



Advisory Group Call: Task Order 4 Meeting Summary for September 23, 2015

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a meeting via conference call of the Population Health Framework Advisory Group on September 23, 2015.

Advisory Group Call Attendance

- *Please see Attachment 1 for the list of Advisory Group members and NQF project staff.*

Welcome, Introductions & Meeting Objectives

- Leslie Vicale welcomed participants and reviewed the meeting objectives.
- Ms. Vicale provided an update regarding the Population Health Committee:
 - Bruce Siegel has resigned from the Committee due to other commitments and Steven Teutsch has taken the place of co-chair along with Kaye Bender.
 - Renee Frazier is retiring but will continue her Committee post through December 2015, after which Memphis Common Table is anticipated to appoint a replacement.
 - Joanne Foody's position is expected to be replaced with a representative for the American College of Cardiology (ACC).

Background Information and Option Year Two Strategy

Allen Leavens provided a brief overview of where the project left off in the prior year and the planned activities for the upcoming year. The Advisory Group discussed the plans and provided feedback.

- The two main objectives for Option Year 2 were reviewed:
 1. Finalizing the format and content of the Action Guide, along with identifying steps that can help this work have a broad and lasting impact in the future.
 2. Collecting field-based information and insights for a recommended approach to the use of data and measures for population health improvement, while considering the approach of other parallel efforts.
- Discussion about the Action Guide 3.0
 - There was general agreement that further promotion of the common definitions and approach to population health identified in the Action Guide is an important aim on which further progress can be made during the final project year.
 - NQF's ability to convene and engage with diverse stakeholders is a strength that can be leveraged to build even greater consensus on principles outlined in this work.
- Discussion on planned activities related to measures and data
 - The draft measures chart begun in Option Year 1 includes selected measure attributes and data sources being used by the Field Testing Groups (FTGs). This information will be refined and explored in greater detail after in-depth discussions with each FTG to uncover measure selection decisions, types of applications, and implementation challenges/successes.
 - Meeting participants raised the point that the 10 FTGs involved in this project are a relatively small subset of communities, and that linking findings to those of other similar efforts could be beneficial. However, it was noted that such efforts will depend on the cooperation of other partners, and be limited by time and resources available.



- While creating a core set of measures for CHNA might be desirable, it was agreed that there is currently not enough incentive for diverse organizations to adopt a specific set of recommended measures. A more realistic goal for the remaining project year is to take steps forward on specific focus areas for measurement with examples. The information collected during this year might provide the foundation for future project work.

Ongoing Project Communication

- There was discussion surrounding how to best disseminate information about the Action Guide and the project going forward. NQF noted that ongoing planning is occurring with their Communications team to explore additional opportunities to notify and engage stakeholders beyond current channels. All call participants were invited to think about and share their ideas as well.

Project Next Steps

- NQF will finalize the project work plan and submit it on September 29.
- NQF will convene the Committee and FTGs for a public web meeting on October 26.
- An in-person meeting will be held in April, 2016 – specific dates to be finalized.



Attachment 1: Population Health Framework Advisory Group members and NQF project staff

Population Health Framework Advisory Group Members	
Name	Organization
Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN	Public Health Accreditation Board
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