8 would be an important point to stratify as 9 well. 10 DR. MCNABNEY: So I'm going to build on a couple of these comments. So kind 11 12 of along the non-clinical theme I think, when you think of care coordination over 99 percent 13 of what patients do is by themselves and so to 14 15 the extent that care coordination has an 16 impact on that non-clinically supervised 17 So the carryover of clinical setting. 18 expertise and how we measure that I think is 19 important. So I think the patient's 20 understanding of what care coordination is and 21 its value. One, conveying it, and then 22 measuring that impact and its registering with

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the patient.

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2	And then going back to the
3	statement of goals of care, something that we
4	as clinicians and everybody in health care
5	throw out which is very, in a real sense is
6	quite a vague term. So I think of the ability
7	to articulate in a structured way, or at least
8	have documentation of goals of care and how
9	that plays into the using care coordination
10	techniques is important. So as far as
11	outcomes I was thinking one process outcome
12	would be tracking of adherence to goals of
13	care with regard to self-management and
14	patient preferences. And an outcome measure
15	would be adherence to those. What they're
16	collected and documented or noted in a care
17	coordination model would be adherence to those
18	as stated.
19	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Before you move
20	on, for those outcomes are you aware of any
21	measures out there that we can look at related
22	to adherence to goals of care and self-

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management?

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2	DR. MCNABNEY: So, I think it's a
3	real reflection of how I mean if you read,
4	as all of us do, recommendations for patients
5	they talk about, even in the documents we've
6	looked at today, goals of care. And I think
7	that that in itself is so vague. So I think
8	if, I mean it could be as simple as a practice
9	having a mechanism to establishing, you know,
10	it could be an internal process and then a
11	documentation of so to answer your
12	question, I don't know of data that's shown
13	that, but I think you could think of a
14	practice- or a health plan-specific way of
15	doing that and how well they adhere to it
16	which I think would be more realistic than
17	sort of a national plan.
18	DR. LEE: You know, looking at
19	this issue I first asked myself the question,
20	well, what do these domains mean. And it's
21	kind of interesting. Health care home on page
22	on one of the pages here it says "Patient

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1	has an opportunity to select." Well, that
2	means there's a selection process for this.
3	This is not an outcome measure we're talking
4	about just to have a home. And tomorrow it
5	could be something else. So I think to me
6	and I'm a very concrete person, I apologize
7	having a plan for every patient, work on
8	transitions to avoid quality and safety issues
9	that happens along the way, and really ask the
10	hard question how does IT help us to get
11	there. Those are two pieces that have some
12	concrete progress over time and it's likely
13	we'll have more refined literature around how
14	to look at these two issues. And then the IT
15	issue really is about how to help with that.
16	So that's my opinion, just to look at what
17	we've got today and make improvements.
18	MS. LOVE: I think I'm coming at
19	this from a different, way different
20	perspective. So I'm just going to put it out
21	there. My perspective is measurement precedes
22	the science so many times. I mean, it's ahead

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1	of, it's really a political statement and
2	that's the arena I live in. And yet those
3	political statements, the science should catch
4	up and it will catch up but that's how we
5	transform the system.
6	So when I think of all the
7	discussion today I did some thoughts. If I
8	were talking to legislators tomorrow in a
9	state which I probably will do next week it's
10	why should you invest in care coordination?
11	Because they're cutting social services right
12	and left. And so we're fighting a fight out
13	there. So I need the measures to say this
14	absolutely reduces the cost or the resource
15	use, either upstream or downstream. So, you
16	know, I'm fishing for that magic sweet spot
17	where you can say, you know, by investing X
18	dollars you can save. So, it really is that
19	return on investment, but also reduction of
20	complications and readmissions. So that begs
21	some sort of person-centric linkage.
22	So then that begs sort of a

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1	community capacity that I'm looking for.
2	What's the community capacity assessment? If
3	I have a patient in Kaiser that has nowhere to
4	go out in the community, you know, am I
5	talking to public health? Are those hubs and
6	connections made so you can do tradeoffs in a
7	more, maybe a non-traditional way outside of
8	an ACO or health care setting. So some sort
9	of capacity for what the linkages are within
10	the community, maybe a score of this is a
11	sharing community, or a collaborative
12	community versus, you know, a siloed
13	community, I don't know. I'm brainstorming
14	again.
15	And then, you know, there's
16	patient factors that I look at. And this gets
17	back to if I see a failure of care or a bad
18	outcome and medication not filled, or non-
19	compliance, what is the patient's insurance
20	like. You know, what's the socioeconomic.
21	And so that begs sort of a patient risk score
22	and we talked about that earlier today, or

Page 232 1 just buckets of types of patients that might 2 have extra care coordination considerations. And just like we worked for a decade to get 3 4 present on admission on hospital coding and 5 some of you can throw things at me, I foresee a day where maybe in these transitions we have 6 7 a code for present with records on admission 8 to a hospital. You know, so I really think 9 that is possible in this new world. And so I 10 keep thinking of Steve Jobs and saying there is an app for that, we just have to be 11 creative and think a little outside the box. 12 And so I'm not coming at it with absolute 13 14 Hopefully I'll come up to speed. measures. 15 But I'm thinking more of the 16 infrastructure needed both in the community, 17 in the health care system and also if I were working with a provider system, just as an 18 19 unpaid consultant, you know, is there an 20 assessment of a provider capacity, you know, 21 or a payer capacity system that, a checklist 22 that they could do a self-assessment and say,

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yes, we have the capacity to do these things or we don't and that's another measurable sort of thing that could get us along that way. So these are just some brainstorming ideas I came up with.

MS. ALEXANDER: So to build upon 6 7 what has already been said is that, you know, 8 why, first starting off, why we need care 9 coordination. Because I really believe it is 10 the function that is what is needed to manage and achieve not only individual health but 11 12 population health. And care coordination is The plan of care as I see a part of 13 dynamic. care coordination is dynamic and it's really 14 based upon the patient needs and it is not 15 16 owned by any one discipline but as what's been previously stated, that it really needs to be 17 18 touched upon and driven by all of those care 19 team delivery members that are actually 20 touching and engaged with this patient across 21 all care settings. And we need to think 22 beyond the traditional settings into the

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1 church and other community settings as well 2 too. So again, at this point I don't have any 3 specifics on specific measures, but I'm sure 4 that will come soon here in my thinking as we 5 continue discussion. Thank you.

DR. MALOUIN: Hi. So I think, you 6 7 know, all of us in this room have spent a good 8 deal of time looking at the evidence, sort of 9 trying to come up with conclusions that are 10 consistent and most us have probably found that there is a lot of inconsistency in the 11 12 There's a lot of people doing a lot evidence. of things out there, but there's not always a 13 14 common set of elements that is, you know, yes indeed this is what's shown to be successful. 15 16 And now we're starting to get those. We're 17 starting to get like with complex care coordination, you know, close to the doctor, 18 19 medication reconciliation, attention to 20 transitions. So anything that's moving 21 forward needs to really emphasize the common elements of the literature that we've found. 22

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1	And I have to tell you, you know, middle
2	America, all of America, the people who are
3	actually doing this stuff, they don't know the
4	evidence. They don't read about this stuff.
5	They just know what they've been doing for
6	years. And so I think it'll be most helpful
7	if we come up with measures that will
8	actually, that aren't sufficiently vague that
9	they're subject to a lot of different types of
10	interpretation. For example, care plan. I
11	think that's something that always comes up
12	and it's been pointed out here that that can
13	mean a number of different things. So what is
14	it about a care plan that's important? It
15	should be X, Y and Z. Obviously those things
16	are hard to measure sometimes and that's I
17	think what the barrier is. But I think the
18	more we can use these measures to actually
19	help drive the way people care for patients I
20	think that will be in our best interest.
21	Because we, because people really don't know
22	what's they don't know what works, they

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1	don't know what doesn't work. And I've been
2	living this for the past year so I know this.
3	Measures such as transition care,
4	you know, we all know now that transition care
5	is thought to be helpful but what does that
6	mean? It means a million different things to
7	a million different people. And so you know,
8	we look to things that are measurable. Like
9	for instance, PCP visit after hospital
10	discharge. And those of us who know there
11	might be better ways to do that, but that's
12	all we have because we have claims data. Can
13	we come up with better ways to measure things
14	that will be meaningful and that will also
15	drive the behavior that we know does work?
16	I think, you know, one of the
17	problems is that we've all talked I'm not
18	going to elaborate on the EHR, the HIT
19	problems that we have, but there's so much
20	variability in what vendors are offering now
21	that it's often impossible to try and come up
22	with a common set of elements. And hopefully

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1	I think the intention of meaningful use was to
2	do that. And it sort of got caught up in the
3	politics. And hopefully the next generation
4	of meaningful use recommendations that come
5	out will be more meaningful. But I think we
6	really need to get EHR vendors onboard and
7	perhaps that's a way to do that.
8	And lastly, as far as specific
9	measures I'm probably going to kind of go
10	against what I just said about being as
11	specific as possible because I think that we
12	also shouldn't ignore both the patient
13	experience of care as well as the PCP
14	experience of care. Because as a family
15	physician I know when my patient's care has
16	not been coordinated. I mean, I just know and
17	the family knows too. They don't know exactly
18	what went wrong but you can tell. When a
19	patient leaves the hospital, you know, they
20	know, or actually when they get back to their
21	PCP they know whether or not their care was
22	coordinated. They don't know what should have

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1	been or what shouldn't have been done, they
2	just know that they felt like they were thrown
3	out into a big black hole. So I think that
4	even though maybe we're trying to get away
5	from those surveys I think we don't want to
6	lose that patient experience.
7	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Let me just jump
8	in and tell you a little anecdote that Wendy
9	mentioned before. I have this fantasy of
10	having a patient experience measure which
11	relates to the patient satisfaction that they
12	just had to be readmitted to the hospital. I
13	wondered what the performance on that one
14	would be. So I hear you.
15	DR. HOWE: I think we're at the
16	point where we need to focus on measures that
17	will enforce the process piece here. The
18	coordination of care is really about the plan
19	of care, or should be. And one of the highest
20	priorities I think is to develop some standard
21	elements that are part of that plan of care so
22	you know one when you see one. And that would

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1	be, the professional societies and other
2	groups including community resources to decide
3	what are the standard elements in a plan of
4	care. Because you need that plan of care as
5	the hub of the wheel of all these other spokes
б	that we're talking about. Is there a
7	transition plan from hospital to home? Is
8	there a closed loop from that referral to the
9	specialist back to the PCP? Is the family
10	preference and the patient preference recorded
11	and operated on in that plan of care? Are the
12	conditions that are associated and certainly
13	with the complex patients captured in that
14	plan of care so that you have the total
15	picture. And with that, once you've gotten
16	and you need an accountable team leader. It
17	doesn't have to be the physician, but somebody
18	needs to be accountable for maintaining that
19	plan of care and having that relationship with
20	the patient and the family. From there you
21	can then get to some outcomes I think.
22	You can certainly then focus on

