

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

CONFERENCE CALL FOR THE COMMON FORMATS EXPERT PANEL

February 14, 2011

Panel Members Present: David Classen, MD, MS (Co-Chair); Henry Johnson, MD, MPH (Co-Chair); Peter Elkin, MD; Paul Gluck, MD; Matthew Grissinger, RPh, MS; Mark Keroack, MD, MPH; Helen Lau, RN, MHROD, BSN; Scott MacLean, MBA; Shannon Phillips, MD, MPH; Nancy Ridley, MS; William Runciman, PhD; Heather Sherman, PhD. Liaison Member: William Munier, MD, MBA

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

Others Present: Diane Cousins, Peter Goldschmidt, Amy Helwig, John Moquin, Debbie Perfetto, Susan Terrillion, Ira Yanowitz (AHRQ), Maureen Dailey (ANA)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting was for the group to review recommendations made by each of the Common Formats Expert Panel subgroups on comments received about Common Formats Version 1.1 event descriptions and reporting forms.

Comments to be considered were those received through the National Quality Forum (NQF) Common Formats commenting tool as of December 31, 2010. No further comments have been received since that date, thus comments considered are those received to date.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Drs. Classen and Johnson welcomed the Expert Panel members and thanked them for their participation on the call.

An Expert Panel member raised the concern that there is not sufficient representation on the Expert Panel subgroups by skilled nursing facility (SNF) users of the Common Formats. It was proposed that the Expert Panel member with SNF expertise participate with each subgroup during review of comments received regarding the SNF Common Formats and that consideration be given to adding a member with experience at the long term care provider level.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Ridley led the Expert Panel through the recommendations related to the PIF and SIR made by Group A. These recommendations can be found on the attached spreadsheet. No comments related to the HERF were received. Upon reviewing the recommendations, the Expert Panel voted to approve all recommendations made by Group A.

Dr. Elkin led the Expert Panel through the recommendations made by Group B related to surgery or anesthesia and device or medical-surgical supply. These recommendations can be found on the attached spreadsheet. Upon reviewing the recommendations, the Expert Panel voted to approve all recommendations made by Group B.

Dr. Keroack led the Expert Panel through the recommendations made by Group D related to medication and other substances. These recommendations can be found on the attached spreadsheet. No comments related to healthcare-associated infections or perinatal were received. Upon reviewing the recommendations, the Expert Panel voted to approve all recommendations made by Group D.

Due to the absence of Group C members, Ms. Murphy reviewed the recommendations made by Group C related to blood or blood product, fall, and pressure ulcer with the Expert Panel. These recommendations can be found on the attached spreadsheet. Upon reviewing the recommendations, the Expert Panel voted to approve all recommendations made by Group C.

The Expert Panel reviewed the five general comments received during the commenting period. With the exception of one comment which the Panel determined was out of scope for Common Formats, V.1.1, the Expert Panel agreed that all other comments had been addressed in previous comments related to specific event descriptions and reporting forms. The Expert Panel's recommendations can be found on the attached spreadsheet.

In response to a question about the pending NQF serious reportable event (SRE) update, Dr. Helwig noted that the update will be reflected in Common Formats sets that are released after SRE endorsement.

In response to a question about the upcoming release of SNF Common Formats, Dr. Helwig reported that the set will include event descriptions and forms for HERF, PIF, SIR, fall, pressure ulcer, medication, devices, and healthcare-associated infections. These forms will mirror, to the extent appropriate, those same topic areas in the acute care hospital set (V.1.1). The group briefly discussed a need for an outreach program specific to potential users of the SNF set. There was also discussion about the assignment of Expert Panel members to groups for considering comments submitted about the SNF set. Ms. Murphy stated that the expectation at present is to continue the groups as constituted and to assign review to the groups that have reviewed the same topic areas for the acute care hospital setting in order to take advantage of the longitudinal experience with the topic area and the evolution of the event description and form content.

NQF MEMBER COMMENT

No comments were offered.

NEXT STEPS

The Common Formats Expert Panel will next meet by conference call on **Friday, March 11, 2011**. The Panel is expected to attend the May PSO meeting and will be able to register through the upcoming Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) invitation and reserve rooms from the AHRQ block.