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# Opioids and Behavioral Health Committee Web Meeting #1

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# Welcome

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## Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of NQF
- Overview of Project
- Introduction to Environmental Scan
- Committee Discussion
- Opportunity for Public Comment
- Next Steps

# Attendance

## Committee Members

- Laura Bartolomei-Hill, LCSW-C (Co-Chair)
- Caroline Carney, MD, MSc, FAMP, CPHQ (Co-Chair)
- Jaclyn Brown
- Mary Ditri, DHA, MA, CHCC
- Carol Forster, MD
- Anita Gupta, DO, PharmD, MPP
- Barbara Hallisey, MSW, LCSW
- Lisa Hines, PharmD
- Brian Hurley, MD, MBA, DFASAM
- Margaret Jarvis, MD
- Sander Koyfman, MD
- Richard Logan, PharmD
- Perry Meadows, MD, JD, MBA
- Susan Merrill, MSW, LCSW
- Pete Nielsen, MA
- Rebecca Perez, MSN, RN, CCM
- Rhonda Robinson Beale, MD
- Tyler Sadwith
- Eric Schmidt, PhD
- Richard Shaw, LMSW, CASAC
- Sarah Shoemaker-Hunt, PhD, PharmD
- Eri Solomon
- Elizabeth Stanton, MD
- Steven Steinberg, MD
- Claire Wang, MD, ScD
- Sarah Wattenberg, MSW
- Jameela Yusuff, MD



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- **Girma Alemu**, The Health Resources and Services Administration
- **Ellen Blackwell**, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- **Jennifer Burden**, United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- **Laura Jacobus-Kantor**, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
- **Joseph Liberto**, United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- **Wesley Sargent**, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **John Snyder**, The Health Resources and Services Administration
- **Shawn Terrell**, The Administration for Community Living
- **Jodie Trafton**, United States Department of Veterans Affairs



# Overview of National Quality Forum

## NQF Mission

### OUR MISSION

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To be the trusted  
voice driving measurable  
health improvements

### OUR VISION

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Every person experiences  
high value care and  
optimal health outcomes

