



## Multistakeholder Input on a National Priority: Improving Population Health by Working with Communities

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a public web meeting of the Population Health Framework Committee on December 2, 2014. An online archive of the meeting is available [here](#).

### **Committee Member Attendance**

Please see Attachment 1 for the list of Committee members in attendance.

### **Welcome and Overview of Meeting Objectives**

Session led by Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Bruce Siegel, MD, MPH, Population Health Framework Committee co-chairs.

Dr. Bender and Dr. Siegel welcomed the Committee, federal liaisons, and public participants to the meeting.

Dr. Bender reviewed the agenda and the following meeting objectives:

- Provide highlights of the Field Testing Group kick-off meeting; and
- Discuss objectives and plans for Field Testing Group site visits.

Dr. Bender also reminded participants that we are now in the second year of this 3-year project. The first year culminated in the development of the Action Guide 1.0. The next stage of this project is to explore the Guide's usefulness in practical settings and situations in which efforts to improve population health are actually taking place. To do this, ten field testing groups (FTGs) were selected to provide input on refining the Action Guide.

### **Field Testing Group Kick-Off**

Session led by Bruce Siegel, and Allen Leavens, MD, MPH, Senior Director.

Dr. Siegel introduced this session by noting that the FTGs were selected from 40 applicants using the criteria the committee discussed during the June 2014 in-person meeting. The groups represent a range of geographical locations, primary areas of focus, settings, and target populations.

Dr. Leavens provided a brief overview of each of the FTGs, including their descriptions, main areas of focus, and partner organizations. He also described highlights from the November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 FTG kick-off meeting that reflected the diversity among FTG divergent experiences, as well as shared perspectives, across various settings and populations.

Dr. Leavens reported that initial feedback from the FTGs on the Action Guide was generally positive, though the groups did provide some specific recommendations for the next version – such as making a clearer distinction between self-assessments, Community Health Needs Assessments, and asset mapping. Dr. Leavens gave an overview of the population health measurement issues that were discussed during the FTG meeting, and how the groups explained that their measure selection is often dictated by program requirements and/or data availability. The FTGs also supported including a core set of measures in the Action Guide, while noting that some flexibility is needed in measures to address local needs.

Committee Members then offered reflections regarding measures:

- One Committee member suggested that the ten groups can work together in a “bottom up” approach to refine the measures they would like to include in a common set. The member expanded that the FTGs can begin by reviewing the current sets of measures that are in the *Action Guide 1.0* and the IOM core measure set that is expected to be released in January 2015.
- Another Committee member proposed selecting a common set of outcome measures and a flexible menu of local process measures.
- Several Committee members mentioned parallel initiatives, such as IHI’s Escape Velocity and The Build Health Challenge. Developing connections across these initiatives could be a useful way to help build greater consensus on common measures for population health.

### Field Testing Group Site Visits

Session led by Kaye Bender, and Elisa Munthali, MPH, Senior Managing Director.

Ms. Munthali outlined the Field Testing Group engagement plan, including monthly conference calls from January to May, site visits to each of the FTG communities, and two public web meetings with both the Committee and Field Testing Groups. She shared the proposed topics and schedule for the monthly meetings, which are based on the ten elements of the *Action Guide 1.0*. The primary objectives of the site visits are to better understand the communities and to provide opportunities for the FTGs to interact with the committee members. Ms. Munthali explained how the feedback from these meetings will be used to refine the Guide, particularly in terms of how the ten key elements are being used in these communities.

Committee members reflected on the engagement plan and objectives for site visits:

- Dr. Bender opened the discussion to the Committee by noting the importance of discussing both successes and barriers to the FTGs’ population health improvement efforts.
- One Committee member suggested pre-visit conference calls to cover introductory topics before the site visits, allowing the actual site visits to focus on more specific details. Several committee members acknowledged the added value of a preparatory meeting.
- Committee members noted the value of a site visit not only in terms of gathering input on the Action Guide, but also by serving as a catalyst for the collaborative group’s efforts.

### Opportunity for Member and Public Comment

There were no public comments.

### Next Steps

- NQF staff will match the FTGs with Committee members for site visits based on expertise requested from the FTGs, Committee member interests, as well as scheduling availability.
- The specific dates for the site visits will be finalized, along with the specific dates for the monthly calls, and February and July web meetings.

### Attachment 1: Task 4 Population Health Framework Members in Attendance December 2, 2014 Web Meeting

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