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**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Thank you. Good afternoon everyone, this is Michelle Consolazio with the Office of the National Coordinator. This is a meeting of the Health IT Policy Committee's Quality Measures Workgroup. This is a public call and there will be time for public comment at the end of the call. As a reminder, please state your name before speaking as this meeting is being transcribed and recorded. I will now take roll. Helen Burstin?

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Here.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Hi, Helen. Terry Cullen?

**Theresa Cullen, MD, MS – Director, Health Informatics – Veterans Health Administration**

Hi, Terry. Ahmed Calvo? Aldo Tinoco? Alex Turchin?

**Alexander Turchin, MD, MS – Director of Informatics Research – Partners Healthcare**

Here.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Hi, Alex. Cheryl Damberg? Daniel Green? David Kendrick? David Lansky? Eva Powell? Westley Clark? Heather Johnson-Skrivanek? Marc Overhage? Jim Walker? Jon White? Kate Goodrich? Kathleen Blake? Letha Fisher? Mark Weiner? Michael Rapp? Norma Lang?

**Norma Lang, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN – Professor of Health Care Quality and Informatics – University of Wisconsin**

Here.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Olivier...hi, Norma. Olivier Bodenreider?

**Olivier Bodenreider, MD, PhD – Senior Scientist – National Library of Medicine**

Here.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Paul Tang? Russ Branzell? Sarah Scholle? Saul Kravitz? Steve Brown? And Tripp Bradd?

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAAFP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

Here.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Hi, Tripp. And from ONC, do we have Kevin Larsen?

**Kevin Larsen, MD – Medical Director for Meaningful Use – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Yup.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Hi, Kevin. Lauren Wu?

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

Here.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Hi, Lauren. And Kim Wilson.

**Kim Wilson – Health Communications Specialist – Center for Disease Control and Prevention – Department of Health & Human Services**

Here.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Hi, Kim. With that, I will turn it over to you, Helen and Terry.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Great. Well thanks everybody, we recognize the kind of the dog days of summer and a lot of folks are on vacation, returning from vacation or are leaving for vacation. But we wanted to just have a quick opportunity for a wrap-up session to let you know where things landed with the Health IT Policy Committee and our recommendations and some input from the ONC staff on the restructuring of the Policy Committee plans for the new workgroups and some wrap-up of where we are. So, with that, let's see, I believe that was the first slide. So, the next slide, if you could.

Just the package of the MU3 recommendations on slide 2 there just lists out what was approved by the Health IT Policy Committee on July 8, and we have the full slide deck for you if you would like to see it. And there's a transmittal letter being developed to CMS...goes through this. Feedback we got was very much that the idea of trying to move towards sort of that next generation of measures, wanting more quality measures under development particularly focused on efficiency, for example. Having more options for specialists, more work to get patient experience measures linking to EHRs and fully recognizing some of the data source challenges there. More opportunities for innovative measure development and scalability, I would say there was a great deal of enthusiasm over all for the concepts we talked about of some innovation pathway moving forward.

Definitely continued concern about the burden on providers, in terms of these measures and recognizing the need for more data infrastructure around shared decision making as well. And definitely potentially building on some of that work we had done in some of our subgroups that Terry helped lead around needing more standards around behavioral health and long-term post-acute care in particular. And wanting to make sure, we have some review of some newer thinking around conformance testing for measures around consistency and standardization. So overall, I think got very, very positive feedback on the recommendations and I think the work we've done over the last couple of years was very much appreciated. I'll see if Terry, Kevin or Lauren wants to add anything there.

**Theresa Cullen, MD, MS – Director, Health Informatics – Veterans Health Administration**

This is Terry, I would just echo what Helen has said that there was a lot of discussion, as you guys may have known if you dialed in to the HIT Policy Committee. There was some recognition of the work that we had done and a lot of that work, and I think you have this in a later slide, we need to just transition forward. So, there's no sense of loss, there is really a sense of active, ongoing engagement as this group gets subsumed into the new committee structure.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

And...