### OUR VALUES

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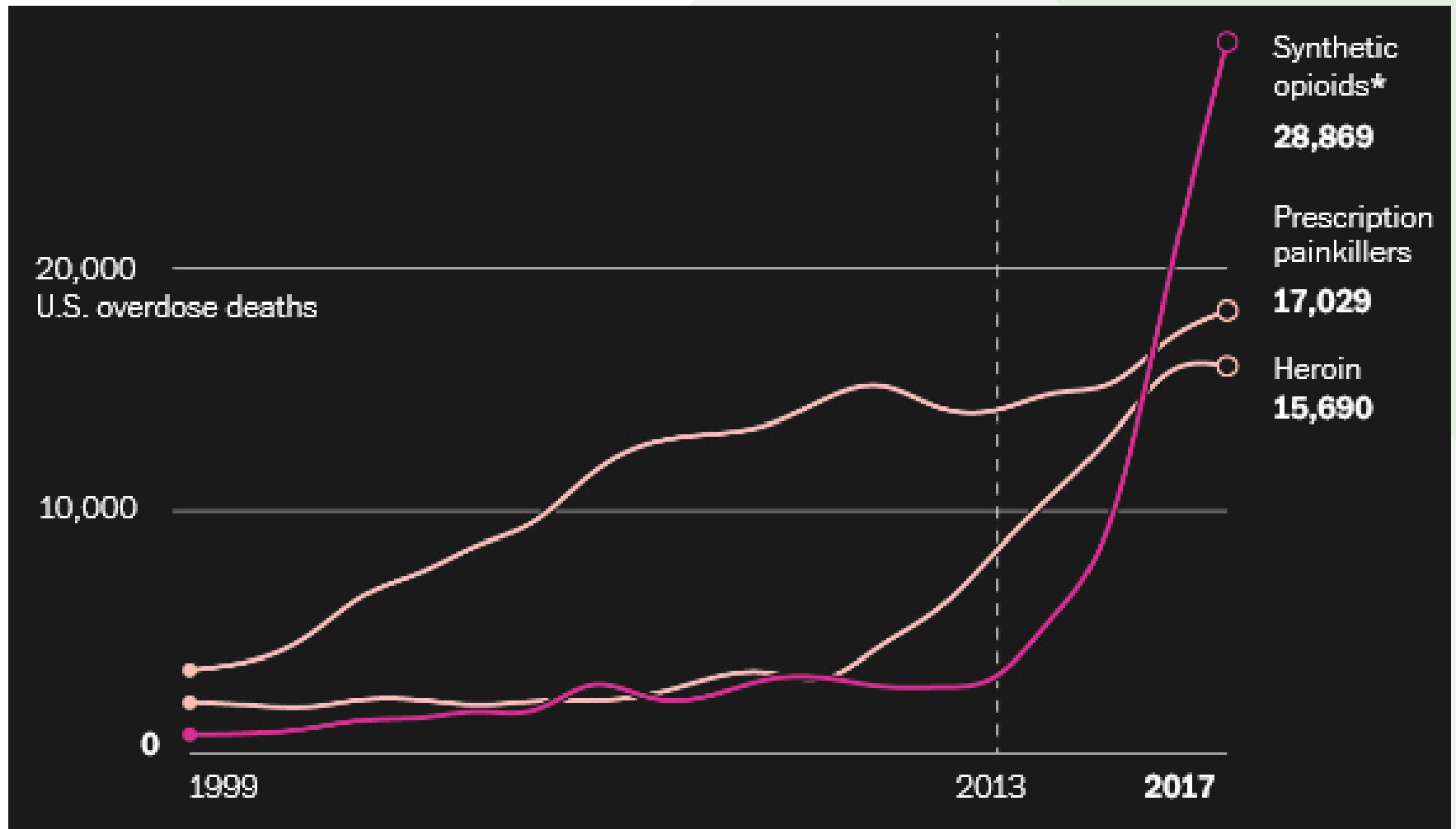
Collaboration •  
Leadership • Passion •  
Excellence • Integrity

## Activities in Multiple Measurement Areas

- Performance Measure Endorsement
  - ▣ 450+ NQF-endorsed measures across multiple clinical areas
  - ▣ 14 empaneled standing expert committees
- Measure Applications Partnership (MAP)
  - ▣ Provides recommendations to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on selecting measures for 20 federal programs
- National Quality Partners
  - ▣ Convenes stakeholders around critical health and healthcare topics
  - ▣ Spurs action on patient safety, early elective deliveries, and other issues
- Measurement Science
  - ▣ Convenes private and public sector leaders to reach consensus on complex issues in healthcare performance measurement such as attribution, alignment, and sociodemographic status (SDS) adjustment

# Overview of Opioids and Behavioral Health Committee

## U.S. Opioid Overdose Deaths



## NQF Opioid TEP

- From 2019-2020, NQF convened the Opioid and Opioid Use Disorder Technical Expert Panel
- Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act of 2018
- Convened a Technical Expert Panel to recommend opioid and opioid-use disorder quality measures for possible use in value-based payment and reporting models under Medicare



## Need for Opioid Quality Measures

- Improving opioid-related care and health outcomes is a shared responsibility across medical care and social services
- Measurement is needed for:
  - Accountability
  - Incentivizing good care
  - Knowing where to direct resources
  - Establishing best practices

## Opioid TEP Work

- **Environmental Scan and Gap Identification**
  - Recommendations for revisions of existing quality measures
  - Need for development of new measures
- **Inclusion of quality measures in the 5 federal quality programs**
  - Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
  - Alternative Payment Models (APMs)
  - Shared Savings Program (SSP)
  - Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program
  - Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program



