NQF Process to Receive Comments on Common Formats Expert Panel Group C Teleconference Meeting Summary

October 19, 2009

Members present: Mary E. Krugman, PhD, RN; Lori Paine, RN, MS; Henry Johnson, MD, MPH, (Expert Panel Co-Chair); William Munier, MD, MBA (Expert Panel Liaison Member)

Others present: Barbee I. Whitaker, PhD, Director and Special Programs, AABB; Diane Cousins, RPh, Amy Helwig, MD, John Moquin, Debbie Perfetto, Susan Terrillion, Ira Yanowitz (AHRQ).

National Quality Forum (NQF) staff present: Eric Colchamiro, MPA; Melinda Murphy, RN, MS, NE-BC

PURPOSE. The purpose of this meeting was for the group to consider and make recommendations on comments received through the National Quality Forum (NQF) Common Formats commenting tool through the date of the meeting about Common Formats Version 1.0 Event Descriptions and reporting forms related to:

- Blood or Blood Product
- Fall
- Pressure Ulcer

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS. As an overall comment, Ms. Krugman noted that, based on prior agreements, the group is to opine on content of the forms leaving administrative matters to AHRQ.

Based on a question from Dr. Whitaker, it was clarified that comments will continue to be accepted through December 31, 2009. After that date, the subgroups will reconvene to consider any comments received between now and the closing date.

See attached spreadsheet for discussion and recommendations specific to individual comments.

Based on commitments for follow up about comments related to the pressure ulcer documents, the following post-meeting information is included.

- NQF staff report that the NQF pressure ulcer panel has recommended changing from a staging system to categories. They have included stage I and II into partial thickness pressure ulcers and stage III, IV, DTI and unstageable into full thickness pressure ulcer. They use the same definitions that NPUAP uses to describe the different pressure ulcers.
- Ms. Krugman provided the new NDNQI Pressure Ulcer tutorial to AHRQ.

NQF MEMBER COMMENT. No comments were offered.

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