**Kevin Larsen, MD – Medical Director for Meaningful Use – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Yeah, this is Kevin, I'll just say that there's a lot of thanks and gratitude for the hard work this group has done. This group had many different topics that it wrestled with over the last number of years and the Policy Committee was very grateful for all the hard work.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yup. And that sounds like the perfect transition, if one of you could walk us through the transition for the Policy Committee and the workgroup transition plan. Michelle or Lauren or someone?

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Yeah, this is Michelle. So, sometime back, I think it was actually in February, we announced that we would be restructuring both the Policy Committee workgroups and the Standards Committee workgroups. There have been a number of blogs posted about it through the ONC blog site and at the last Policy Committee meeting...I take that back, at the July Policy Committee meeting we announced who the Chairs would be of the new workgroups. So, if you haven't already, there is an application database that can be found on the healthit.gov website where you can go in and apply to be a member of one of the new workgroups.

We are getting closer to final list of members, so I urge you to do that as soon as possible, if you wish to be considered for one of those new workgroups and have not already applied. It's just...you can find the application database through the FACA page when you first come to healthit.gov, there is a FACA link and then you just need to look for the FACA membership application. If you've already filled out an application, if you could update your application to indicate one of the new workgroups that you're interested in participating in, that would be helpful. And then we will be announcing the new workgroups as soon as we finalize all of them.

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

So Michelle, this is Lauren. I included the link directly to the application database on slide 6.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Perfect.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Great. Perfect, thank you so much.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

And just one more...

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

And it would be helpful if one of you could speak to the...so, is the Advanced Health Models and Meaningful Use the logical place for a lot of the potential current expertise on this workgroup?

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Yeah, so, there are a few different workgroups, but we kind of think of the new Advanced Health Models Workgroup as a combination of the Quality Measures Workgroup, the past Meaningful Use Workgroup and the past Accountable Care Workgroup, all of those coming together for this new workgroup. If somebody has...isn't speaking, if you could please mute your line that would be wonderful. And on slide 5 are just our tentative plans for the timeline for the new workgroups to be kicked off. The...this is my fault, I didn't send Lauren a new updated slide, but we likely won't kickoff Privacy and Security and Consumer until September as it stands right now. And we likely will push out a few of these until October, so, we can share an updated transition plan timeline, but we're staggering the kickoff of the workgroups based upon the charges coming down from ONC and our ability to reform the workgroups and identify the work that they'll be taking on.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Great, very helpful. And there's the link on page 5. Any questions from anybody on the workgroup? All right. So, looking at slide 7 there, Lauren is this something you want to walk through for us?

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

Sure. So now that we've walked through the transition plan a little and you have a better idea sense of kind of timing and the fact that some of the work of this workgroup will be subsumed under a new Advanced Care Models and MU Workgroup. One thing we wanted to do as part of this wrap up was to look at the 2014 work plan that this workgroup had put together late 2013 and early of this year. Obviously, we got too many of these items, but not all of them. And we wanted to kind of have a discussion with you about what are the key things either part of this work plan or revised from this work plan or even things that are not on this work plan that the new Advanced Care Model Workgroup should consider for its 2015 work plan as they get up and running this fall. So, do you want me to go through kind of what's listed, Helen, in each of these...

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yes, that would be great...

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

...rows? Sure...

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

...just briefly, because I think that a lot of the issues we touched on, sometimes...

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

Right.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

...unsatisfyingly left hanging. So, it would really help to be...

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

Yeah, I agree.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yup.

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

So, the top row is the Quality Measures Workgroup, the parent workgroup here. We just finished our Stage 3 recommendations, so I would consider that checked off, but if there are any lingering issues, such as the feedback we received from the Policy Committee that should really be considered and carried over we should discuss that. One thing, and I...that I don't know if we've really gotten to delve into very deeply is the idea of some plug-and-play quality measures, an infrastructure for that and recommendations for some kind of plug-and-play quality measure platform. So, that's something we could consider going forward. And we've talked extensively about what kinds of data need to be collected in health IT, I would say health IT broadly, not just EHR systems specifically. And then looking into Quarter 2, what we had planned.

