
Statewide Quality Advisory Committee (SQAC) Meeting



May 18, 2012



Agenda

- Approval of Minutes Meeting 3 and Meeting 4
- Discussion of Care Coordination and Care Transitions Measures
- Behavioral Health Expert Presentation
 - Dr. Deborah Garnick and Dr. Constance Horgan
- Discussion of Behavioral Health Measurement
- Next Steps



Committee



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Madeleine Biondolillo

DISCUSSION OF CARE COORDINATION AND CARE TRANSITIONS MEASURES



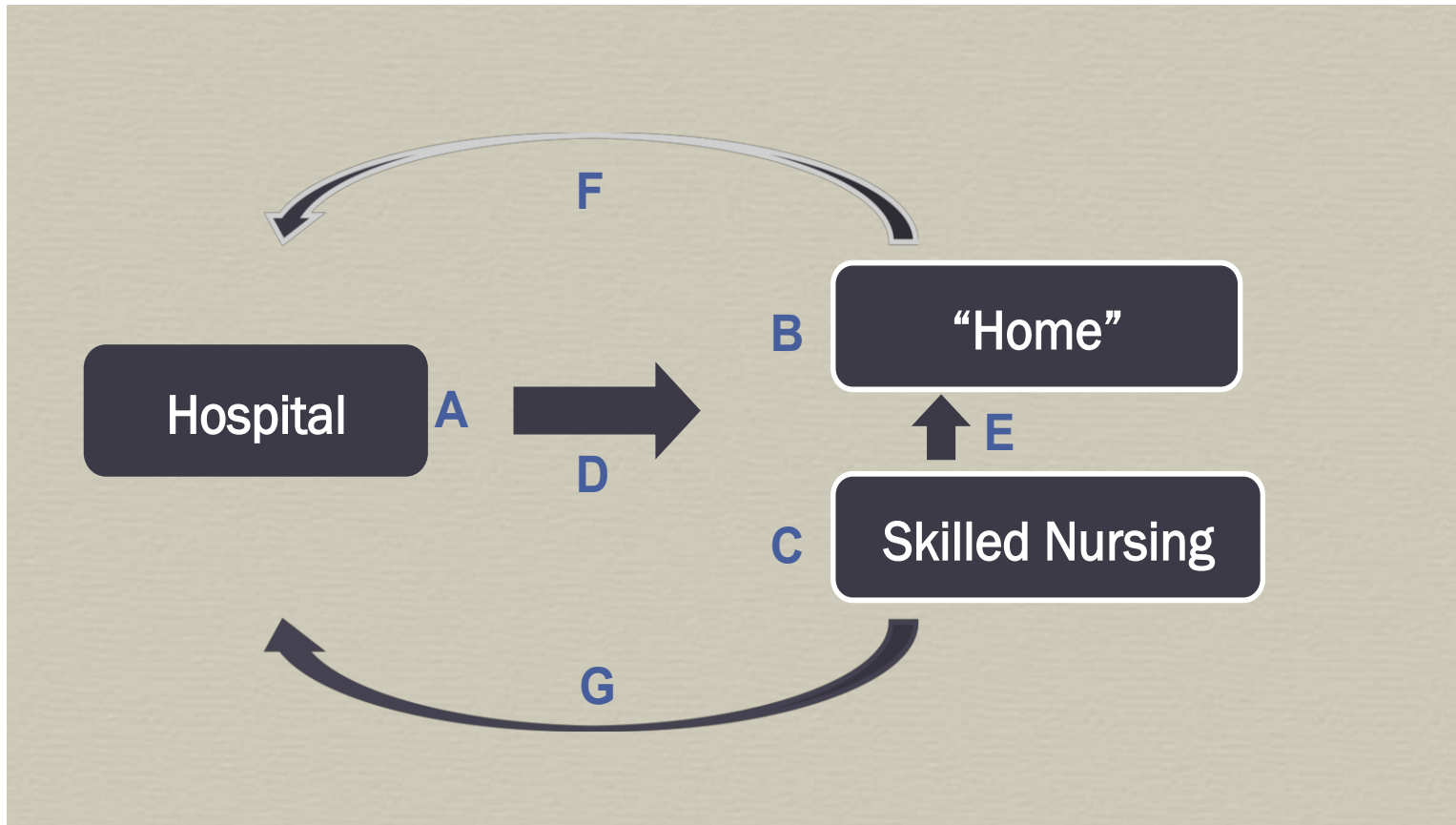
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Measures In and Beyond Hospitals & CHCs