## Opioid TEP Measurement Gaps & Priorities

- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) treatment with comorbidities
- Physical treatment such as cardiovascular etc. (i.e., regular screening for physical ailments in persons being treated for OUD)
- Mental health
- Other concomitant Substance Use Disorders

## Opioids, Polysubstance Use, and Behavioral Health

- Bidirectional relationship between Opioid Use Disorder and behavioral health problems
- Individuals with behavioral health problems are more likely to develop Opioid Use Disorder<sup>1-2</sup>
- Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder are more likely to develop behavioral health problems (e.g. depression, anxiety, suicidality, etc.)<sup>3</sup>
- 4th Wave of the Opioid Epidemic – Polysubstance Use
- >60% of opioid related deaths involve additional substances<sup>4</sup>

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## Overview of Project

- Up to 16 web meetings over a 24-month period
- Discuss the foundation of measurement framework that addresses polysubstance use involving synthetic or semi-synthetic opioids among individuals with co-occurring behavioral health conditions
- Guide recommendations to be highlighted in final report
- Provide input on project's components
- Provide expertise on measurement gaps and priorities
- Explore challenges and opportunities related to measuring opioid use as well as dependence prevention and treatment for individuals with behavioral health conditions

## Overview of Project

- Provide guidance on an environmental scan of the state of currently available measures, measure concepts and measurement gaps
- Develop measurement framework addressing polysubstance use involving synthetic or semi-synthetic opioids among individuals with co-occurring behavioral health conditions, considering specific short and long-term, innovative, actionable approaches to improve the current state of measurement in these areas along with disparities in these outcomes
- Focus on strategies to improve measurement for morbidity and mortality and details on how to use the measurement recommendations to support improving health outcomes

## Role of Committee Members

- Serve as experts working with NQF staff to achieve the goals of the project
- Review meeting materials and participate in all meetings
- Work towards meaningful consensus with your fellow Panel members
- Co-Chairs:
  - Facilitate Panel meetings and participate as Panel members
  - Keep the Panel on track to meet project goals without hindering critical discussion/input
  - Assist NQF in anticipating questions and identifying additional information that may be useful to the Panel

## Role of Project Staff

Work with the Committee to achieve project goals:

- Facilitate meetings and conference calls
- Ensure communication among all project participants
- Facilitate necessary communication and collaboration between different NQF projects and external stakeholders
- Respond to NQF member and public queries about the project
- Maintain documentation of project activities
- Draft and edit reports and project materials
- Publish environmental scan and final project report

## NQF Members and the Public at Large

NQF membership and the public can engage in the work by:

- Reviewing the draft reports and providing feedback to NQF and the Committee
- Participating in web meetings during opportunities for public comment

# Environmental Scan



## Environmental Scan for Opioid Measures

- Currently available all-payer measures or measure concepts that:
  - Address overdose and mortality resulting from polysubstance use involving synthetic or semi-synthetic opioids among individuals with co-occurring behavioral health conditions
  - Consider pertinent Social Determinants of Health to opioids
  - Measures or measure concepts related to non-medical levers or medical-non-medical partnership

## Environmental Scan Data Bases

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Measure Inventory Tool (CMIT)
- National Quality Forum Quality Positioning System (QPS)
- National Committee for Quality Assurance Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS)
- Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDR)
- State Laws
- Medicaid Waiver Programs
- The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) Models
- Literature Review

# Committee Discussion

# Opportunity for Public Comment

## Next Steps

Timeline	
Web Meeting #2	November 12, 2020
21-Day Comment Period (ES)	January 6 – 27, 2021
Web Meeting #3	February 11, 2021
Final Environmental Scan	March 15, 2021
Web Meeting #4	April 6, 2021
Web Meeting #5	May 5, 2021
Web Meeting #6	June 1, 2021
21-Day Comment Period (Report)	July 9 – 30, 2021
Web Meeting #7	August 18, 2021
Final Report	September 17, 2021

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