



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

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is seeking nominations for a multistakeholder committee to develop an evidence-based framework for communities to use to improve population health.

What Are We Doing?

This project will allow NQF—through a multistakeholder, collaborative process—to develop a common framework for communities that will offer practical guidance on questions such as:

- How can individuals and multistakeholder groups come together to address community health improvement?
- Which individuals and organizations should be at the table?
- What processes and methods should communities use to assess their health?
- What data are available to assess, analyze, and address community health needs, and measure improvement?
- What incentives exist that can drive alignment and coordination to improve community health?
- How can communities advance more affordable care by achieving greater alignment, efficiency, and cost savings?

The framework will identify key drivers of population health across communities; opportunities to align public- and private-sector programs as well as federal programs to reduce measurement burden; and measures to drive improvement in health. This work is funded under contract with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Why Now?

The National Quality Strategy prioritizes community efforts and interventions to improve social, economic, and environmental factors that impact health, yet quality improvement and measurement have been overwhelmingly focused on clinical care and healthcare delivery. Evidence suggests that with a quarter of healthcare costs related to modifiable health risks, programs and policies that improve wellness and healthy behaviors could yield a net savings of \$19 billion over 10 years.¹

¹ Schoen C, Guterman, S, Bending the Curve: Options for Achieving Savings and Improving Value in US Health Spending. The Commonwealth Fund; 2007.



It has never been more important to understand how communities can work with the public health and clinical care systems to collaboratively improve population health. Shared definitions and a common conceptual framework are needed to promote better coordination and advance community partnerships.

Multistakeholder Committee:

Building on prior work in the field, NQF will convene a multistakeholder committee to develop an evidence-based framework that can be used by both public health and clinical care systems to improve population health. As with all NQF projects, the committee will work with NQF staff to develop the project; provide topical expertise; ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders; review draft products; and make relevant recommendations on the topic.

NQF is seeking a variety of stakeholder perspectives including federal, state, and local government agencies; health insurers or plans; healthcare providers and practitioners; research entities; measure developers; policymakers; patient advocates, patients and families; population health or community organizations; and purchasers and employers. Specifically, individuals with experience working with communities to address behavioral, social, and environmental determinants of health are encouraged to submit nominations.

Time Commitment:

During the base year of this project the committee will meet in person for two two-day meetings in Washington, DC and participate in three web meetings. Additionally, follow-up e-mail communications or conference calls may be needed. In this formative year, committee members should expect to provide significant input and feedback on the development of the evidence-based framework.

Furthermore, there is the possibility of two years of follow-on work designed to solicit feedback from communities on implementation of the framework and to develop a companion field guide. In subsequent years the committee can expect to meet in person once per year as well as participate in periodic calls and e-mails.

Material to Submit:

Nominations are sought for organizations and individual subject matter experts. Self-nominations or nominations submitted by a third party are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve.

To nominate an organization, an executive of that organization should submit the following information:

- Completed nomination form via the NQF website; and
- Optional: up to three letters of support.



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Call for Nominations

To nominate an individual subject matter expert, nominators or self-nominators should submit:

- Materials requested of organizations above;
- 100-word biography;
- Curriculum vitae (maximum of 20 pages); and
- Disclosure of interest form.

Nomination materials should be submitted via the online nomination form, available [here](#). For nomination-related questions please contact Connie Bach at nominations@qualityforum.org.

Deadline for Submission:

All nominations must be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on Wednesday, October 9, 2013.**

Questions:

If you have questions regarding NQF's Population Health Framework Project, please contact Danitza Valdivia at 202-783-1300 or populationhealth@qualityforum.org.