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1	what does the patient think happened to their
2	plan of care and you should be able to
3	structure that such that it's not a huge
4	effort to capture. And you could also ask the
5	providers did they think they met the plan of
6	care. But there are metrics out there now
7	that would essentially roll up to some sort of
8	adherence score, medication adherence,
9	referral completion, visits after some
10	transition of care, lifestyle changes,
11	preventive health adherence. I mean, there
12	are a whole slew of measures that can be
13	rolled into a bundle that indicate that
14	somebody's care is being coordinated.
15	And we need to keep track of care
16	coordination ability. There are going to be
17	subsets, there are populations that don't
18	trust their caregivers, they don't speak
19	English, they don't have a relationship and
20	working in the form of a team, they have, you
21	know, outreach fatigue. They don't want to
22	hear from anybody. Leave me alone. We need

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1	some way to capture, you know, that there's a
2	spectrum of impactability that's going to
3	that might adversely affect a provider's
4	measurement in their being able to achieve
5	whatever this outcome goal is. So we need to
б	capture that as well in some sort of risk
7	adjustment. I have no clue how to do that.
8	CO-CHAIR CASEY: And Tom, you
9	don't know of any particular sources that we
10	could tap into that have anything near what
11	you're talking about?
12	DR. HOWE: I do not.
13	DR. LYNN: So I can think of a
14	couple of sources that might get at some of
15	what Tom was just talking about. The Council
16	of Medical Subspecialties of the American
17	College of Physicians has had a group working
18	on what they're calling the medical home
19	neighbor where they have been defining what
20	some of the elements should be in the
21	correspondence between a primary care
22	physician, a consultant and back again to make

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1	sure that information is passed in a clear
2	way. And they've been doing some on-the-
3	ground testing of those. There's also a group
4	out at UCSF in their safety net hospital at
5	San Francisco General working on an e-referral
6	system where they've done some publishing I
7	think in JGIM. There's been some really nice
8	stuff out there.
9	A couple of thought that I had
10	build on what Eva and Matthew were saying. I
11	think continuing to go to patients and to
12	family caregivers to ask them if they have the
13	knowledge and the resources that they need to
14	provide care is something that's going to be
15	important. And I really applaud NQF for
16	moving to a more crosscutting measurement
17	scheme so that it's not did your PCP give you
18	a comprehensive nutrition plan for your
19	diabetes which is really pretty focused, but
20	do you have what you need to take care of your
21	multiple chronic conditions is something that
22	I think is important for all providers to

Page 243 1 understand whether we're achieving that or 2 not. I've also been wondering if there 3 are some adverse events that we could be 4 5 measuring that would be sort of akin to 6 hospital-acquired infections that would be 7 markers of the failure of care coordination. 8 So would failure to get needed follow-up be a marker of that that could be measured at a 9 10 practice level, a group practice level perhaps, to see if that's something that we 11 12 could see go down over time as we implemented 13 more processes of care. 14 And the final thing I'd like to 15 say is that a lot of what we're talking about talks about the medical home. And I think so 16 17 much of what's defined in the patient-centered medical home is terrific. And the 18 19 availability of that kind of care for many 20 patients is just not there. 21 DR. GREENBERG: So I agree with a 22 lot of that has already been said. A couple

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1	things I would add is, one, I think care
2	coordination does apply to all patients but I
3	think there has to be an effort to identify
4	high-risk patients. All these things cannot
5	be done and should not be done for all
6	patients. So I think we need to be able to
7	promote sorting out through whatever means
8	necessary, whether it's just a smart nurse
9	looking at patients or you know a risk
10	stratification software tool, who are the
11	high-risk patients and then are appropriate
12	pieces of infrastructure being put into place
13	to help manage them better than a traditional,
14	you know, solo doc can do.
15	The other thing I would add is on
16	the subject of a medical home or health care
17	home, you know, there's a lot of attention
18	being put on the primary care practice in
19	terms of being the center of coordinating care
20	and it may be. But having one practice
21	coordinating care is a bit like, you know, one
22	hand clapping. There has to be the

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1	involvement of other docs and specialists and
2	community groups, but I think we've got to get
3	the specialists involved. You know, if I'm a
4	primary care doc and send my patient to a
5	thoracic surgeon, you know, I shouldn't have
6	to figure out what he's thinking so I can
7	coordinate that care. He's got to be
8	contributing to that plan of care too. So it
9	puts a premium on integration, on the
10	structure of a system and involving all of the
11	parties in taking part in care coordination.
12	And I think I'll stop there.
13	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So, not to
14	disrupt the flow, but Jeff hit on an important
15	point that reminded me of a discussion we had
16	in the last steering committee vis-a-vis not
17	just thinking of this from the standpoint of
18	a disease. In other words, there should be a
19	wellness plan of care like the preventive
20	services and following the wellness guidelines
21	that are, you know, put forth by the Heart
22	Association that don't have to involve 25

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1	people. And I think we were trying to build
2	on that, but I think your point is as the
3	condition of the patient, the individual gets
4	more complex that's going to be a much
5	different space than what I'm talking about.
6	So I think I want to balance that to be sure
7	that, you know, I capture clearly what you
8	said in my mind but also remind people that
9	we're talking about that's how "for
10	everyone" got in there is to think about it
11	that way.
12	DR. GREENBERG: And I fully agree
13	that everyone needs, you know, this does apply
14	to everyone. But certainly some patients need
15	more intensive care. The folks that we're
16	trying to keep out of the hospital and trying
17	to keep out of the emergency room will need,
18	you know, more intensive resources than
19	others. But I agree that everyone needs
20	something.
21	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Going back to what
22	Lorna was saying, adding it to Jeff's is
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1	perhaps if we look at the medical home
2	neighbor and the tools that are coming out of
3	that, maybe that'll give us some ideas in
4	terms of not just the connectivity between
5	physicians and specialists but between all
6	providers, that we can kind of extrapolate to
7	what would this look like if this worked
8	across the system.
9	DR. WHITE: Okay. I was thinking
10	about quality of life. But not only, you
11	know, which is measurable and there are
12	instruments which you can do that, but not
13	only of the member or the patient but also for
14	the caregiver. And I'm thinking in terms of
15	some sort of patient satisfaction for the
16	caregiver, quality of life, depression
17	screening, that sort of thing because those
18	are the things that lead to caregiver fatigue.
19	And I think that leads to a lot of the
20	coordination problems that we have.
21	The second thing that I thought
22	about was, well, you know everybody's talking

Page 248 1 about all these measures and all these 2 wonderful things but I think only one other person mentioned the cost and I think that was 3 And in my mind you've got to pay for 4 Denise. 5 these things. And so the reimbursement 6 strategies have to support the work and they 7 have to be aligned. And you have to be able 8 to sell these to employers because I don't 9 care what's happening with health care reform, 10 most health care insurance is purchased by employers, not individuals. And even after 11 12 the exchanges that's still going to be the case. And so you have to be able to sell this 13 14 to that. So you have to be able to show cost avoidance, savings, reduction in utilization, 15 return on investment, all of those things are 16 17 important. And then finally, people have 18 19 talked about the plan of care. And I totally 20 agree with that and there need to be standard 21 elements, but you also need to have goals 22 because goals lead to outcomes that are

Page 249 1 measurable. So I think that's going to be 2 critical to the success. CO-CHAIR CASEY: Alonzo, from 3 4 where you sit would it be tenable to reframe 5 that context in terms of appropriate use of 6 resources? 7 DR. WHITE: Absolutely. 8 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Okay. Rather 9 than just it's lower cost. 10 No, no, no, but you're DR. WHITE: exactly right. I spent 22 years in Kaiser so 11 12 I'm very familiar with those concepts. And in general if you give people better care it's 13 14 lower cost. And so you want to do the right thing. And I think by framing it that way you 15 16 can achieve that goal. 17 MR. FROHNA: I also agree with 18 what Al was saying there about the cost, about 19 the financial aspect, but also access I think 20 is another key component that we haven't 21 really mentioned a whole lot about. And 22 specifically I'm going to expand I think what

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1	Jeff was saying, the medical home neighbor.
2	You think about it now it should be the
3	medical home neighborhood. I mean, it really
4	is more than just the medical home and a
5	physician, it should be actually a whole
6	group, a whole neighborhood providing the care
7	and coordinating that.
8	Also that care coordination is not
9	owned by any one discipline but I'll tell you,
10	I think today the emergency department or
11	emergency medicine has been mentioned about a
12	half dozen times. As an emergency physician,
13	just to kind of educate folks on this and
14	maybe point out why patients seek us out may
15	get to the point of access. And that is that
16	over 130 million visits last year to the EDs,
17	emergency physicians basically comprise about
18	4 percent of all physicians and really the
19	health care costs associated with ED visits is
20	about 2 percent of all health care costs. So
21	actually relatively speaking, good deal. But
22	when you look at what happens after hours, our

Page 251 specialty provides greater than 60 percent, 1 2 it's actually upwards of 66 percent of all 3 after hours care. And maybe we're just not, 4 you know, we hear so much about the patients 5 and their access. Well, are we really getting to the root of what they're looking for and 6 7 what they need and what they want? And so 8 that's what I wanted to just point out there. 9 And then as far as some kind of a 10 measure, taken along with Jeff's comment as well, the high-risk, the high-service utilizer 11 12 of care and how can we measure that. And maybe it is -- you know, when I go in and I 13 14 work I know if a patient -- how many prior visits they've been there, when the last visit 15 that they've been to the ED. So I know, I can 16 17 quickly filter on the high users. And in the 18 district with the highest per capita dialysis 19 patient population. I mean, there is a 20 patient population that, boy, if we could get 21 that under control and maybe we can reduce 22 costs, reduce visits, et cetera there you may

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1	have a real measurable goal. But that's just
2	one small element.
3	MS. FOSTER: Okay. I was sort of
4	coming at this as well from an outcome
5	perspective and really thinking about how do
6	we measure good care coordination. And in my
7	mind that really does link to resource
8	utilization. And if you have a patient that
9	is utilizing a lot of resources can we say
10	that we are really providing coordinated care.
11	But there are, given the fact that there are
12	dialysis patients, there are transplant
13	patients, et cetera, I think that utilization
14	resource has to be risk adjusted.
15	Another I guess idea that I had
16	related to a lot of these evidentiary pieces
17	of providing care coordination is outcomes.
18	And I'm wondering if we've looked at the PQRI
19	data and linked to that at all? And I don't
20	know if you looked at that in your study. But
21	I think the PQRI data is very good, it's very
22	rich and I had the experience of abstracting
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1	for that last year. And you know, for
2	patients for heart failure, CAD, DM and
3	hypertension there are very specific measures
4	in there. So they look at the patient's A1C.
5	So if the A1C is high are we doing a good job
6	of coordinating diabetic care? So I think
7	that might be something in terms of outcomes
8	that we would want to look at.
9	And then just finally, a couple of
10	other ideas that I had in terms of measuring
11	the health information. In the report there
12	was no measure recommendation for that and I
13	had just jotted down on the way here, you
14	know, patient's access to their own records.
15	And you know, we give them education but is
16	the education really adjusted for their health
17	literacy. If they don't, if English isn't
18	their primary language how well are we
19	translating, what are we providing in their
20	language of origin and how are we doing that.
21	Because not every patient responds to written
22	documentation. So I think somehow that has to

Page 254 1 be assessed in all of this. 2 And then finally, the last thing I just wanted to say was in terms of talking 3 4 about medical appointments this morning, you 5 know, we were talking about having that as a standard because it's there and that's what we 6 7 And you know, it really isn't -- Mayo know. 8 Clinic did a study, I think it was published 9 last year, that said that actually 10 appointments have no, there's no evidence that they reduce readmissions. But what reduces 11 12 readmissions is not the appointment but it's the handoff to the appointment. So if you --13 14 because most of the time the PCP doesn't treat the patient in the hospital so the patient 15 goes back to their PCP, a discharge summary 16 17 gets faxed. That really doesn't, that tells just partial, you know, very little of the 18 19 story. So it's the phone call. And at Mayo 20 Clinic that's something that we are measuring. 21 We are making sure that the patients have a 22 phone call back to their, the treating

Page 255 1 physician calls the accepting physician and 2 the expectations for what has to happen in the ambulatory setting then occur that way. 3 So you know, I think that that -- and I think 4 5 that is measurable actually. CO-CHAIR CASEY: So Pamela, just -6 7 - so it would be instinctive to believe that 8 if you had a measure of success let's say for 9 care coordination and you had one patient with 10 one chronic illness as opposed to one with three, instinctively you would expect higher 11 12 failure rates for perfection on the one with the three than the one in terms of successful 13 care coordination. Or, if --14 15 MS. FOSTER: Right. 16 CO-CHAIR CASEY: I'll make it up, 17 a heart -- two heart failure patients. One 18 had very poor muscle mass and was unable to 19 exercise on a regular basis as opposed to that 20 other one who could do that and was much more 21 independent would probably require some 22 adjustment to the measure.