- Care Transitions & Care Coordination: Complementary Measurement May Hasten Improvement



Measures In and Beyond Hospitals & CHCs

- Hospitals & CHCs:
 - *Readmission measures:*
 - **Yale, NCQA, UHG**
 - *Aligned intervention across settings: discharge instructions, medication reconciliation, and post discharge follow up, e.g.*
 - **CMS: HF1-Discharge Instructions**
 - **HCAHPS: Communication about medications**
 - **HEDIS: follow up after hospitalization for mental illness**
 - *And more, from publicly nominated sets such as IQIs and PSIs*
 - *Care coordination measures:*
 - **CTM-3 → HCAHPS**



An Opportunity to Consider Expanding our Walls

- Many stakeholders (including on the SQAC) have noted that care coordination and care transitions require multi-pronged, multi-setting approaches
- Reporting infrastructure exists for long term care (including nursing homes and home health)
- STAAR initiative, 3026, and other similar ventures have reinforced that concerted efforts are essential
- **Proposal: a pilot of de-identified public reporting for select post-acute measures**



Measures In and Beyond Hospitals & CHCs

- Home Health (OASIS)
 - Timely Initiation of Care
 - Acute Care Hospitalization
 - Emergency Department Use without Hospitalization
- Nursing Homes (MDS):
 - Percent of residents with pressure ulcers that are new or worsened (short stay)
 - Percent of high-risk residents with pressure ulcers (long stay)
 - Percent of Residents Who Self-Report Moderate to Severe Pain (Long-Stay)
 - Percent of Residents Who Self-Report Moderate to Severe Pain (Short-Stay)



Measure Evaluation

	Sufficient Practicality	Insufficient Practicality
Sufficient Validity	Strongest recommendation	Measure is considered valid, but further infrastructure development is needed for a strong recommendation
Insufficient Validity	Measure is considered not sufficiently valid, and further work on the methodology is needed for a strong recommendation	Weakest recommendation



Preliminary Ratings

	Strong Recommendation	Moderate Recommendation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely Initiation of Care • Percent of Residents Who Self-Report Moderate to Severe Pain (Long-Stay) • Percent of Residents Who Self-Report Moderate to Severe Pain (Short-Stay) • Acute care hospitalization (risk-adjusted) • Emergent care (risk adjusted) • Percent Pressure Ulcers New or Worsened (Short-Stay) • Percent of High Risk Residents with Pressure Ulcers (Long Stay) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTM-3: 3-Item Care Transition Measure
Weak Recommendation		



