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# Statewide Quality Advisory Committee (SQAC) Meeting



October 20, 2014



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# Agenda

- Welcome and approve minutes 3:00
- Discuss proposed measures requiring further evaluation 3:05
- Vote on to approve the 2014 Final Report 4:00
- SQAC strategic planning 4:10
- Next Steps 4:30



# Further Evaluation of Selected Proposed Measures – MH Clinical Tools

Measure	Follow Up Needed	Findings	Staff Recommendation
PHQ9 (710, 711, 712)	Re-score the 3 sub-measures	Tool shown to assist in dx of depression, widely used and % receiving should be relatively simple to capture.	Adopt the process measure; Outcome measures not recommended for SQMS at this time
Generalized Anxiety Disorder 7-item (GAD-7)	Provide more information on use of the measure	Used as a diagnostic and clinical screening tool – no corresponding process measure	Not recommended for SQMS: is not a quality reporting measure
Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale	Provide more information on use of the measure	Used to determine next steps for patient treatment – no corresponding process measure	Not recommended for SQMS: is not a quality reporting measure



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# Further Evaluation of Selected Proposed Measures – Hospice Set Items

Measure	Follow Up Needed	Findings	Staff Recommendation
HIS – Hospice Item Set	Should measure set be deferred because CMS is not ready for reporting?	Unlikely that CMS will report these until 2016	TBD
HIS – Hospice Item Set	Justify “ease of measurement” score differences between pain and dyspnea	Dyspnea data collection requires 5 minutes vs 1 minute for pain	TBD



# Further Evaluation of Selected Proposed Measures – Shared Decision-making/Patient Engagement

Measure	Follow Up Needed	Findings	Staff Recommendation
Use and Quality of Shared Decision-Making (10 survey instruments)	Seek alternative measures; Invite steward, Informed Medical Decision Foundation (Don Kemper) and MGH, to present	Reaching out to MGH and IMDF to investigate options for shared decision-making measures	Not recommended for SQMS: is not a quality reporting measure
Active Patient Engagement (Patient Confidence – Wasson)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since measure not recommended, evaluate Judith Hibbard’s measure for patient activation (PAM)</li> <li>Research measures from Center for Informed Choice, Dartmouth</li> </ol>	Requires survey administration and tool is proprietary (Insignia Health)	Alternative measure not recommended for SQMS



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# Further Evaluation of Selected Proposed Measures – Pediatric

Measure	Follow Up Needed	Findings	Staff Recommendation
Diagnosis of ADHD in primary care for school-aged children and adolescents	Evaluate whether measurement promotes over diagnosis	Literature is inconclusive	TBD
Developmental Screening in first 3 years of life (NQF 1488)	Reassess reliability and validity scores which seemed too low	Lewin recommends an alternative measure (NQF 1399)	TBD

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# Further Evaluation of Selected Proposed Measures – End of Life Care

Measure	Follow Up Needed	Findings	Staff Recommendation
CARE - Consumer Assessments and Reports of End of Life	Low evaluation score - Reconsider measure	Endorsed by NQF and then w/drawn by steward	Do not recommend for SQMS
Family Evaluation of Palliative Care	Low evaluation score - Reconsider measure	The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), no longer taking the surveys; organizations have performance calculator to track their own scores for internal use.	Do not recommend for SQMS



# Further Evaluation of Selected Proposed Measures – Additional Measures

Measure	Follow Up Needed	Findings	Staff Recommendation
Central-Line Associated Bloodstream Infection	Should we use the DPH equivalent?	DPH and CMS measures include all payers	Add to SQMS the CLABSI measure used by CMS
Surgical Site Infection: SSI colon, SSI abdominal hysterectomy	Should we use the DPH equivalent?	DPH and CMS measures include all payers ; DPH doesn't report SSI colon	Add to SQMS the SSI measures used by CMS
Measuring What Matters	Formally score the measures	1 of 12 measures already in SQMS; 4 of 12 just approved; Dr. Makowski following up on status of 7 others	Do not add to the SQMS
SQAC member recommended adding a measure for opioid addiction	Find measure and score	Percentage of patients with low back pain diagnosis who are prescribed opioids	TBD





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# Vote on 2014 Final Report

- Discussion of report
- Final set of recommended measures



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# SQAC Strategic Planning

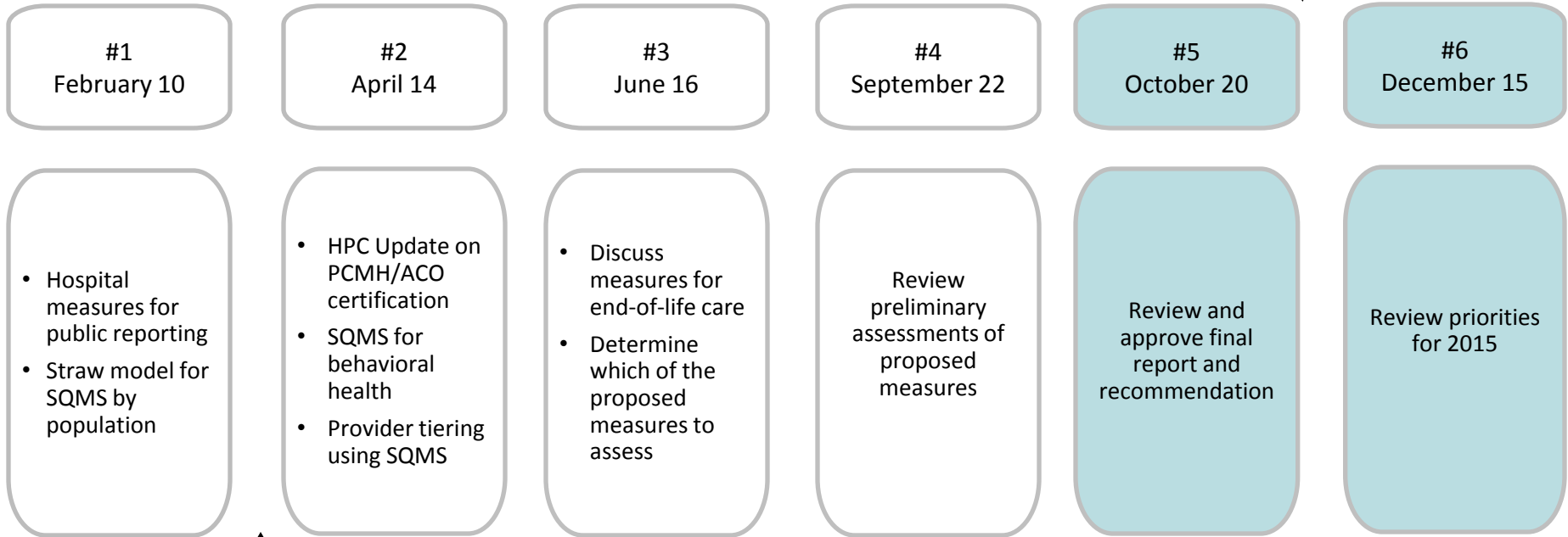
- Mission Statement
- Goals
- Specific Issues



# SQAC 2014 Agenda

Annual Recommendation due Nov 1

**TODAY**



Solicitation of Nominations for Proposed SQMS Measures



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## Next meeting

- Monday, December 15  
3:00-5:00 p.m.  
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## For more information

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