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1	MS. FOSTER: Exactly. Right.
2	Some yes.
3	CO-CHAIR CASEY: I was using the
4	disease model.
5	DR. LEFTWICH: You may have
6	already caught on that I think HIT is
7	foundational to all of it. So what I have is
8	some more granular measures that are process
9	and structure, and to under the category of
10	patient involvement and engagement. And to
11	reiterate some what Pam said I think there
12	should be a measure of patients receiving
13	enduring copies of instruction and education
14	in their preferred language and format, and
15	that patients should have access to their
16	information including their master care plan
17	in its current state. And that patients
18	should have the ability, the mechanism to
19	upload their observations and their data, home
20	monitoring data for example, to their care
21	plan and their record.
22	And under the topic of

Page 257 communication and information transfer I think 1 2 there should be measures of the right and appropriate information being transferred. 3 Too much information is just as bad as no 4 5 information at all. It needs to be the appropriate selected information. A measure 6 7 of the completeness of those core data 8 elements that we talked about, the medication 9 lists, problem lists, allergies and intolerances, and the timeliness of the 10 delivery of those transition of care 11 12 documents. Do they get there before the patient does or at least with the patient. 13 14 Otherwise their value is certainly degraded. 15 And along the lines of the one 16 element that should be there in the care plan 17 and aligned with that patient-centered medical 18 home neighbor is the care team shouldn't be 19 conceptual. There should be a roster, it 20 should include contact information and it 21 should include what their role is on the care 22 team and that they have accepted that role,

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1	including what level of involvement they are -
2	- as a specialist. Whether they're assuming
3	care of the patient or just doing a consult.
4	And I would ask your indulgence
5	for about three minutes to talk about HIT
6	innovation that's out of the blocks and that
7	I found a couple of people are not aware of,
8	something that's out of the blocks and into
9	the pilot phase to demonstrate that it does
10	work and I think it will likely revolutionize
11	the HIT environment over the next few years.
12	One aspect of it is the Direct Project which
13	was begun about a year and a half ago which to
14	be brief is secure email that can be exchanged
15	between systems and even between individuals
16	who don't have systems, who just have a secure
17	Outlook email account and can include
18	obviously a PDF file but could also include
19	these standard documents, transition of care
20	documents. And that is expected to be a
21	requirement that certified EHR systems for
22	stage 2 of meaningful use will be able to

create and receive those direct email messages 1 2 between them. 3 Then aligned with that is the S&I Framework efforts that I already mentioned, 4 5 the transition of care documents. But along with that there's an initiative to create 6 7 provider directories in each state that would 8 include not just physicians but the entire 9 care team and the facilities and an in-point electronic address for those individuals as 10 well as the traditional contact information, 11 12 and an indication of what type of electronic documents they're able to receive, whether 13 14 they have a system or not. There's another 15 initiative that was launched less than two 16 months ago that I spent much of yesterday on called Query Health that envisions creating a 17 18 process and standards by which a query can be 19 sent to any EHR system asking for a de-20 identified list of patients with condition X 21 on medication Y and with lab result Z or 22 whatever combination of data elements,

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1	including quality measure, would be returned
2	to the requester that originated that query.
3	And those could obviously be aggregated into
4	population health data including quality
5	measures. And it's referred to as sending a
6	question to the data instead of sending the
7	data to a repository. And I would hope that
8	we envision leveraging these innovations and
9	expect that the measure developers leverage
10	them as well anticipating that in the
11	foreseeable future that will be a mechanism to
12	gather information to communicate both between
13	systems and with patients. If you sign up for
14	a Microsoft HealthVault PHR today you get a
15	direct address when you sign up so that
16	anybody could send you a direct secure message
17	be it patient instructions or your discharge
18	summary.
19	DR. BURSTIN: Could I ask you a
20	follow-up question? Specifically about your
21	role in HIEs because I think the health
22	information exchange aspect of this we haven't

Page 261 1 really talked about. But it does seem like 2 there would be a set of measures that would potentially emerge if you actually had an HIE 3 where you could for example look at 4 5 unnecessary repeated lab tests or unnecessary 6 repeated imaging. Have you seen anything like 7 that emerging? 8 DR. LEFTWICH: Yes, there is that 9 potential but most of the HIEs I'm aware of, 10 that sort of quality measurement if you will is not in their acceptable use policies. 11 So 12 they would have to be modified and that would 13 be a challenge I think. Whereas the direct 14 messaging type thing might -- would be much 15 easier because it's up to the recipient of 16 that query whether or not they respond. The 17 other advantage to the direct at least in the 18 use of patient care is that it's HIPAA-19 compliant in that it's a push transition and 20 doesn't require patient consent as an HIE 21 does. 22 MS. KLOTZ: Okay. Several of the

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1	things I had jotted down have been well
2	covered, things around the patient
3	understanding and the connections to the non-
4	medical and the inclusion of family. Thinking
5	about patient goal versus the physician's goal
6	I think has to be thought about. So I was
7	trying to think about some of the potential
8	measurement things and I was thinking about
9	the CTM-3. And I don't know how many of you
10	know that. I assume most everyone does and of
11	course right now I can't think of the question
12	specifically. But if you think about
13	understanding your medications as you're
14	moving from the hospital to home isn't that
15	almost the same question we'd want to ask
16	anytime somebody's looking at their
17	medications. And wondering how that could be
18	stimulated to do some slight modifications of
19	the CTM-3 that really would not think just
20	about transitions but about care coordination.
21	Another thought in terms of
22	measurement, I'm wondering if the Stanford

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1	Chronic Disease Management Program has come up
2	with any kinds of measures that look at
3	understanding of medical conditions and
4	treatments, and you know, ability to kind of
5	be involved with those themselves. Another
6	thing, there's this discussion today about
7	medical home neighborhood. I heard Ed Wagner
8	speaking last week about, actually he was
9	calling it medical neighborhood I believe.
10	And you know, Ed Wagner is the developer in
11	his group of the chronic disease model. Their
12	group is now working on a model that relates
13	to medical neighborhood and it's the same
14	kinds of ideas we've just been talking about.
15	And I wonder if his group is also thinking in
16	terms of measurement in terms of that
17	neighborhood idea that could potentially be
18	addressed.
19	And then the last point I was
20	thinking about is we're involved with some
21	things that relate to fall prevention and the
22	idea that you can't it's a pretty long time

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1	span between measuring certain activities that
2	reduce risk behaviors and then whether it
3	results in a fall later. So thinking in terms
4	of the idea of intermediate measures, that if
5	people have, you know, using falls as the
6	example, if people have reduced some of their
7	risks in their home that are risk for falls,
8	if they are working on strength and balance,
9	if they're having their vision checked, those
10	are kind of intermediate measures. That if
11	those things are being done then there's very
12	high probability you'll have fewer falls
13	later. So if we could think of the same,
14	maybe there's some evidence, you know, very
15	tight research that can be done that say these
16	particular processes around care coordination
17	are indicators that it's a good job. So then
18	we can look at those processes. And I guess
19	I would just say think about process measures
20	as intermediate measures, not throw them out
21	because they're not really telling us the
22	outcome.

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1	DR. FARRIS: This will be quick.
2	What Bonnie and Dana said about the plan of
3	care. What Tom said about process measures
4	and now just what Christine said about process
5	measures. We can't just throw them out the
6	window and maybe that's really where we are
7	with this concept. And so while we all want
8	outcome measures, maybe we're not quite there.
9	What Bill and Jeff said about integration of
10	all providers, and particularly what Jeff said
11	about focusing on the most vulnerable.
12	Everybody does need care coordination but we
13	all know there are a set of people who need it
14	more than others. And so figuring out
15	measures specifically for those individuals I
16	think is more important in the short term than
17	in the short term.
18	And then finally, what Russell
19	said about accountability in that there's a
20	plan of care, but who's in charge of that plan
21	of care? Are there providers and/or the
22	patient who have different parts of it that

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1	they're trying to achieve in terms of specific
2	goals? And having the patient's input to say
3	I want my physician to help me do this, my
4	social worker's got to help me do this, my
5	pharmacist has got to help me do this, or
6	something like that.
7	And then my final comment is that
8	a med list is only as good as the last patient
9	interview, and/or follow-up with the community
10	pharmacist, and/or follow-up with the primary
11	care doc, and/or follow-up with the
12	specialist. So I'll stop there.
13	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Clearly we know
14	who's going to do our summary later.
15	MS. DORMAN: So I'm actually going
16	to reference Eva. I was really heartened to
17	hear that I wasn't the only one confused about
18	what is care coordination and what could the
19	outcomes possibly be. So it's been a great
20	morning to think about that. And the way I
21	typically start that thought is to go, well if
22	there were patients in the room here what

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1	would they be thinking about this
2	conversation? And that led me to the thought
3	in terms of outcomes. I mean, if I'm a
4	patient my ultimate outcome is did I reach my
5	goal? No matter what that goal is. And so
6	that's my suggestion for an outcome, that care
7	coordination we know is a meta process over
8	the clinical process and that it has a meta
9	goal, a meta outcome of achieving the
10	patient's goal. The only measurement, the
11	only place I know of, and I am sadly free of
12	great expertise in care coordination
13	literature, but the only thing I'm aware of is
14	the gold standards framework in the UK that
15	they use for palliative care. And it's more
16	of a social patient engagement process where
17	every patient is asked what their preferred
18	setting of death is. They're asked what their
19	first choice is and what their fallback. You
20	know, if we can't get to that what would be
21	the next choice. And they, the whole health
22	care system works to make that happen

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1	including the patient and family. So that
2	care coordination is something that happens
3	with the patient and family, not to them. And
4	it's an interesting paradigm and I'll just
5	offer that. I think it's, I don't think it
6	approaches the level that it could be called
7	measurement but it might be an interesting
8	place to look.
9	Then my second set of thoughts was
10	around coordination itself and really
11	wondering if we're being ambitious enough. I
12	hear us talking about coordination as a
13	salvage process because of the bad health care
14	system, but are we thinking enough about
15	coordination as a way to deal with the
16	inevitable complexities and tradeoffs in the
17	best possibly provided health care. And what
18	is that meta process and how would we measure
19	that? As in addition to just the salvage
20	kinds of activities that we know have to
21	happen. So those are my thoughts. Thanks.
22	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Jann, can I ask a