Drs Constance Horgan and Deborah Garnick

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXPERT
PRESENTATION**



Co-Chairs & Experts

**DISCUSSION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
MEASUREMENT**

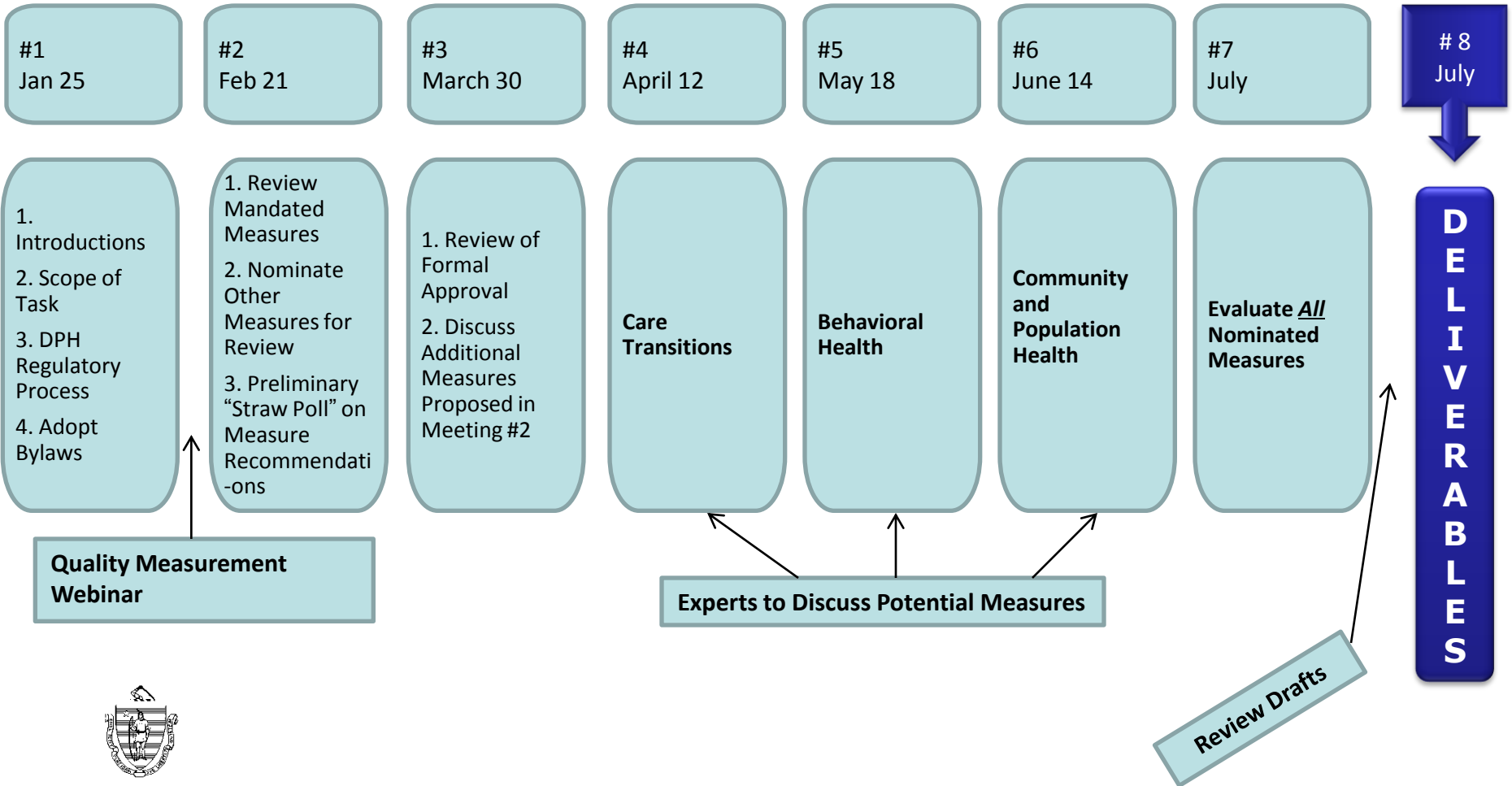




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Next Steps

Time-Check



Discussions to Complete in Meetings 6-8

- Complete Expert Presentations
- Determine Final Ratings for All Nominated Measures
- Discuss DPH Framework for Standard Quality Measure Set
- Discuss *Draft* Future Year Plan for Quality Measurement in Massachusetts
- Finalize Deliverables



Nominated Measure Status

- Of nearly 200 initially nominated, ~85 measures were proposed by Committee members for consideration
- All are currently being evaluated by staff and consultant teams. Preliminary ratings (including all expert-nominated measures) will be disseminated to Committee by June 21 for review.
- Measures are highly diverse, both in areas of focus and measure quality.
 - AHRQ Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQIs)
 - AHRQ Patient Safety Indicators (PSIs)
 - CMS Children’s Asthma Measures (CAC)
 - Joint Commission Hospital Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services & Maternity Measures
 - AMA-PCPI Substance Use Disorders
 - ORYX Substance Use Disorders (SUB)
 - Children’s Hospital Boston Inpatient Experience Survey (PIES)



Review of Deliverables

- ***Annual Standard Quality Measure Set***
 - the list of measures recommended for inclusion in the Standard Quality Measure Set, categorized by the strength of recommendation derived from alignment with the evaluation criteria.
- ***Measure Evaluation Reports***
 - brief reports outlining how given measures align with the evaluation criteria, and any relevant discussion points. These reports will be released intermittently, following the Committee’s decision whether or not to recommend a given measure or measure set.
- ***Annual Priorities Report***
 - the document describing the Committee’s recommendation for the future direction for the Commonwealth’s quality measurement priorities as informed by the Co-Chairs, Committee, and the public at SQAC meetings.



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Questions to Consider for Discussion of SQMS Framework in Meeting 6

- Should there be a targeted number of measures? What should that target be?
- How could or should the Standard Quality Measure Set:
 - consider applicability of measures to some providers versus all providers?
 - be used within statutory guidance?
 - be used outside of statutory guidelines (P4P, QI, public reporting, etc)?
 - target a set of populations, settings or conditions?
 - balance structure/process/outcome?
 - align with principles from other quality initiatives (STEEP, Triple Aim, etc)?
 - be used for public reporting versus confidential improvement?
 - be linked to **cost containment?**



For more information

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- Next Meeting
June 14, 4:00PM-6:00PM
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