We did talk a little bit about certification support quality reporting in other settings like LTPAC and behavioral health and if you recall, we made some preliminary recommendations to the Policy Committee. And there was some mixed feedback in how they were received, so I think there could be more work to be done in this arena, around quality measurement.

We've talked a little bit about the role of intermediaries and registries as part of the larger health IT system and for collecting data to report quality measures. We haven't really developed a full set of recommendations on that or anything about governance. And there was suggested a hearing on innovative models, systems that are kind of doing some forward-thinking things on developing their own quality measures or developing systems for collecting data for quality measures. And we didn't actually plan a hearing, but that is an idea that is still out there. Do you want to stop here Helen, or should I just go through the rest of the table quickly?

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Probably do the rest of the table and we'll come back for questions.

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

Okay. So, the Data Intermediary Tiger Team was really tabled until they were given a specific charge by us. We didn't really decide that there was more work for them to do so they were tabled. The Vendor Tiger Team, they gave us a little bit of feedback earlier this year on implementing patient reported outcomes, which we factored into the earlier MU3 recommendations that we presented earlier in 2014, but that then rolled up into the package of MU3 recommendations. And so that's definitely an area where would could have some more discussion.

They did respond, I think...they did discuss responding to the voluntary proposed rule that ONC published earlier this year and again, the idea of the flexible platform for plug-and-play recommendations from sort of the health IT developer perspective. And I don't think we...we invited them at one point to join our discussions about certification for other settings, but we didn't really get anything major out of that workgroup specifically.

And then one thing we had discussed perhaps that we should discuss at some point was certification for ingestion of Health eDecisions artifacts, CDS artifacts and HQMF, which is one of the standards that's used for representing quality measures for EHRs.

And then last, the Accountable Care CQM sub-group did make recommendations for ACO focused measures. And if you remember, they developed this...a framework, this table for how we could look at moving from broadly domains to specific measure concepts to the data needed for those concepts through to what is the HIT infrastructure needed to actually collect that data. And if you recall, we took that framework and broadened it to just beyond ACOs and really to apply to quality measurement and the system...the ecosystem as a whole and incorporated that into our thinking for our package of MU3 recommendations.

So that's kind of the work plan that we had, and you can see that we addressed some of these issues, some in more detail than others. And so, we'd like to get your thoughts on what the new Advanced Care Models Workgroup should be considering for their work plan as they go forward.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Great. Thank you so much, Lauren. Any comments from folks, on what Lauren just laid out? Sound reasonable? Anything left out? All right, well I'll add one to the mix which is, we talked a little bit over the...this workgroup about the linkage to the eCQMs and how that relates to clinical registry, particularly with greater emphasis on the CMS side for measurement through clinical...data registries. I also heard great interest from the Hill in better understanding that interface. So I just want to make sure that doesn't get lost as an issue to return to.

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

Okay. So yeah, we're talking notes here Helen, so whatever you all throw out, we'll be considering.

**Kevin Larsen, MD – Medical Director for Meaningful Use – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Yeah, Helen, this is Kevin. Could you flesh that out a little bit more? What are the particular items that you think the deliberation or the discussion by the new committee would be helpful?

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

I think one of the things that would be very helpful would be to understand how, for example, as work is ongoing around consideration of greater emphasis on measurement through clinical data registries, what's the interface between those data? So two issues really, I think first is do we actually have information that would allow us to be able to have a patient-centered view as opposed to everything being very disease-specific, which is how most of the current clinical data registries are being set up. So how does the patient live in five different registries and nobody gets a view of that total patient, I think is a place where HIT can be especially helpful.

And secondly, how do we insure that as a clinical data registry, especially some of the newer ones are being brought up and some of the older ones are being kind of refurbished to fit this new EHR world, how do we make sure that we're not duplicating effort? And that the clinical data registry takes the best advantage of what's in the EHR and vice versa so data isn't unnecessarily entered twice. But would really take advantage of what is in these connected systems to make the registry less of a...hands on data entry experience. Does that help, Kevin?

**Kevin Larsen, MD – Medical Director for Meaningful Use – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Yes. Yeah, that's helpful.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Great.

