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Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Project

Orientation Web Meeting

January 28, 2020

Welcome

A female doctor with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a white lab coat and a blue stethoscope, is smiling and looking at a tablet. She is in a hospital setting with other people in the background.

OUR MISSION

**The trusted voice
driving measurable
health improvements**

A photograph of two women, one wearing a headscarf, with a teal overlay and text. The image is a close-up of two women. The woman in the foreground is wearing a dark blue headscarf with white polka dots and a striped shirt. She is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. The woman behind her is older, with short grey hair, and is also looking in the same direction. The entire image has a teal color overlay. Text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

OUR VISION

Every person
experiences high
value care and
optimal health
outcomes



OUR VALUES

Collaboration

Leadership

Passion

Excellence

Integrity



Project Team

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Agenda for the Call

- Standing Committee introductions
- Overview of NQF and roles of the Standing Committee, co-chairs, NQF staff
- Review of project activities and timelines
- Introduction to environmental scan
- SharePoint tutorial
- Committee discussion
- Opportunity for public comment
- Next steps



Standing Committee

- **Lekisha Daniel-Robinson, MSPH (Co-chair)**
- **Elizabeth Howell, MD, MPP (Co-chair)**
- **Timoria McQueen Saba (Co-chair)**
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- Amber Weiseth, DNP, MSN, RNC-OB
- Tiffany Willis, PsyD
- Susan Yendro, RN, MSN



Federal Liaisons

- **Girma Alemu, MD, MPH**
 - ▣ Health Resources and Services Administration
- **Wanda Barfield, MD, MPH, RADM USPHS**
 - ▣ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Renee E. Fox, MD**
 - ▣ Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- **Erin Patton, MPH, CHES**
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- **Marsha R. Smith, MD, MPH, FAAP**
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Overview of NQF and Project Roles

The National Quality Forum: A Unique Role

Established in 1999, NQF is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization that brings together public and private sector stakeholders to reach consensus on healthcare performance measurement. The goal is to make healthcare in the U.S. better, safer, and more affordable.

Mission: To lead national collaboration to improve health and healthcare quality through measurement

- An Essential Forum
- Gold Standard for Quality Measurement
- Leadership in Quality





NQF Activities in Multiple Measurement Areas

- **Performance Measure Endorsement**
 - 600+ NQF-endorsed measures across multiple clinical areas
 - 15 empaneled standing expert committees
- **Measure Applications Partnership (MAP)**
 - Advises HHS on selecting measures for 20+ federal programs
- **National Quality Partners**
 - Convenes stakeholders around critical health and healthcare topics
- **Measurement Science**
 - Convenes private and public sector leaders to reach consensus on complex issues in healthcare performance measurement
- **Measure Incubator**
 - Facilitates efficient measure development and testing through collaboration and partnership



Roles of the Committee, Federal Liaisons and Co-chairs

General Duties

- Serve as experts working with NQF staff to achieve the goals of the project
- Engage in meeting discussions and provide feedback on project deliverables
- Respond to public comments submitted during the review period



Roles of the Committee, Federal Liaisons and Co-chairs

Meeting Participation

- Meeting attendance
 - Must notify NQF staff if unable to attend in advance of the meeting
- Quorum requirements
 - NQF Quorum=66% of active members
 - Committee recommendations can only be made with a quorum of Committee present
 - Meetings may be cancelled (and rescheduled) if quorum not reached and vote is required



Roles of the Co-chairs

- Group leaders of the Committee
- Assist in facilitating Committee meetings and bringing the group to consensus on decisions and recommendations
- Keep the Committee on track to meet project goals without hindering critical discussion/input
- Assist NQF staff in identifying key issues for Committee discussion



Roles of the NQF Staff

- Work with the Committee to achieve project goals
- Organize 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 final project reports



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Questions?

Project Overview and Timelines



Project Overview

- The purpose of this project is to assess the current state of maternal morbidity and mortality measurement and to provide recommendations for specific short- and long-term innovative, actionable approaches to improve maternal morbidity and mortality measurement, and to use measurement to improve maternal health outcomes.
- To do this, NQF will
 - ▣ Recruit and convene a multistakeholder Committee along with a consultant to guide and provide input on the work of the task order
 - ▣ Examine maternal morbidity *separately* from maternal mortality, with maternal morbidity as the primary focus;
 - ▣ Conduct comprehensive environmental scans to review, analyze and synthesize information regarding (1) maternal morbidity measurement and (2) maternal mortality measurement.



Project Scope and Objectives

- Environmental Scan
 - ▣ Final Scan due August 2020
- Frameworks (2)
 - ▣ Separate Frameworks - Morbidity and Mortality
- Identify Measure Concepts
- Recommendations Report
 - ▣ Two sets of recommendations: Morbidity and Mortality
 - » Final report due July 2021



Committee Web Meeting Timeline

Meeting	Date
Web Meeting 1: Introduction and orientation for the Committee	January 28, 2020
Web Meeting 2: Environmental scan report discussion	February 24, 2020
Web Meeting 3: Review draft outlines for recommendations report & measurement frameworks	May 27, 2020
Web Meeting 4: Discussion of public comments	June 25, 2020
Web Meeting 5: Recommendations report & measurement frameworks	September 10, 2020
Web Meeting 6: Continued guidance on recommendations report & measurement frameworks	October 14, 2020
Web Meeting 7: Continued guidance on recommendations report & measurement frameworks	November 16, 2020
Web Meeting 8: Finalize frameworks and report	January 26, 2021
Web Meeting 9: Post-Comment Call and Project Wrap Up	May 26, 2021



