

**MEASURE APPLICATIONS PARTNERSHIP  
COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
*Convened by the National Quality Forum*

**Summary of Web Meeting #1**

A web meeting of the Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Coordinating Committee was held on Friday, April 8, 2011. For those interested in viewing an online archive of the web meeting please click on the link below:

<http://www.myeventpartner.com/QualityForum/E950DB898248>

The next meeting of the Coordinating Committee will take place on May 3-4, 2011 in Washington, DC.

**Committee Members in Attendance at the April 8, 2011 Web Meeting:**

George Isham (Co-Chair)	Gerald Shea
Elizabeth McGlynn (Co-Chair)	Carl Sirio
Christine Bechtel	Marla J. Weston
Judith A. Cahill	Richard Antonelli
Suzanne Delbanco	Bobbie Berkowitz
Gary Gottlieb (represented by Thomas Lee)	Ira Moscovice
Aparna Higgins	Harold Pincus
Charles N. Kahn III	Carol Raphael
William Kramer (represented by Tanya Alteras)	Christine Cassel
Sam Lin	Mark R. Chassin
Elizabeth Mitchell	Victor Freeman
Michael Mussallem	Karen Milgate
Thomas Tsang	John O'Brien

This was the first in a series of in-person and web meetings with regard to the Measure Applications Partnership Coordinating Committee. The meeting was intended to prepare the committee for the in-person meeting on May 3-4, 2011. The primary objectives of the web meeting were:

- Set context for the role of the MAP
- Establish Coordinating Committee charge
- Describe initial tasks of the MAP
- Prepare for the first in-person Coordinating Committee meeting

Chip Kahn, President, Federation of American Hospitals; Janet Corrigan, President and CEO, NQF; and Debra Ness, President, National Partnership for Women & Families provided context for the role of the MAP. They highlighted the need for a formal process for public and private sector collaboration to select the best measures for specific public reporting and performance-based payment programs. The work of the

multi-stakeholder group, Stand for Quality, was discussed as it was an impetus to the formation of the Measure Applications Partnership. Additionally, the relationship among MAP, the National Priorities Partnership (NPP), and measure endorsement was discussed. NPP provides consultation to HHS on priorities for the National Quality Strategy; the measure endorsement efforts seek to build and maintain a portfolio of measures that support many different applications; and the MAP will identify the best available measures for public reporting and payment programs.

Tom Valuck, Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, NQF provided an overview of the statutory authority, function, and structure of the MAP. The Coordinating Committee is charged with providing input to HHS on the selection of performance measures for use in public reporting, performance-based payment, and other programs; advising HHS on the coordination of performance measurement strategies across public sector programs, across settings of care, and across public and private payers; setting the strategy for the two-tiered Partnership; and giving direction to, and ensuring alignment among, the MAP advisory workgroups.

Arnold Milstein, Director, Stanford Clinical Excellence Research Center, discussed the development of decision making criteria for recommending measures for public reporting, payment programs, and program evaluation. A key aspect of this work will be to ensure that the measure selection criteria do not duplicate the measure endorsement criteria. Discussion centered on how the criteria will be standardized yet flexible to address various settings or programs and how the criteria will address improving efficiency and the specific needs of diverse populations.

Nalini Pande, Senior Director, Strategic Partnerships, NQF, provided the committee with an overview of the approach for the project, describing the tasks specified by HHS.

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