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1	little bit more about palliative care. You
2	know, I personally think we did not do a very
3	good job of calling that out in the last
4	documents. And in specific what's called
5	advanced care planning which is very easily
6	mis-translated in my opinion to end of life
7	care and DNR and all this other stuff. And
8	those who have followed the work of Diane
9	Meier and others understand this, especially
10	in the early phase of chronic illness that
11	advanced care planning is not about how you
12	die but how you live.
13	MS. DORMAN: Right. We say it's
14	about living well.
15	CO-CHAIR CASEY: And do you think
16	that there could be more space in this
17	context, knowing that we've got a palliative
18	care group working on this to call that out in
19	the structure of the?
20	MS. DORMAN: Well, I personally
21	agree that it's useful to make a distinction
22	between the medical-legal aspects of, you

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1	know, quote, "advanced care planning for end
2	of life" and the very real capabilities to get
3	to, you know, to incorporate a patient's
4	values and choices into the goals that are
5	set. And that's relevant anytime, whether
6	it's a 2-year-old with a cold or very complex
7	illness. But I think it does provide a good
8	place to look because those people, man, those
9	people are skilled. They've been on the front
10	lines for decades and they know a lot about
11	how to do it and what really matters when you
12	do it.
13	MS. ALLER: So there have been a
14	lot of comments about how care coordination
15	requires the whole team. And we as a nation
16	are incenting health IT in the physician
17	office and in the hospital, but we haven't
18	done a good job of incenting it more broadly
19	in long-term care, in home care and in the
20	various community linkages. I've heard a lot
21	of comments today about evidence and the lack
22	thereof, or the quality of the evidence we

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1	have. I heard a lot about needing to roll up
2	measures. And so part of what I was noodling
3	on is we have incented certain care transition
4	type behaviors, med reconciliation for
5	example, in the EHR incentive program. I
6	would like to get a better measure of how is
7	that changing patient experience, how is that
8	changing outcome. I'd like to stratify
9	against those who have had that reconciliation
10	happen and those who haven't, get the evidence
11	on which of those things we've incented are in
12	fact changing outcomes and experience and then
13	incent those technologies more across the rest
14	of the care team. So what's the return on
15	investment not just from a cost and a resource
16	standpoint but from a patient outcome and
17	experience standpoint. And then, okay, let's
18	build on the things that really are moving the
19	bar for the patients.
20	I think there's a real challenge
21	as well between what we can measure and what
22	we aspire to measure, and we have to maintain

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1	that balance and take those baby steps that
2	Jeff talked about earlier. And say okay,
3	we're not going to have the perfect measure,
4	let's at least get the few things, correlate
5	that with what we can and take the next steps
6	and keep moving that bar.
7	DR. HEURTIN-ROBERTS: I've been
8	thinking about outcomes. And mostly I've been
9	puzzling about outcomes because the question
10	of measuring an outcome is determined, is
11	based on what we call an outcome. And
12	outcomes are rather ephemeral. We're talking
13	about an outcome of what, an outcome when.
14	We're thinking of, and maybe I'm thinking,
15	maybe we should be thinking models and not
16	measures. I don't want to throw that in. But
17	we're thinking of care and care coordination
18	as though it were just linear, you know,
19	structure, process, outcome. In reality it's
20	an ongoing process that occurs over time and
21	at any point in time you could slice off a
22	chunk of that continuum and say this is an

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1	outcome. As far as I can tell the only
2	universal outcome would be death. I mean that
3	happens to everybody, nobody gets out alive.
4	But if we're going to frame the question of
5	measuring outcomes, we need to frame outcomes
6	of what. What's an episode? Which chunk of
7	care are we looking at? And that'll be an
8	artificial demarcation no doubt, but I think
9	we have to if we're going to be able to
10	measure outcome effectively. Okay.
11	That being said I want to remind
12	us all that care is not linear even though we
13	think of it that way. It's pretty complex.
14	It involves not only individuals, not only
15	individual disciplines but involves a lot of
16	different systems that come together. And we
17	can frame it and think of it in terms of
18	particular medical home or even a medical
19	neighborhood, but what comes to bear in care
20	coordination is, you know, different
21	disciplines providing care, family systems,
22	you know, financial systems, funding systems,

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1	economic systems, social systems, geographic
2	and all of that. And so when we're doing this
3	I know we have to think of this in a more
4	simplistic fashion in order to measure it, but
5	I think we have to acknowledge the complexity
6	that's involved. Otherwise we're trying to
7	measure a process that we've artificially
8	simplified and aren't really becoming
9	cognizant of that. We need to realize that
10	we're talking about something very complex.
11	I have no doubt that statisticians will be
12	able to deal with this complexity more and
13	more. Not me, but statisticians. I mean,
14	there's network analysis and so on. I think
15	there are ways to study this. But I think we
16	need to realize that it's there and deal with
17	it.
18	DR. LINDEKE: I think we will have
19	a very big debt in five years if we have not
20	responded to the nation's hope for care
21	coordination to deliver cost savings and
22	quality. The fact that I think everyone here

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1	is on multiple projects with the word "care
2	coordination" somewhere in the title, it's
3	astounding because five years ago it was just
4	in the small print buried somewhere. We were
5	talking about access at that point. So we
6	spent a lot of time talking about access but
7	we know that churning, which means you change
8	your health plan multiple times, or ER where
9	you might get, you know, 10 minutes of a
10	hectic schedule with a person you'll never see
11	again is not quality care. So the
12	coordination piece has got to be measured.
13	And to me we have to look at team, we have to
14	see what is a high-functioning team and
15	measure it, and the family is part of that
16	team. It can't be done by the person whose
17	name is on the bill and that primarily is the
18	physician. That's not realistic in this
19	country. We've also got a workforce of over
20	3 million nurses whose first course in nursing
21	school is going to really be about care
22	coordination. If we can get beyond turf, if

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1	we can get a harness, really the bean-counting
2	of HIT over meaningful data. And my concern
3	is rehospitalization is probably not going to
4	do it. A Canadian study this summer showed
5	15-20 percent of rehospitalization was
6	preventable. The other 80 percent with, you
7	know, universal access, had to be
8	rehospitalized. That's not going to deliver
9	what the nation is looking for.
10	So I have high hopes for this
11	work. I will feel real bad in five years if
12	we don't deliver. And it's got to be
13	connected to to me some of the biggest
14	heroes in our country are the Medicaid
15	providers and those systems, the safety net
16	providers. It's got to be connected to them
17	or we're just doing more fancy stuff that the
18	rest of the world that produces really darn
19	good outcomes with less money looks at us,
20	they just shrug and say, "Those Americans."
21	DR. AUDET: On the last, ditto. I
22	was thinking of, you know, what is important

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1	to measure to frame this call and I was
2	thinking more on the principles. And those
3	principles have been already clearly announced
4	here. But the first one would be that why are
5	we measuring. It has to be significant. It
б	has to be a measure that shows that if you are
7	a high performer on that measure you have had
8	impact on the three-part aim. You've had
9	impact on some aspect of outcomes, of quality
10	of care, some impact on patient health and
11	some impact on cost.
12	And the patient voice in this I
13	think is really clear. An anecdote about the
14	discussion we were having about discharge
15	summaries being, you know, now being retired.
16	It could be, and the discussion about calling
17	people. In our current initiative on avoiding
18	rehospitalization, calling after discharge is
19	one of the best practice. So we would think
20	it's a best practice but when we start to ask
21	patients, they're getting calls by six
22	different people. That is not care

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1	coordination. So we have to be careful about,
2	again, processes that are not linked to
3	something else because we think it's a good
4	thing.
5	The second principle, and here I
6	was a bit challenged between a measure our
7	discussion about whether a measure should
8	apply to all patients versus condition-
9	specific or even I think perhaps even more
10	important, risk-specific as opposed to
11	condition-specific. Whether we're talking
12	about that being in one measure or are we
13	talking about the NQF portfolio of measures.
14	So that in the end we may need specific, you
15	know, measures that are specific to a certain
16	risk, you know, a population. And I'm
17	thinking here of Joanne Lynn's Bridges to
18	Health and her segmentation of the population.
19	So in our portfolio it may be good if we could
20	have a representation of these various
21	segments of the population, not in one
22	measure, in addition to measures that apply to

Page 279 all people. 1 2 And just a comment on CTM-3. And we are currently, the visiting nurse of New 3 York is actually piloting this measure in a 4 5 home health setting. So they're adapting the measure and looking at whether they can use 6 7 that measure in the transition between the 8 hospital to the home health. So that's 9 actually, that's happening right now and would 10 be available to us to review some of the 11 results. 12 CO-CHAIR LAMB: I think Don and I would like to add our thoughts to this too. 13 14 So take off my co-chair hat for a second. Ι would like to just share with you what I've 15 been thinking about in terms of the patient-16 centered measures as well as outcomes. 17 In 18 terms of -- and let me acknowledge a lot of 19 this comes from months of coordinating care 20 for my mother -- is the issue of perception of 21 plan of care and whether there's one plan of 22 And I think Russell said before is the care.

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1	accountability for that plan of care, or does
2	anybody, you know, do you believe that anyone,
3	that everyone is working from that same plan
4	of care and who would you go to if you felt
5	the plan of care was off track. So, that
6	whole idea of does anybody out there know me
7	and is there one plan of care because my
8	experience was I believed that if I had gone
9	to any of the myriad of providers everyone
10	would have said yes, there's one plan of care.
11	Family member? No, there wasn't. And I was
12	sleeping in the hospital trying to make sure
13	it stayed on plan of care.
14	Another one is, and Russell I
15	think touched on this, is the issue of how do
16	we capture sequencing and timing of care. If
17	you look at the AHRQ definition there's the
18	whole element, the domain of organizing care,
19	and it reminds me of, do you remember the
20	mantra of managed care from the '90s? Right
21	care, right time, right place, right cost. Is
22	that care coordination is not time, at any

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1	time we feel as providers it needs to happen,
2	it's what's the right sequencing and timing.
3	Do things happen when they need to happen to
4	get you towards your goals? Whether it be
5	tests, procedures, services, resources or
6	whatever. So how do we capture that whole
7	idea of sequencing of care?
8	The other one I would throw in,
9	and again I think Russell, you spoke to it, I
10	would name it a little bit differently, is a
11	family burden care coordination measure. How
12	much energy are family members putting into
13	coordinating care for their family members and
14	is it more or less? I mean, that's going to
15	take us down the road than is reasonable.
16	Another personal experience. I was spending
17	probably 95 percent of my time trying to keep
18	things on track and at some point not only got
19	exhausted but got resentful that I was
20	spending all my time coordinating care and not
21	spending quality of time with my parent.
22	Outcomes. I think you've

