



Opioid Technical Expert Panel (TEP) Web Meeting 2

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a public web meeting for the Opioid Technical Expert Panel on May 13, 2019.

Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Web Meeting Objectives

Poonam Bal, Senior Project Manager, NQF, welcomed participants to the web meeting and provided some opening remarks. Ms. Bal then reviewed the meeting's objectives. This includes an overview of the environmental scan findings and soliciting Panel feedback on other resources for inclusion in the scan. Vaishnavi Kosuri, Project Analyst, NQF, conducted roll call to determine Panel member participation. Dr. Jeff Schiff and Dr. Brandon Marshall, the co-chairs of the Opioid TEP, also provided opening remarks.

Overview of Environmental Scan Strategy

Dr. Michael Abrams, Senior Director, NQF, provided an overview of the approach to the environmental scan including the search parameters, literature review findings, and measure review results. Dr. Abrams also noted a list of public health indicators used to direct the scan.

Dr. Schiff, the panel co-chair, provided an opportunity for the Panel to discuss results and review the organizing principles of the environmental scan. The Panel noted an interest in focusing on patient-reported outcomes. The Panel also noted the inclusion of various subdomains such as psychiatric and physical comorbidities, mental health, accountability, and retention. The Panel was divided on whether recovery and pain should fall under the four subdomains. While some members asserted that recovery is part of the treatment process and that pain is part of the prevention subdomain, others believed that recovery and pain should be separate subdomains. Panel members also mentioned their interest in renaming the "interdiction" subdomain to "criminal justice."

Scan Findings: Subdomains, Performance Measures, and Measure Concepts

Dr. Samuel Stolpe, Senior Director, NQF, presented the performance measures and measure concepts. Dr. Stolpe, provided an organization overview of the scan including the subdomains of "prevention," "treatment," "harm reduction," and "interdiction." While the subdomains are not a framework, they are provided to the Panel for organizational purposes. Dr. Stolpe then provided an overview of each subdomain and cited example measures which fit into these subdomains. Dr. Stolpe also announced that NQF staff is conducting key informant interviews to address gaps found within the environmental scan.

Dr. Schiff and Dr. Marshall prompted the Panel for discussion. The Panel noted several examples of measure concepts such as opioid use within general surgery and surgical oncology procedures and perioperative buprenorphine management. Panel members also provided input in the consideration of measures which were not addressed in the appendices. Finally, Panel members

provided input on gaps within the appendices such as a plan of recovery for patients who have completed opioid prescriptions and naloxone usage outside of the inpatient setting.

Public Comment

Ms. Bal opened the web meeting to allow for public comment. One commenter encouraged the Panel to invite one or more patients to serve as key informants. Another commenter noted that maternal and fetal outcomes for mothers with substance abuse disorder should also be considered.

Next Steps

Ms. Bal highlighted the upcoming web meeting on June 4 and the 15-day comment period for the environmental scan following the webinar. She then provided project contact information for any additional Panel input. Dr. Schiff and Dr. Marshall provided closing remarks and adjourned the meeting.