

# NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

## CONFERENCE CALL FOR THE COMMON FORMATS EXPERT PANEL

July 8, 2011

*Panel Members Present:* David Classen, MD, MS (Co-Chair); Henry Johnson, MD, MPH (Co-Chair); Debra Bakerjian, PhD, RN, FNP; John Clarke MD; Helen Lau, RN, MHRD, BSN; Arthur Levin, MPH; Scott MacLean, MBA; Nancy Ridley, MS; Heather Sherman, PhD

*NQF Staff Present:* Melinda Murphy, RN, MS; Lindsey Tighe, MS; Jessica Weber

*Others Present:* Diane Cousins, Peter Goldschmidt, Amy Helwig, John Moquin, Ira Yanowitz (AHRQ)

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Drs. Classen and Johnson welcomed the Expert Panel members and thanked them for their participation on the call. Dr. Classen informed the group that Dr. Helwig would provide the Expert Panel with an update on the Common Formats for Hospitals and SNF.

### COMMON FORMATS UPDATE

Dr. Helwig stated that AHRQ continues to work on the hospital Common Formats, and that they will be released as either Version 1.2 or 2.0 in late summer or early fall of 2012. The Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Common Format module was sent to the Expert Panel for review as requested. It is subject to further refinement prior to publication in late August or early September 2011. The VTE Common Format will take into account patient risk in developing VTE, the risk factors involved in developing VTE, as well as prevention methods utilized.

Common Formats for SNF received over 200 comments which will be reviewed by AHRQ staff and the Common Formats Expert Panel.

### COMMENTS RECEIVED AND THE IN-PERSON MEETING

Ms. Murphy stated that 168 SNF-related comments were triaged to the Expert Panel and 29 comments were sent directly to AHRQ.

Group A will review 42 comments on SNF and 1 comment on Version 1.1.

Group B will review 14 comments on SNF and 6 comments on Version 1.1.

Group C will review 73 comments on SNF and 2 comments on Version 1.1.

Group D will review 32 comments on SNF and 4 comments on Version 1.1.

General comments for the entire group include 7 related to SNF and 3 related to Version 1.1.

With respect to the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, groups that are able and that desire will have a conference call prior to the in-person meeting in order to begin reviewing comments. During the August in-person meeting, two groups will meet concurrently to review comments. Based on number of comments to be addressed, Groups A and D will meet sequentially within the same time allotment set aside for Group C. Based on availability of members, Group B will meet separately in mid-August. This will allow AHRQ staff to be available for consultation to all groups. Additionally, NQF staff will work with the Panel's SNF expert to enable her contribution to the groups.

In response to a question from a Panel member, Ms. Murphy stated that the NQF Serious Reportable Events were recommended for endorsement and are undergoing a 30-day appeal period.

The August meeting, to deliberate and finalize recommendations on the SNF and remaining V.1.1 comments, will begin in the early afternoon on August 1<sup>st</sup>. If Expert Panel members would like, NQF Staff will plan a dinner for the Expert Panel members on that evening. The second day of the meeting will begin in Executive Session at 8 am so that the groups can review documentation of Day 1 deliberations. This will be followed with a discussion of the parking lot issues and recommendations of the groups to the full panel. The meeting will end at approximately 2 pm ET.

#### **NQF MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were offered.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The Expert Panel is expected to attend the in-person meeting in Washington, DC on August 1-2, 2011. Sub-group conference calls will be scheduled, as desired, prior to the in-person meeting.