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1	mentioned things that speak to symptom
2	management, self-care, functionality and was
3	just at a conference at the American Academy
4	of Nursing where people were suggesting that
5	self-care and symptom management really should
6	be some of the core outcome measures across
7	the care continuum, and that I think the
8	challenge is going to be, is getting good
9	performance measures that really capture that
10	in a meaningful way.
11	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Well, I've found
12	this round table very enlightening and helpful
13	and totally additive to what we've done. I
14	want to harken back to my good friend Tom Howe
15	though who I think points out that we've got
16	to get real clear on what the elements are in
17	the plan of care, knowing that it'll be
18	flexible. It'll have to be. I'm in the midst
19	of writing with a whole team of people a new
20	ACCHA guideline on heart failure which we just
21	had our first draft out on Monday. It's not
22	public yet. And I was responsible for the

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1	discharge planning. And I said I'm not going
2	to write a section on discharge planning, I
3	refuse. This is about care coordination and
4	having a plan of care for heart failure
5	patients. And while I can't share the
6	specifics because this is embargoed, I have in
7	here as a starting point for the physicians
8	and nurses guideline-directed medical and
9	device therapy being the first group. The
10	second is management of comorbidities which
11	includes preventive care, secondary and
12	primary. Patient and family education which
13	includes quality of life assessment, advanced
14	care planning, CPR training for family
15	members, social networks in addition to diet.
16	Then physical activity and rehab, psychosocial
17	factors such as depression, alcohol use,
18	gender-specific issues, sexual activity.
19	Clinician follow-up and care coordination
20	which includes which doctor do I see next, is
21	the advanced practice nurse better in this
22	situation than the cardiologist and are there

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1	other people like pharmacists who can help me
2	with my medication. And how does that all fit
3	together in my personal health record.
4	Then the last part is this
5	business of health literacy, whether I have
6	access to care, whether I have access to
7	payment for care, whether I'm disabled, what
8	other community resources there are. So it
9	helped me to sort of share with you that
10	vision of what we're trying to put in the
11	guideline because I think that's what we're
12	trying to get to. And it may not be perfect,
13	but believe me, sitting with a group of
14	cardiologists it's big progress. So. No
15	offense to my colleagues the cardiologists.
16	CO-CHAIR LAMB: You know, that
17	speaks to the issue of timing as well because
18	and it's just, it's a conundrum of how to
19	capture this. If you think about heart
20	failure as your prototype, what gets people
21	into problems that end up in the hospital is,
22	you know, you think about it, late pickup of

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1	warning signs. It is if they're getting into
2	trouble they need to recognize them and they
3	need to act on them. And how do we capture
4	did were the systems in place that people
5	not only were educated, because that's pretty
6	straightforward about somebody taking their
7	weight and recognizing they're gaining it, but
8	did they take the right action and were the
9	support systems there. Anybody in home care
10	who tries to get somebody quickly into a PCP,
11	whatever role that PCP is, often ends up
12	sending that person into the ER because they
13	can't get a response fast enough. So the
14	timing of that whole kind of cascade of events
15	becomes really critical to capture and how do
16	we do that.
17	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Yes, Emilio.
18	DR. CARRILLO: Just one comment.
19	One measure that wasn't mentioned, I think it
20	should be put on the table, is a measure that
21	helped, it's already an NQF-sponsored measure,
22	that helps to capture issues of health

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1	literacy, language and culture, which is
2	teach-back. Something that's in the nursing
3	world and in many different dimensions coming
4	into increased use. And yes, is there a care
5	plan and has there been a teach-back. I think
б	that I would recommend that.
7	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So, why don't we
8	take a well-earned break. And Gerri, what
9	time do we want to come back?
10	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Let's just, when
11	we come back what we're going to do is see if
12	anybody has any reflections on this discussion
13	quickly, and then move into the questions that
14	Lauralei put together for us so that we can
15	kind of frame it. Because we need to pull
16	this into looking at what the framework is
17	going to be for the call for measures. We've
18	generated tons of critical issues and this is
19	going to be kind of the grist for putting
20	together a document for you to respond to. So
21	how about, what is it, it's 2:30-ish? How
22	about if we take 15 because we know we're not

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1	going to come back before then anyway, and
2	then we'll move into any comments, and then
3	we'll go into kind of the final stages.
4	Fifteen.
5	(Whereupon, the foregoing matter
6	went off the record at 2:37 p.m. and resumed
7	at 2:56 p.m.)
8	CO-CHAIR CASEY: We still have
9	some work to do and we have to push through
10	the rest of this agenda. So, yes. So what
11	I'd like to do is before we get into the final
12	phase of our discussion let's let Lauralei and
13	Nicole sort of provide you with a teach-back
14	as to what we think we heard so that we're
15	capturing the elements. And we've all made
16	copious notes so hopefully this will work.
17	But I will turn it over to Lauralei.
18	MS. DORIAN: Well, I think we each
19	took hundreds of pages of notes, and we'll
20	have the transcripts afterwards so we'll go
21	through them and come up with a document that
22	we'll send to everybody for your feedback

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1	that's much more thorough. But Nicole and
2	Suzanne put this together. Do you want to say
3	anything about it?
4	MS. MCELVEEN: So these are
5	quickly some of the themes that we felt sort
6	of rose to the top or that you had mentioned
7	more often throughout the group as a whole.
8	Of course, this isn't the whole comprehensive
9	list. So, viewing the whole perspective of
10	the entire patient there was a lot of
11	discussion around support and education for
12	the patient and the caregiver. Cost and
13	resource use as a justification for care
14	coordination. In addition, all other aspects
15	related to cost. There was also a lot of talk
16	about the possibilities and limitations around
17	HIT infrastructure and health information
18	exchanges, the involvement of the family, and
19	coordination with organizations outside the
20	traditional health care system. So there's a
21	lot of discussion around resources within
22	churches, community-based health organizations
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1	and community centers. So again, these were
2	just the few that we felt the group talked
3	about most common, but certainly not the
4	entire comprehensive list.
5	MS. DORIAN: And maybe one thing
6	that I just remembered that would be important
7	to add is asking the question for whom is care
8	coordination most important. And so what are
9	those high-risk populations? Are they
10	necessarily the high-cost populations and
11	should there be certain aspects of measurement
12	that address those populations in particular?
13	Are there any other major themes that you
14	think we left off this list? We'll resend
15	this through.
16	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Well, I think the
17	notion of, and I think Julie spoke of this
18	right off the bat, focusing on the whole
19	person, i.e., not just the medical part of the
20	person. The multidisciplinary nature of care
21	coordination. I think Bonnie mentioned this
22	with the need for the feedback about the plan

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1	of care and its effectiveness being a
2	continuous process. Matthew kind of
3	reiterated the patient-centeredness. Dr. Lee
4	spoke a lot about patient safety and HIT which
5	I think you captured. And so, Denise I think
6	also was in that space. Dana was reminding us
7	about population health, measuring it not just
8	at the individual patient level but also at
9	the population level as well. The Tom
10	talking about the standard elements of a plan
11	of care and also, you know, the notion of a
12	care coordination index which I think others
13	mentioned. The some comments about the
14	interactions with the specialties. Lorna and
15	Jeff sort of spoke about the medical
16	neighborhood and how people relate to each
17	other. Al spoke about the quality of life and
18	caregiver and incentives. Bill talked about
19	access and availability being sort of key
20	parts to this. And you don't need to write
21	all this down, but I'm just. Pam brought up
22	the resource utilization, talked about PQR

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1	data risk adjustment. Russ talked about the
2	master care plan, timely access. I wasn't
3	here for your entire presentation, Russ, but
4	I know you talked about several things.
5	Accountability and the Direct Project, the S-9
6	framework. Chris was talking about some other
7	models like Stanford and Ed Wagner and
8	thinking about whether CTM could be modified
9	in some ways to get at even more of what we're
10	trying to accomplish. Karen summarized
11	everything. She's an old pro. But I think
12	Karen was really trying to pull all these
13	things together for us and that was elegantly
14	done. Jann among other things talked about
15	palliative care. Kathleen talked about
16	incentives. And the return on investment not
17	just financially on patient outcomes and
18	experience. I kind of got tired at that
19	point, no offense to the rest of you.
20	Suzanne talked about non-linearity
21	of care coordination. This isn't like a model
22	where you try to fit a line through care

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1	coordination. It's got many different
2	dimensions and it will take certain types of
3	sort of, I don't even know what the word is.
4	You use the term statistical. I'm not even
5	sure that's it. I think you used network.
6	Model. Network models and things like that,
7	where we look at the connections. Linda and
8	Anne-Marie were also in there with a lot of
9	this stuff. So I think we got everything in
10	here. I think it's good.
11	So at this point I think what we
12	want to do is let's go back to our agenda and
13	let's look at the potential questions. These
14	were meant as discussion questions related to
15	both the foundation for the pathway which I
16	think we've incorporated but this has to do
17	now with informing the staff about how to put
18	the call for measures together. So I want you
19	to be real specific. Try not to repeat what
20	we've done, but really look at these
21	questions. And maybe we ought to step through
22	them or you can pick one out and say, you

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1	know, this was one I want to talk to. It
2	might be better to do that.
3	I think in answer to the first
4	question do the current domains adequately
5	reflect care coordination I'll answer that for
6	the staff and say they adequately partially
7	reflect it. And that what we tried to do is
8	now enhance that. We've got the AHRQ document
9	and we've also got great input from Arjun and
10	Lipika in terms of their enhancements to this.
11	And we'll be working with you on this. But
12	certainly they helped inform the framework and
13	the way that we're going to ask the question
14	of the environment about the presence of
15	useful measures that could be considered by
16	this group for consensus development.
17	So, you know, look at those
18	questions. You may have already thought about
19	it. There may be other questions as well. I
20	think, would it be safe to say that we in
21	general if we're talking about broad-based
22	measures would generally agree that to the

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7 of complexity is it reasonable to agree with	
8 that statement? So.	
9 DR. GREENBERG: Don, are you	
10 talking about risk-adjusting outcomes or	
11 actually using the process of risk-stratifying	
12 a population of patients as sort of part of	
13 the expected activities of the measure?	
14 CO-CHAIR CASEY: I think it's	
15 both. It's got to be both, Jeff. I mean,	
16 what I mean is that, you know, you've got to	
17 have a way to risk-stratify and then you have	
18 to have a way to fairly measure the	
19 differences across these.	
20 DR. GREENBERG: I think both are -	
21 - I'm clearly thinking of outcomes you need to	
22 be able to risk-stratify to be fair.	