Web Meetings 1 & 2

- **Web Meeting 1 (January 28, 2020)**
 - ▣ **Orient the Committee to the background, scope, and objectives of the project**
 - ▣ **Present an initial, staff-developed outline of the environmental scan on maternal mortality and morbidity and obtain early input on the environmental scan scope and approach**
 - ▣ **Seek recommendations on resources that could supplement early findings and additional articles and other research that should be incorporated into the scan**

- **Web Meeting 2 (February 24, 2020)**
 - ▣ **Present progress to date on the environmental scan on maternal morbidity and mortality**
 - ▣ **Obtain Committee feedback on environmental scan details thus far**
 - ▣ **Request additional input on areas of the scan where there are questions or missing information**
 - ▣ **Ensure all needed content areas are incorporated into scan**

Introduction to Environmental Scan



Environmental Scan

- Review and **analyze the peer-reviewed literature** to assess the prevalence and incidence of maternal morbidity and mortality.
 - Highlight medical and nonmedical risk factors for adverse maternal health outcomes
- **Outline standard processes for maternal care delivery to identify gaps** in care where patients could be placed at greater risk
- Conduct an **outcomes assessment** that reflects the current outcomes landscape with respect to mortality, readmissions, and complications. Include rural communities, access to care, and disparities.
- **Highlight innovations in measure methodologies.** NQF will conduct a scan of regional-, state-, and federal-level, maternal health measurement-based initiatives to drive quality improvement
- **Identifying current measure concepts and fully developed measures,** as well as limitations or gaps in maternal morbidity and mortality measurement



Project Timeline

Deliverable	Due Date
Draft 1 of Environmental Scan Document	March 18, 2020
Draft 2 of Environmental Scan Document	April 17, 2020
30-day Public Comment Period on Environmental Scan	May 4 – June 2, 2020
Final Environmental Scan Document	August 11, 2020
Recommendations Report on Maternal Morbidity and Mortality measurement - Draft 1	February 18, 2021
Recommendations Report on Maternal Morbidity and Mortality measurement - Draft 2	March 18, 2021
30-day Comment period on Recommendations Report on Maternal Morbidity and Mortality measurement	April 6 – May 5, 2021
Final Recommendations Report	July 12, 2021

Committee Discussion



Environmental Scan

- **Background**
- **Project Overview**
- **Maternal Morbidity Prevalence/Incidence**
- **Maternal Mortality Prevalence/Incidence**
- **Standard Processes for Maternal Care Delivery**
- **Outcomes Assessment**
 - Morbidity Outcomes
 - Mortality Outcomes
- **Environmental Scan Methodology**
- **Innovations in Measure Methodologies**
 - Regional, State, and Federal initiatives to drive quality improvement in maternal morbidity & mortality
- **Environmental Scan Findings**
 - Existing Measures of Maternal Morbidity
 - Existing Measures of Maternal Mortality
- **Gaps in Measurement**
 - » Morbidity
 - » Mortality
- **Next Steps**
- **References**
- **Appendices**



Discussion Topics

- Definitions of morbidity and mortality
- Research questions
- Additional considerations to include in the scan outline
- Existing frameworks
- Resources to supplement early findings

SharePoint Tutorial



SharePoint Overview

<http://share.qualityforum.org/Projects/MaternalMorbidityandMortality/SitePages/Home.aspx>

- Accessing SharePoint
- Standing Committee Policy
- Standing Committee Guidebook
- Meeting and Call Documents
- Committee Roster and Biographies
- Calendar of Meetings



SharePoint Overview

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General Documents

Type	Name	Modified	Modified By
	CDP Standing Committee Policy	1/16/2014 2:38 PM	Wunmi Isijola
	Committee Guidebook	1/10/2014 10:20 AM	Wunmi Isijola
	Measure Evaluation Criteria Guidance 2013	1/16/2014 2:38 PM	Wunmi Isijola
	Measure Information- What Good Looks Like	1/16/2014 2:36 PM	Wunmi Isijola

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Measure Documents

Measure Number	Name	Description	Measure Steward/Developer	Measure Sub-Topic
Measure Sub-Topic : (1)				
0521	Heart Failure Symptoms Assessed and Addressed	Percentage of home health episodes of care during which patients with heart failure were assessed for symptoms of heart failure, and appropriate actions were taken when the patient exhibited symptoms of heart failure.	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid	

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Opportunity for Public Comment

Next Steps



Next Steps

- Web Meeting 2 – Environmental Scan Draft Review
 - ▣ *February 24, 12-2:00 pm ET*
- Environmental Scan Draft Report
 - ▣ *Due to CMS for review and comment March 18, 2020*
- Web Meeting 3 – Discuss Initial Outline of Recommendations Report & Measurement Framework
 - ▣ *May 27, 2020 12-2:00 pm*
- Environmental Scan Final Report
 - ▣ *Due to CMS on August 11, 2020*



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- Project page:
<http://www.qualityforum.org/ProjectDescription.aspx?projectID=91184>
- SharePoint site:
<http://share.qualityforum.org/Projects/MaternalMorbidityandMortality/SitePages/Home.aspx>

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