
Statewide Quality Advisory Committee (SQAC) Meeting



April 24, 2017



Agenda

- Welcome and Open Meeting Law 3:00 – 3:10
- Introductions 3:10 – 3:45
- 2017 SQAC Agenda 3:45 – 4:45
 - Open Discussion
 - Staff Recommendation
- Next Steps 4:45 – 5:00



Open Meeting Law

- SQAC Bylaws, Article 3.1 states:

“Committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law (OML) provisions of MGL c.30A, §18-25. Meetings will be open to the public, except as otherwise provided in the OML. Meeting participation by phone is governed by the OML.”
- To ensure transparency in the deliberations on which public policy is based, OML requires that meetings of public bodies be open to the public.
- All deliberations will happen with a simple majority of SQAC members.
- For more information, please see:
<http://www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting>



SQAC 2017 Agenda

- June 26:
 - Review nominated quality measures
- September 18:
 - Discuss evaluations of nominated SQMS measures
- October 16:
 - Recommend measures for 2018 SQMS



Open Call for Measure Proposals

Staff recommend that proposals

- Align with the SQAC's quality priorities:
 1. Appropriateness of hospital-based care
 2. End of life care
 3. Integration of behavioral health and primary care
 4. Maternity care
 5. Opioid use
- And/or fill a gap in the current SQMS



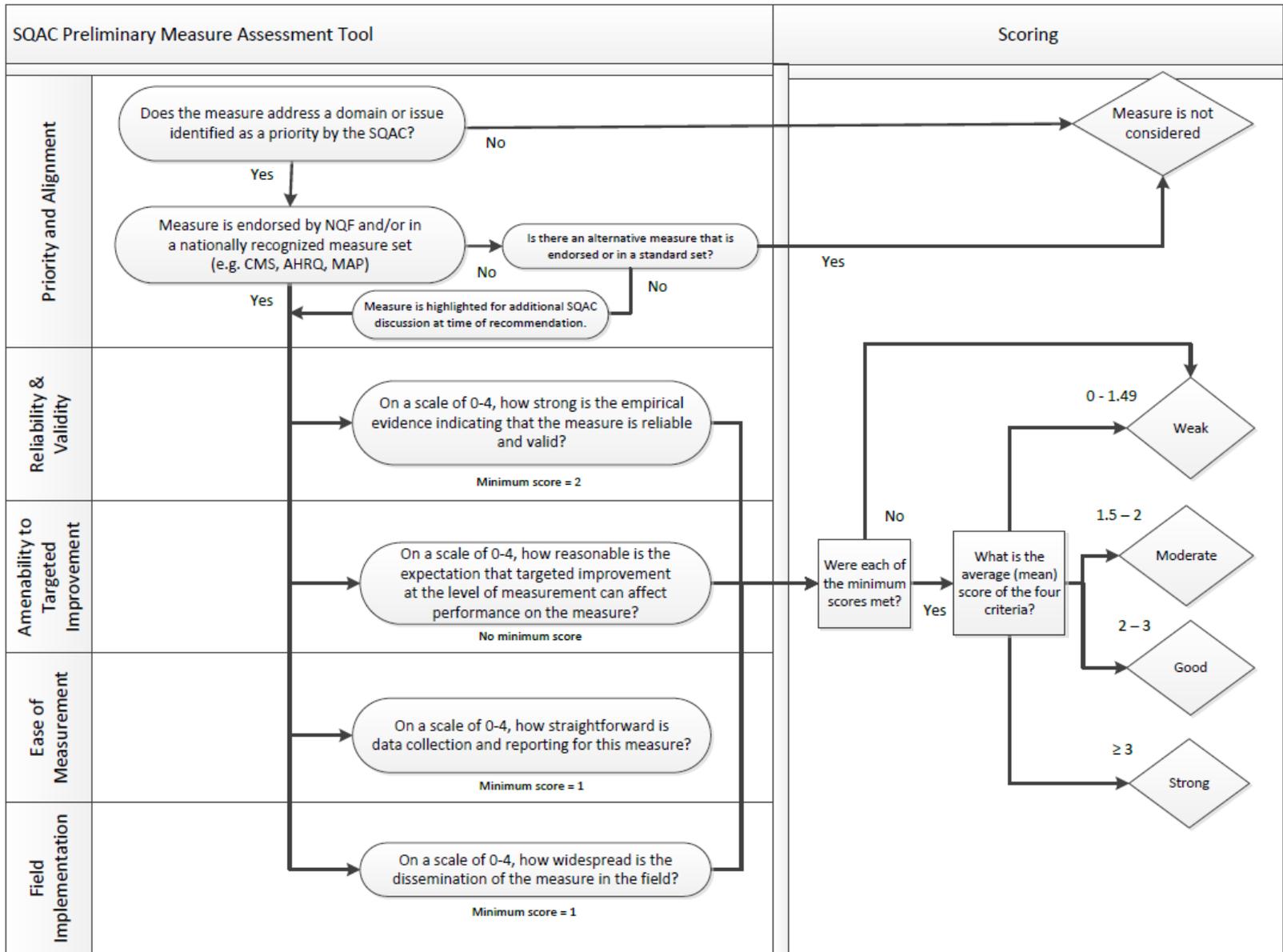
Measure Proposal & Evaluation Process

- Required information with proposals:
 1. Measure name
 2. NQF or other ID #
 3. Measure steward
 4. Data source required
 5. Description of the measure
 6. Level of analysis
 7. Citation(s) for evidence of reliability and validity testing
- Measure evaluation tool

Proposed measures are scored on:

1. Ease of measurement
2. Reliability and validity
3. Field implementation
4. Potential for improvement





Open Call for Measure Proposals Timeline

- Proposal period April 26 – June 15
- Review proposed measures at June 26th SQAC meeting
- Evaluate proposals June 26 – September 1
- Discuss evaluation scores and recommendations at the September 18th SQAC meeting
- Other Considerations
 - Best approach to publicizing the open call for measures?
 - Opportunity to receive recommendations for refining the set?



Next Steps

Next Meeting

June 26, 3:00-5:00 pm

For more information

- <http://chiamass.gov/sqac/>
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