Page 295 1 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Right. 2 DR. GREENBERG: But I think also 3 we want to, I think we should be promoting risk-stratifying one's patients as a practice 4 5 that we need to do. CO-CHAIR CASEY: So that's a good 6 7 point, that that's going to land in this other area of what do we want the future state to 8 look like and we'll have to think about that. 9 10 But surely -- yes, Anne-Marie. Just a question. 11 DR. AUDET: They 12 would have to do both, not just risk 13 adjustment without risk stratification. 14 CO-CHAIR CASEY: What's your 15 opinion? 16 DR. AUDET: I would say yes, they 17 would have to do both. 18 DR. WHITE: I think they're 19 actually part and parcel of each other. 20 They're sort of a -- you need one to do the 21 other. 22 CO-CHAIR LAMB: I would suggest

Page 296 too that we go back to the discussions we've 1 2 had about what's the reason for this. Many of us have said there are populations within all 3 of the people that are seen in the health care 4 5 system that need, number one, more intense care coordination, and two is is risk -- we've 6 7 got to keep in mind risk for what. And in 8 this case it's risk for adverse outcomes of 9 poor care coordination. It's not risk for 10 everything in the health care system. So as we think about risk stratification and 11 12 adjustment, I think part of the discussion on the qo-forward basis is for what, and does it 13 14 look like the same kind of risk adjustment and stratification for other outcomes like 15 16 mortality, hospitalization and so forth 17 because the parameters of risk may be different in this context. 18 19 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Well, that raises 20 -- Helen's going to kick me so if I jump. 21 Raises the question about the NQF-endorsed 22 outcome measures that have risk adjustment,

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1	whether we think that and I know the
2	answer, I'm answering my own question
3	whether we think that the would those
4	adequately reflect whether differences can be
5	measured for improvements in care coordination
6	based upon the way they're risk-adjusted now.
7	In other words, I think they're very much
8	driven by claims data that relate to clinical
9	variables and not so much by some of these
10	other I haven't jumped yet, so. So I
11	think, Gerri, that's another perhaps
12	futuristic question about how do we make some
13	of the work that's done now related to
14	outcomes like mortality and readmissions if
15	that is an outcome more sensitive to the
16	impact of care coordination. And that might
17	take us in a different direction than the way
18	the measures are currently calculated. My
19	sense is I don't know but I'm guessing
20	probably they don't do a very good job of
21	that.
22	DR. BURSTIN: There's an article

 in JAMA today for those of seen it that specifically g 	-
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2 seen it that specifically g	oes through the
3 different risk models for r	eadmissions showing
4 they're actually not nearly	as precise as we
5 would certainly like. But	I think in general,
6 though, you know, risk adju	stment for an
7 outcome could be very well	justified. We
8 don't usually risk-adjust p	rocesses and much
9 of what we're talking about	here are
10 processes. And I think the	re is also an
11 opportunity to do the risk	stratification. I
12 think Alonzo's point and I	think Jeff's
13 earlier as well, thinking a	bout stratifying
14 for targeting, to think of,	you know, who's
15 high-risk. So I think ther	e are sort of three
16 very different models of ho	w to use risk.
17 CO-CHAIR CASEY:	Denise.
18 MS. LOVE: Risk	adjustment is an
19 interesting discussion. I'	m for risk
20 adjustment but sometimes ri	sk adjustment that
21 washes away all variation,	especially for
22 consumer information. And	then thinking of

Page 299 care coordination. Maybe the risk adjustment 1 2 is to differentiate those populations and 3 accentuate them. So it may be a different 4 purpose. And so we don't want to just, you 5 know, throw in the hierarchical modeling that I'm so fond of. 6 7 Yes, certainly CO-CHAIR CASEY: 8 some of the work that I've been doing with the 9 CMS-sponsored group out of the Colorado QIO 10 that has developed these community-based readmission measures is doing risk adjustment 11 12 for that precise reason which is to better understand the nature of the community. 13 There 14 are 14 of them. So that they can better try to define what the interventions might be that 15 are different from, you know, the other 16 communities. 17 18 MS. LOVE: If you're doing a 19 hospital report card sometimes you wash away 20 the differences because you want to be fair. 21 So, again, it depends on the purpose. 22 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Well, again, and

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1	so we always get into this sharp edge of CMS
2	would like risk-adjusted measures for public
3	reporting to help Medicare beneficiaries
4	discriminate and perhaps become related to
5	payment policy. And so, you know, you can, I
6	know we don't have a CMS representative here.
7	I'm not trying to be mean to them, I'm just
8	trying to say that that is one of the goals of
9	NQF is to support those efforts. So we have
10	to expect that that type of thinking is going
11	to persist. But your point is well taken.
12	And when we endorse measures accountability is
13	going to be something we're going to talk more
14	about. So that's it.
15	My other, I'm just doing this
16	because I'm a little tired of being in
17	Washington so much but number 3, I think I
18	heard should these measures be condition-
19	specific or broadly applicable. And I think
20	what I heard some people say is you shouldn't
21	do one without the other. In other words, we
22	should have broad measures and we should have,

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1	for lack of a better phrase, condition-
2	specific measures because practitioners can
3	translate more easily. Did I get that, Dr.
4	Lee? I think you were the one that brought
5	that up.
6	DR. LEE: Yes, I like to think of
7	it as how do we get its flywheel going. You
8	know, get things started, more science, more
9	integration. How do we get it going?
10	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So again the
11	answer is kind of sort of both, right?
12	DR. LEE: Correct.
13	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Anne-Marie?
14	DR. AUDET: Just this JAMA paper
15	that came out. Condition-specific is great
16	and I will also stress, I'm not a lumper as
17	you can tell. Population and risk-specific.
18	Because if you look at this JAMA article
19	actually the predictors of readmissions are
20	not, you know, severity of illness, they're
21	actually socioeconomic and all that other
22	stuff. So that's more population and risk of

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1	poor coordination than a condition. So I
2	would stress both condition and population.
3	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Yes. So, but I
4	think that the third nuance here is that we
5	want patient-level measures that are more
6	global too, right, Anne-Marie? So it's
7	condition-specific, it's population and it's -
8	- does that? Hey, that's pretty good. Other
9	thoughts.
10	DR. LYNN: I'm wondering how this
11	fits in with the NQF work on multiple chronic
12	conditions.
13	DR. BURSTIN: So for those of you
14	who don't know NQF has been doing some work
15	trying to take the patient, the framework that
16	was done a couple of years ago, this measure
17	on framework to begin thinking about care
18	longitudinally which was very oriented to
19	longitudinal care of a single condition, and
20	think about it differently in terms of care
21	for patients with they're actually now
22	calling it complex multiple chronic conditions

Page 303 because sometimes one bad complex condition is 1 2 enough. You don't need four of them if one of them is really bad. Alzheimer's, I mean 3 there's some logic here. And what they've 4 5 been trying to do, and I can't remember if the report is out for comment or completed 6 7 comment, but we could share it with this group 8 is they've at least tried to come up with some framework to think about what kind of measures 9 10 you might bring in that might be crosscutting for all those kinds of patients. 11 When 12 condition-specific measures are appropriate and if so, is there better -- are there better 13 14 ways to stratify by patient risk in terms of things like functional status and you know, 15 16 end stage issues. 17 CO-CHAIR CASEY: So I'll just tell 18 you a little anecdote because it's, you know, 19 it's after 3:00. But my dad, he's going to be 20 87 in two weeks. He claims he's still in law 21 practice. He's probably at his office now. 22 And he goes to the doctor and he always calls

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1	me up and says, well, I've got to tell you
2	about this, this and this. And I'm like Dad,
3	please, please make a list of these things so
4	you won't forget when you go to the doctor,
5	you know. Because he's got, I mean he's not
6	seriously ill but he's got all these things
7	going on. So he comes back from the doctor
8	and I can't wait to call him and talk to him
9	about how it went. And I said well? Did you
10	talk about the list? He goes no, I forgot
11	where I put the list.
12	(Laughter)
13	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So that's like, I
14	give up. How do you adjust for that, you know
15	what I mean? So I think we got some good
16	traction on some of these. Let's see. Yes.
17	DR. LEE: Don, before we leave
18	that question 3, something that fell out of
19	the question set that's in the other documents
20	is the level of measurement, how far down do
21	we want to go. I really think we want to make
22	sure we can measure populations but I'd really

Page 305 1 emphasize at least from my point of view that 2 we need measures that are specific at the physician or the office or the care team or 3 the medical home or whatever that locus of 4 5 care coordination is, that we be able to get at least some measures down to that level of 6 7 specificity. 8 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Yes, I think for both accountability and quality improvement 9 that's going to be critical. Because 10 practitioners at that level need to know 11 12 what's wrong in order to see if they can fix it in some way. And you know, one of the ways 13 14 to do it is to say well we're going to, I'll 15 put you on this website too and let people think about it. So, but I do think that that 16 is really one of the levels of the goals here 17 18 to inform the people on the ground doing the 19 work. So. Eva? 20 MS. POWELL: Thanks. If it's okav 21 I just want to back up really quickly to 22 number 2, the assumptions. And I agree with

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1	them on the one hand because I recognize that
2	a call for measures is a call for measures
3	that need to be specific and evidence-based,
4	but I really, really worry that if we stick
5	only to this notion of evidence-based in the
6	same way that we've thought about it for the
7	measures that we have now, that we're not
8	going to end up with anything more than what
9	we got before. Because as we've heard
10	numerous times the evidence is not clear or
11	it's lacking or however you want to put that.
12	And so what made me think of this was, I think
13	it was Jean that made the point about we need
14	to somehow come up with measures that allow
15	for latitude in terms of process. And then I
16	can't remember what Christine said but she
17	also made me think about this notion that as
18	we make information electronic the line
19	between quality improvement and research
20	becomes very blurred. And so I'm wondering if
21	since part of our task also is to develop a
22	pathway toward implementation of emerging

Page 307 measures, in addition to obviously the need to 1 2 have a call for measures that are very specific and evidence-based could there be a 3 4 part of this pathway that becomes part of the 5 learning health care system where we design measures that are not necessarily evidence-6 7 based but are maybe based on pseudo-evidence, 8 I don't know what you would call it, but 9 something that makes someone think that it 10 might be a good idea and then become part of 11 a testing loop. Because I just really worry, 12 I don't know how we're going to generate this evidence if we're stuck in our same way of 13 14 thinking about evidence that we've been in relative to the measures that we have now. 15 And this would seem to be a really good 16 17 opportunity, particularly because so much is 18 related to process in the world of care 19 coordination, to put some latitude out there 20 and have certain parameters, and I don't know 21 what they would be, but have certain 22 parameters that then provide more latitude

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1	than what we've had before as a way of
2	generating the evidence that we so need and
3	want. I don't know, is there a possibility
4	for that? Does that make any sense?
5	CO-CHAIR CASEY: No, it actually
6	is, well, Helen and I have had this sort of
7	ongoing discussion that I think has resulted
8	in some positive change for how NQF evaluates
9	evidence. And you know, let's be clear.
10	There are sort of levels of measures now that
11	exist that are well informed by lots of
12	observational and clinical trial data like PCI
13	within 90 minutes. I mean, we know that time
14	is myocardium and we know that the faster you
15	get an open vessel for a patient with an ST
16	elevation MI the better likelihood there is
17	for survival and improved quality of life and
18	et cetera, et cetera. In this arena where
19	it's so messy one could neither expect nor
20	anticipate randomized controlled trials of
21	that nature to describe, to attempt to
22	describe the evidence. And I think that

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1	that's where we're going to have to be very
2	clear and careful about how we're going to
3	think about as a group evaluating evidence as
4	it comes in.
5	And I think it will boil down to
6	making judgments like, you know, it's hard for
7	us to be sure that care coordination has
8	occurred if in fact the patient sees a
9	physician in the office and there's a claim
10	for it. So, on the other hand, if we know
11	that in some of these measures that what the
12	physician did was to actually provide an
13	intervention that assured that a patient got
14	the care that was needed for that particular
15	problem, that that would be a higher level.
16	So I just want to harken back to
17	Guyatt's mantra about not feeling as though
18	it's a bad thing that there's limited evidence
19	and that it has poor quality. I mean, I think
20	we're going to be faced with that dilemma. So
21	I want to be sensitive to it. But I don't,
22	and I think your other point about informing

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1	the future state will again be derived on what
2	Suzanne talked about, developing these newer
3	models to actually develop better ways to
4	describe the outcomes. Because it isn't going
5	to fit into a nice, neat, you know,
6	generalized linear model usually I would
7	guess.
8	So I hope that gets to the
9	dilemma. It probably doesn't answer your
10	question. We're going to get a lot of
11	measures that we're going to look at right
12	away that aren't going to really pass the
13	sniff test that still may be worth it for us
14	to bring forward to consensus development with
15	the clear understanding that this is the first
16	phase of what we're trying to accomplish. So,
17	I don't want to throw the baby out with the
18	bath water. And Helen, I hope you agree with
19	that general philosophy here because I know
20	when we started this Helen was like we don't
21	have any measures and we've got to get some in
22	here. You know, so she was just worried that

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1 there would be nothing left after all this
2 work and I don't think we anticipate having
3 that occur this time. So I hope that makes
4 you feel a little better. But it's going to
5 be hard.

