
Statewide Quality Advisory Committee (SQAC) Meeting



February 23, 2015



Agenda

- Welcome and approve minutes 3:00
- Summary of outreach and SQAC strategic planning 3:15
- SQAC 2015 – Quality Priorities 3:30
- Next steps 4:45



What can state government do to support quality measurement and reporting?

- Standardize and align quality measures
 - Reduce overlapping measures
 - Set uniform measure specifications
 - Have one measure set for tiering
- Set health and quality priorities for state
 - Focus measures around priorities
 - Set corresponding statewide performance goals
 - Use most recent performance thresholds



What can state government do to support quality measurement and reporting?

- Provide more outcomes measures and data reporting
- Provide more current data, collect new data and report data more frequently
- Support purchaser /consumer decision-making
 - Publish quality and cost data together
 - Report provider-specific results
 - Measure specialists



Core SQAC Work

- Continued stewardship of the SQMS
- Advise CHIA on ongoing quality work
- Review and advise on specialty measure pilot: maternity measures

SQAC Opportunities?

- Set priorities
- Drive focus / investment / improvement
- Advise CHIA and other state agencies
- Promote alignment



Proposal: Promoting Health Care Quality Priorities

1. Define the priorities
2. Set corresponding quality goals
3. Choose appropriate measures for those goals
4. Set benchmark or performance target for each measure
5. Advise CHIA on performance monitoring approach (public reporting, private reporting)



2015 SQAC Calendar

- February 23
- April 27
- June 22
- September 21
- October 19
- December 14



Next scheduled meeting

- Monday, April 27
3:00-5:00 p.m.
501 Boylston Street, 5th Floor
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