

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

CONFERENCE CALL OF THE COMMON FORMATS EXPERT PANEL

October 12, 2009

Panel members present: Henry Johnson, MD, MPH (Co-Chair); Peter L. Elkin, MD; Karen Frush, MD; Paul A. Gluck, MD; Matthew Grissinger, RPh, MS; Mary Krugman, PhD, RN; Helen Lau, MHROD, BSN; Arthur Levin, MPH; Lori Paine, RN, BSN; Shannon Phillips, MD, MPH; Liaison Member: William Munier, MD

Others present: Peter Goldschmidt, MD; Amy Helwig, MD; John Moquin; Debbie Perfetto; Susan Terrillion; and Ira Yanowitz, AHRQ

NQF Staff: Eric Colchamiro, MPA; Melinda Murphy, RN, MS, NE-BC

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Following Dr. Johnson's welcome, the Panel approved the minutes of its September in-person meeting without change. Dr. Johnson then introduced Drs. Munier and Helwig to provide an update on revisions to AHRQ's Common Formats for event reporting

GENERAL COMMENTS Dr. Munier began by noting that Secretary Sebelius has announced that Dr. Carolyn Clancy will continue as the permanent director of AHRQ.

Dr. Munier stated that there are now 69 Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs). AHRQ has applications from prospective PSOs pending and expects to name a 70th soon. Dr. Helwig added that the 2010 AHRQ PSO meeting will likely be in late April or early May 2010, separate from the AHRQ annual meeting.

UPDATE ON REVISIONS TO COMMON FORMATS

Dr. Helwig mentioned that all of the Common Formats Event Descriptions, Paper Forms, Users Guide, and Quick Guide are available on the PSOPPC website and are either available or can be accessed from the NQF commenting tool. Development of the technical specifications for the Common Formats is underway, and while AHRQ staff awaits recommendations from the NQF Expert Panel on comments triaged to it, work is underway on the Clinical Document Architecture (CDA). Release of the technical specifications is still slated for the first quarter of 2010. Also, AHRQ continues to plan for the expansion of the Common Formats beyond the hospital setting and continues to view long-term care as the next potential environment to be addressed. At present, 11 states have reporting requirements for long-term care and many of them are aligned with the NQF serious reportable events.

COMMON FORMATS COMMENTS RECEIVED BY NQF

Ms. Murphy reviewed the schedule for subgroups to consider comments. She noted that 84 comments requiring action have been received via NQF commenting tool. Of those, 50 comments have been triaged to AHRQ and 34 triaged to the Panel, based on the criteria that had been previously approved by the Expert Panel. Dr. Munier noted that the relatively low number of comments may be the result of AHRQ having incorporated a significant number of suggestions, received from individuals over the summer, into Version 1.0 of the Common Formats.

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The breakdown of comments requiring action is as follows:

- HERF/PIF/SIR - 20 comments (2 triaged to the Panel)
- Blood - 9 comments (5 triaged to the Panel)
- Devices - 5 comments (1 triaged to the Panel)
- Falls - 12 comments (8 triaged to the Panel)
- Healthcare Associated Infections - no comments received
- Medication or Other Substances - 16 comments (8 triaged to the Panel)
- Perinatal - 4 comments (2 triaged to the Panel)
- Pressure Ulcers - 10 comments, (4 triaged to the Panel)
- Surgery and Anesthesia - 2 comments (2 triaged to the Panel)

Dr. Johnson encouraged the Panel to enter their comments. Ms. Murphy added that, assuming time to comment is at a premium, Panel members should consider making comments specifically on Device, Surgery and Anesthesia, Pressure Ulcers, Falls, and Blood since the subgroups considering comments on those items will meet next week.

Dr. Helwig also noted that the PSO Technical Assistance Center will make a single PDF file available containing all of the Common Formats Users Guide, Quick Guide, event descriptions and reporting forms. The document will be posted on the PSOPPC website. (NOTE: That information is available at <https://psoppc.org/web/patientsafety/paperforms#CompleteSet>)

Dr. Munier said that he has had informal communication that the group charged with evolving the ICPS is interested in mapping the ICPS to the Common Formats as underpinnings of a reporting system.

NQF MEMBER COMMENT

The meeting was opened to NQF member comments or questions; none were received.

REMINDERS

The next Common Formats Expert Panel conference call will be Friday, November 13, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. ET. Materials and dial-in information for the call will be sent via email prior to the call.

Based on Expert Panel member availability, the next in-person meeting of the Expert Panel will be February 17-18, 2010 in Washington, DC.