6 My philosophy is as long as we're 7 transparent with saying here's the quality of 8 the evidence and that people are clear about 9 understanding that it may not be perfect but 10 it's still worth a try that it's still okay. I don't know how we fit that into the 11 12 consensus development process but I think this is one of these vague areas where it's going 13 14 to take a different mindset I think. 15 DR. BURSTIN: Just one thing to 16 add. People haven't seen that NQF in the last year did an evidence task force report which 17 we could share with folks which really went 18 19 through our perspectives of how evidence 20 should be assessed. It is interesting in some 21 of these emerging areas that are more

crosscutting, not the clinical ones so much,

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1	but some of these emerging areas where the
2	evidentiary base may not be the classic sort
3	of medical model. What's quality, quantity
4	and consistency evidence is one we're really
5	going to have to work through and that's what
6	our new evidence task force requires. But
7	there is still an element of allowing a
8	steering committee to make a recommendation
9	for a measure to go forward based on the
10	expert opinion of the group where they feel
11	like the benefits significantly outweigh the
12	risks. And we actually just went through this
13	in our palliative care committee. Again, the
14	evidence on some things, these things are just
15	not as clear, but they are so obvious to
16	anybody that the benefits significantly exceed
17	the risks. Some issues around sort of
18	chaplaincy, for example, and palliative care.
19	So I think we'll have the opportunity to work
20	that through but that's why we're going to
21	need to have that very structured process to
22	go through the evidence.

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1	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So, let me not
2	to keep bringing up Guyatt, but Guyatt will
3	say that if there is professional consensus
4	that intervention X is useful that's evidence.
5	It may not be of the quality. Do you see what
6	I'm saying? So, I just want to be sure we
7	don't get stuck on these terms evidence-based
8	like we know what we're talking about. Sorry,
9	Christine.
10	MS. KLOTZ: Is there any room for
11	having something that's, I don't remember
12	this, actually. Whether it could be
13	provisional or labeled as promising? No.
14	It's either endorsed or not.
15	DR. BURSTIN: At this point it's
16	endorsed or not. I mean, I think a lot of
17	those promising practices is what you guys did
18	last round in terms of the practices. I think
19	at this point if we're going to bring a
20	measure forward it needs to be standardized
21	sufficiently with a sufficient evidence base
22	that it can be used for the various

Page 314 1 accountability applications, including public 2 reporting and pay-for-performance. So, no. But at the same time you can also make that 3 assessment, that some of these things are kind 4 5 of really obvious and you still think it 6 should go forward because it's -- the benefits 7 are really important. 8 CO-CHAIR CASEY: There is, though, 9 Helen, this notion that there must be some 10 field testing of the measure, right? Which in some ways is kind of sort of a level of 11 12 evidence. And I think, Chris, we did find 13 that there were some measures that really 14 hadn't been adequately field tested and we actually gave the feedback back to the measure 15 developer to do X, Y and Z. Do you remember 16 17 this, Karen? So, I mean I think that it's 18 never, like, you know, your measures didn't 19 make the cut, they're bad. It's more like 20 here's -- it's a continuum to get them in the 21 shape where they can then succeed at the next 22 round of endorsement.

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1	DR. HEURTIN-ROBERTS: We're about
2	trying to improve quality and care delivery.
3	At the same time, if we want that to happen we
4	want to have a better science of quality
5	improvement. So I think that we can't only
6	think about improving quality of delivery. I
7	think that we need to at least see ourselves,
8	or see this endeavor in the context of a
9	research effort and be research-friendly
10	knowing that this is going to generate huge
11	amounts of data that you know we'd really like
12	to be user-friendly for researchers. So you
13	know we can't, we're not going to improve
14	quality unless we also have a science of
15	quality improvement that's functional and can
16	use this data. I just think we need to keep
17	that in mind.
18	CO-CHAIR CASEY: I've never been
19	on a consensus development project that didn't
20	have embedded in the deliverable a set of
21	recommendations some of which would be very
22	concrete for current and future researchers to

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1	enhance. So that'll be part of our work for
2	sure. But I think it's really important to
3	emphasize it. So, yes, Anne-Marie?
4	DR. AUDET: Just a quick question
5	for information. Last time you did this you
6	sent signal to the field that this was, you
7	know, something important. And you actually
8	had a framework. So I'm just curious whether
9	you at NQF, I know you have calls for
10	measures, but do you hear from people who say
11	oh, I'm now ready?
12	DR. BURSTIN: It's a great
13	question and I think what we've seen is there
14	are some measure developers who have made
15	significant progress. Like NCQA of doing the
16	work you funded. And one of the big issues
17	here has been the continuing lack of sort of
18	base support for measure development with some
19	notable exceptions, thank you. They've
20	developed a very nice model of what closing
21	the referral loop will look like. When I
22	talked to them a couple of weeks ago and said

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1	so I'm really excited, you know, care
2	coordination is starting up. When are we
3	going to get that measure? And they went
4	well, we're not actually sure we can spec it
5	out because the EHRs don't exist yet that can
6	do the measure. So it may be that there's
7	work in place and I think there are some
8	elements of that measure that we hope can come
9	forward because they're really important. But
10	sometimes I think the research work and the
11	development work are not quite in synch.
12	I think there's more out there
13	than we realize. Some of the work we did last
14	summer supporting ONC on their potential
15	measures for meaningful use 2013, I mean,
16	there were some impressive measures out there
17	that some of the leading health systems like
18	Kaiser and Park Nicollet and others were using
19	that were more sometimes transactional but did
20	get at elements like did patients have access
21	to their lab results within seven days. I
22	mean, there may be some sort of baby step

Page 318 measures out there that some of the leading IT 1 2 systems could bring us, but we have tried to I've talked about this everywhere. 3 signal. It's just, I think this is a really tough area 4 5 to do without the data platform. 6 DR. GREENBERG: I think we need 7 also to balance the need for standards with 8 the need for innovation and the acknowledgment 9 that we don't really know how to do this that 10 well. And we want people to keep trying new things. And we run the risk, if we say 11 12 everyone has to do X or Y that people are not going to try to do it differently. So, you 13 know, I don't know if that's something that 14 15 you come across in other areas where you've done this, but I wouldn't want to box people 16 in too much because you know my hospital has 17 done, you know, really well using nurse care 18 19 coordinators for high-risk Medicare patients. 20 But there are other ways of doing that. And 21 I wouldn't want a measure that says you have 22 to do that because you may be able to do it

Page 319 1 many other ways. And I want to -- we should 2 be able to give people credit for doing those things but yet of course we do need some 3 standards also. So I just think it sounds 4 5 like a tough balance to meet. 6 CO-CHAIR LAMB: One of the things 7 that we might consider, it struck me as we 8 were going through this day. If we look at 9 number 5 which is, and those are probably two separate very important questions that we've 10 been deliberating on is what are the 11 12 priorities and if we can begin to flesh out all the stuff we were talking about as we went 13 14 around the table and give some, you know, some 15 bench posts to people about here's what we 16 think is important to look at. What are you 17 doing in this area? Because I agree with 18 Helen, I think there is a ton of stuff going 19 on out here but people are not necessarily 20 framing it or seeing it as care coordination 21 work. So that if we can begin to say for 22 instance, I'm just going to make this up,

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1	we're interested in looking at how patients
2	are engaged in the care coordination process
3	and it might look like A, B, C, D, E, if
4	you're doing anything in this area and you're
5	measuring it and you have some outcomes we
6	want to hear from you. Because I think right
7	now a lot of this work is invisible. So that
8	if we can begin to put some, you know, some
9	structure around this in terms of what is
10	important. So I think somebody, it may have
11	been Dana or Jean said before is the goal here
12	is to help people understand what's important
13	about care coordination to improve it. And
14	the more we can begin to help that field I
15	think it's going to be really useful and I
16	think we may be surprised. But I think we're
17	going to have to structure better than the
18	last call for measures.
19	CO-CHAIR CASEY: So that's a good
20	lead-in. What outcomes are relevant to care
21	coordination? I mean, I think we talked about
22	it but can you just punch a button and tell us

Page 321 in a word or two? 1 Tom. 2 DR. HOWE: Yes. I think we've kind of thrown up our hands that there is no 3 4 easily obtainable outcome. I'm not sure 5 that's correct. I think if the care coordination is focused on a patient-family 6 7 set of goals were they met or not? And if 8 somebody with some foundation money or if it's 9 already been done can come up with a fairly concise standardized measurement tool that a 10 patient and/or family could fill out, one, it 11 12 would get you the level, at the practice level you'd get the level of engagement with folks 13 14 that are actually paying attention to a care coordination plan. That's a significant 15 16 metric right there. 17 So, I know we're CO-CHAIR CASEY: 18 getting a little bit into syntax here but 19 would a reasonable outcome be to measure 20 successful achievement of a plan of care? 21 DR. HOWE: Right. 22 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Is that what

Page 322 you're saying? 1 2 DR. HOWE: With specific goals on it. 3 4 CO-CHAIR CASEY: With specific 5 goals, of course, right. 6 DR. HOWE: And did they get 7 measured. 8 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Of the goals, 9 achievement of the goals of the plan of care. 10 DR. HOWE: Right. 11 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Right. 12 DR. HOWE: And I don't know that there is a standardized tool out there. 13 CO-CHAIR CASEY: But I think if 14 one would accept the word "outcome" in that 15 16 statement that would be perhaps a way to 17 phrase that. Is there anyone pushing back on 18 that? 19 DR. BURSTIN: Well, it doesn't 20 need to be only outcomes, though. I don't 21 want us to think that this call for measures 22 can't include really important processes,

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1	evidence-based, linked to outcomes. I think
2	we need to know what those outcomes are so we
3	can judge the evidence of whether those
4	processes in fact make sense but some of those
5	outcomes are actually some of the ones we
6	already have. I mean, you could argue
7	readmission measures are one example. We've
8	got all-cause readmission begins October 31st
9	at NQF, the project. We're also in the midst
10	of our resource use project. I mean, those
11	may be the kind of outcomes you would use to
12	judge the quality of care coordination. So I
13	guess I don't want us to feel like we have to
14	be only in the outcomes box.
15	MS. ALEXANDER: So I would agree
16	that if we're, you know, asking the question
17	what are measures of success for care
18	coordination that it would include outcomes.
19	Maybe not just only outcomes. And I do agree
20	that that would include then the plan of care
21	that which also would include then, you know,
22	what are the outcomes that we're driving

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1	towards, what are the goals that we're setting
2	forth in order to drive towards those
3	outcomes. Then how we achieve those. And
4	measuring those achievement of those goals and
5	outcomes not only from the care provider's
6	perspective but also the patient's perspective
7	as well too. And then earlier I think it was
8	Pam that had mentioned I think another measure
9	of success could be utilization if it was
10	risk-adjusted as well.
11	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Yes, Matthew.
12	DR. MCNABNEY: Here's an example.
13	This is a geriatrics example so it's somewhat
14	limited but regarding care plans and goals of
15	care, care plans. Joanne Lynn and Richard
16	Schamp both in different articles on the same
17	concept constructed these three pathways
18	described as longevity, functional and
19	palliative. And it had criteria, described
20	criteria which a patient would declare which
21	pathway they would want. It's complicated,
22	more complicated than it sounds to help
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1	somebody assign themselves into one of those
2	pathways but you and they were used and we
3	used them to prescribe care that fits into
4	those pathways. But you could imagine that
5	outcomes that would be appropriate for those
6	pathways, you know. It could be different
7	pathways for different populations but that
8	you could then say, well, given that patient
9	assigned themselves with help to a certain
10	approach to care they met that care pathway,
11	whether it's longevity, functional or
12	palliative.
13	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Yes, I mean I
14	think you really have hit some gold here in
15	something that I hadn't thought of which is
16	back to how does a patient decide what the
17	correct plan of care is for him or her, right?
18	So if I've got a risk of prostate cancer which
19	I do and there are five different directions
20	to go in to make my plan of care how does that
21	get informed and is that that I think
22	involves a certain level of, I don't know

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1	whether it's exactly care coordination but
2	it's a precedent too. Saying if I choose this
3	pathway then what I'm going to try to do is
4	coordinate my care in this direction. I mean,
5	I think that's what you're saying, right? So,
6	Helen and Gerri, that seems like a pretty good
7	hierarchy of needs in terms of, I'll make it
8	up, instruments that help shared decision-
9	making to determine the pathway. Is that kind
10	of what you're saying? So what do you think
11	about that? That seems like it would be in
12	play here.
13	CO-CHAIR LAMB: I would just
14	suggest that when we start reviewing all the
15	things that everybody has thrown out is to
16	keep these questions in mind in terms of what
17	is it we're trying to accomplish here which is
18	really looking at, again, what's important in
19	this process and how does it link to outcomes.
20	Because I think to pull, you know, nascent
21	measures and measures that we can actually
22	look at that go beyond what we saw before,

Page 327 we're going to have to define this for folks 1 2 really clearly in terms of what we're looking So whether it be these outcomes and 3 for. we've generated a list of several different 4 5 I'm thinking just in the interest outcomes. 6 of time here we're going to need to move into 7 next steps soon. 8 DR. BURSTIN: Just one quick

9 response to that as well and it's an important distinction between a tool and a measure. 10 So NOF doesn't endorse the tool, we endorse the 11 12 accountability measure that may be how you use the tool, what the results of the tool were. 13 14 So in this area for example the Foundation for 15 Informed Medical Decision-making has been 16 doing some very elegant work on sort of 17 measures of decision quality. Now those may 18 be appropriate but we would be careful about 19 avoiding, that we would not at least in the 20 current environment be bringing in the tool 21 that supports the SDM. 22 CO-CHAIR CASEY: Why don't we take

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1	two final comments and then
2	DR. HEURTIN-ROBERTS: Just the
3	idea, outcomes are only meaningful relative to
4	some antecedent. That's the only way you can
5	evaluate it. So I think when we're thinking
6	of defining an outcome and measuring it it has
7	to be related to something that's come before,
8	that's all.
9	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Which would
10	include a process. Tom, did you have your?
11	DR. HOWE: Yes. I don't know if
12	this is getting you into territory you don't
13	want to get to but if we think patient
14	engagement and feedback is critical to
15	assessing at least a key outcome here in terms
16	of how do they think they did with their goals
17	with their care home there may need to be some
18	thought to supplying an incentive. I mean, we
19	have payers now paying for wellness
20	incentives. This may be worth putting out
21	there as a patient incentive.
22	CO-CHAIR CASEY: Lauralei?

Page 329 MS. DORTAN: We did have some time 1 2 set aside to specifically structure the call for measures but actually I think the round 3 table did exactly that. So, and illuminated 4 5 and elicited from you what you'd like to see 6 in the call for measures. So in terms of next 7 steps I do have some dates here. What we'll 8 work on doing in the immediate next few weeks will be distilling all the information you've 9 10 heard as I said and circulating it to you for comment. We did have, I'm trying to think 11 12 here. Oh, we have the first draft of the white paper is due on November 22nd and then 13 we have a tentative conference call scheduled 14 with you between December 7th and 9th. 15 So we're going to either poll you today or via 16 email to see which of those days would work 17 18 best for you. But perhaps during that meeting 19 that would also be another good time to review 20 the call for measures specifically and the 21 paper that we've put together as a result of 22 today's meeting.

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1	And the other thing that I wanted
2	to talk about, I don't know if you received
3	the email with your information to access
4	SharePoint but this is the first project
5	that's using SharePoint at NQF and I think
6	it'll be a really good way because care
7	coordination is so big and you guys are a
8	great group. And I feel like there's a lot of
9	really good discussion that can take place on
10	that site and so many documents. So rather
11	than sending you emails with copious amounts
12	of material all the time we can post it on
13	there. So does that sound good to everybody?
14	DR. MCNABNEY: Does it alert you
15	when there's a new post?
16	MS. DORIAN: You can set it to
17	alert you for that. And I'll send through
18	sort of instructions on how to use it. It's
19	pretty straightforward but it can be a little
20	bit confusing at first. But there's a
21	discussion board, there's a calendar. We can
22	post draft I can post a draft of the call

Page 331 1 for measures for you to comment on. There's 2 a forum. You can use it in a lot of different 3 So I think it'll be good to test how ways. 4 useful it is going forward. 5 MS. LOVE: I assume if there is something you'd post out there that you really 6 7 want to call our attention to that you'll --8 MS. DORIAN: I'll always alert 9 you. Yes, I'll send you an email as well. CO-CHAIR LAMB: 10 Lauralei, could you go back to the previous slide in terms of 11 12 next steps? Okay. So that, okay, here we are on October 19th. Are we going to get anything 13 14 then in terms of responding to before the first draft of the white paper or is that the 15 16 first request for a response? 17 MS. DORIAN: That will be the 18 first date where you receive the white paper 19 itself. But we'll send something to you about 20 this meeting and the call for measures before 21 that. Soon, yes, in the next couple of weeks. 22 And then in terms of that conference call on

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1	December 7th, 8th or 9th there's also a						
2	polling tool on that SharePoint site. So I						
3	might send that link to you tomorrow actually						
4	and you can poll to see which of those days						
5	works best for you.						
6	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Okay. And the						
7	white paper is going to be in the form of a						
8	potential call for measures? Is that how it's						
9	going to look or no?						
10	MS. DORIAN: The white paper is						
11	the commission paper that Lipika presented on.						
12	CO-CHAIR LAMB: Oh, okay.						
13	MS. DORIAN: Sorry, yes.						
14	CO-CHAIR LAMB: So where's the						
15	call for measures in here? The development of						
16	the call for measures.						
17	MS. DORIAN: The call for						
18	measures, well that closes, let's see. That						
19	closes on January 9th. There's an open call						
20	for measures right now but as soon as we have						
21	finalized our call for measures we can post						
22	that as soon as that's ready. So I was						
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	next few weeks if we can. Do
2 you think that's	doable?
3 DR. 1	BURSTIN: We moved away from a
4 30-day call for a	measures and we let just
5 developers know v	way in advance. They've known
6 for months that	this is coming and this is due
7 in January. So a	and we can also modify that if
8 we need to. But	we'll go back, pull down the
9 call that's up the	here now that's just very
10 general and add	the specificity and the
11 prioritization y	ou've put in today. And we'll
12 repost that and a	send it out so people know
13 what you really	want to get in. We just
14 wanted to at leas	st let them know this is
15 our submission fo	orm is now open at all times
16 so people can sta	art working on the forms early
17 on. They are a	lot of work to submit and pull
18 together so we re	eally want to give people at
19 least three month	hs to prepare.
20 CO-CI	HAIR CASEY: Would it be
21 helpful to share	with the committee maybe one
22 such submission	just so you can see it?

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1	Because when you see it you're not going to be
2	happy, it's a lot of work but we're going to
3	be expecting all of you to really spend a lot
4	of time and effort on this. So I think it
5	might be, just to get your juices flowing.
6	Karen?
7	DR. FARRIS: Are we expected to
8	comment on the call for measures or you guys
9	are just putting it together and it's going?
10	MS. DORIAN: No, we'll definitely
11	expect you to comment on that. Within I guess
12	let's see if I mean, we can give you a week
13	to comment on it and then we'll send it out
14	within the next week or two. But we'll send
15	through all of these revised dates tomorrow as
16	well so you know exactly what's expected of
17	you. Are there any other questions on the
18	project in general?
19	MS. ALEXANDER: Just to make
20	mention while you're just conversing here that
21	if we have however this week timeline comes
22	for us to respond to build in Thanksgiving in

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1	there too.
2	MS. DORIAN: Yes, definitely.
3	That's a good point.
4	CO-CHAIR CASEY: And then Lauralei
5	there will be, we will then, once the measures
б	are in we will be doing some prep work for an
7	actual another second face to face meeting.
8	MS. DORIAN: Yes, so that'll be
9	part of when phase II officially kicks off.
10	We'll have another conference call, orient you
11	to phase II, to the details of the CDP process
12	and then I think the in-person meeting is
13	scheduled for the end of February.
14	DR. AUDET: So there are two
15	public comments. Well, there are two public
16	things. Public comment for the white paper
17	and then there's going to be a submission, the
18	submission of the measures. That's in phase
19	II.
20	MS. DORIAN: Correct. The
21	evaluation of the measures is in phase II. So
22	the public comment period is on the commission

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1	paper that was part of phase I.
2	DR. BURSTIN: We'll also have
3	public comment on the measures in phase II,
4	yes.
5	MS. DORIAN: Yes. That's a much
6	longer process.
7	CO-CHAIR CASEY: That's when it
8	really gets fun.
9	MS. DORIAN: Yes, exactly. Yes.
10	Operator, are you there?
11	OPERATOR: Yes, I am here and
12	there is no one on the phone.
13	MS. DORIAN: Okay. Thank you for
14	checking. Well, before Don and Gerri say
15	anything I would just like to say thank you
16	all so much for today. I found it incredibly
17	enlightening and I think it really will impact
18	the future of this work, particularly the work
19	you do in phase II. And thank you to our co-
20	chairs. And look forward to working with you
21	in the future.
22	CO-CHAIR LAMB: It's been a

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1	pleasure having this conversation today. I
2	just have so much more I'm going home thinking
3	about now. So looking forward to working with
4	you all on the reports and the feedback and
5	seeing you again in February. So thank you so
6	much for a great meeting. And notice we ended
7	on time.
8	(Whereupon, the foregoing matter
9	went off the record at 3:47 p.m.)
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