**Kathleen Blake, MD, MPH – Vice President – AMA-Convended Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement – American Medical Association**

So this is Kathy Blake and I would echo Helen's comments and also add to it that I think it is a really an opportunity that is ripe for really focusing on the development of common data standards. And so being able to then capture apples to apples or compare apples to apples, whether the data comes first from an EHR and then is used to populate a registry, or comes from a registry that is used to then submit. So being able to get those linkages across registries and EHRs, so that they're working from common data standards would be extremely helpful and would lower the cost, I think, of setting up, maintaining and using a registry.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yup.

**Norma Morganti – Executive Director, Health Information Technology Learning Resource Expansion Grant – Cuyahoga Community College**

This is Norma, could I add on to that as well and hoping that we would go. Sometimes the registries are still disease-oriented and...

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yup.

**Norma Morganti – Executive Director, Health Information Technology Learning Resource Expansion Grant – Cuyahoga Community College**

...I liked the idea of being patient-centered and sometimes that goes across several diseases, several patient problems that not necessarily disease-oriented and goes across the different parts of the healthcare organization from acute care to long-term care to home care. So I'm still hoping that to be truly patient-centered, that's what we need to do. Very rarely is it just one disease with one protocol and we take care of that and we get an outcome, that's...

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yeah.

**Norma Morganti – Executive Director, Health Information Technology Learning Resource Expansion Grant – Cuyahoga Community College**

...and particularly as people get older.

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAAFP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

This is Tripp and I'd like to second that one. Absolutely I think being patient-centered is critical from a physician's perspective or clinician, provider. I would say that it would be nice to have some kind of documentation or accountability to these registries that they actually feed back to the providers to make changes at the clinic or office level. That would be critical, I think.

**M**

Yup.

**Norma Morganti – Executive Director, Health Information Technology Learning Resource Expansion Grant – Cuyahoga Community College**

(Indiscernible)

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAAFP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

I think that was originally in the design, I think...

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yup.

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAAFP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

...to feedback and I think that should be something that they have to report back on.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Great. Other suggestions on this registry theme or elsewhere?

**Kathleen Blake, MD, MPH – Vice President – AMA-Convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement – American Medical Association**

Maybe just to add on to that...this is Kathy. And to say that yes, the Qualified Clinical Data Registry, they are required to report back on at least a quarterly basis to clinicians. And yet I think that it would still, it would be quite challenging to then establish the next feedback loop, which might have been part of where the last speaker was coming from, which is to then say, well now that you've gotten the feedback, what did you do with the information? The information or what happened as a result of the feedback I think will become apparent over time if we see that performance on the various reported measures does improve. But that's an implicit rather than explicit response on the part of the clinicians.

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAAFP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

Okay.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

All right. Well certainly, it sounds if you guys have something to add today, I'm sure the ONC team would be very open to your suggestions. But, this really sounds like a lot of the issues we left hanging, so glad to see that they're not kind of disappearing so will still have a new life in the new workgroups. So, anything else? Terry, anything you would like to add?

**Theresa Cullen, MD, MS – Director, Health Informatics – Veterans Health Administration**

No, just once again thanks to people and we assume that there...did we talk yet about, or did we clarify the people that are participating in the next committee? Did we get clarification on that?

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yes, the people have a link to try to apply, if they'd like and the listing of the multiple workgroups with the expectation that likely the Advanced Health Models one and MU would be the logical place. Although again, I think it might actually be helpful if Michelle or anybody, you could just give us a quick thumbnail of the other workgroups. And some of them, maybe...particularly maybe just the Strategic Planning and the Implementation and Interoperability might be ones where some folks from this committee might actually be interested as well.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Yeah, this is Michelle. So just as you said, Helen, there...all of those groups...there's a place for quality measurement as we think about Interoperability and Health Information Exchange, for Health IT Strategic Planning and Innovation. If you all remember the history of this group, David Lansky was the Chair at one point in time and he's actually chairing that group, so I'm sure there is plenty of interest from a quality measurement perspective as well. And of course the Advanced Health Models and Meaningful Use Workgroup. And there are a number of places, even the Consumer Group, so...

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yeah.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

...we hope that you don't just focus on the Advanced Health Models and Meaningful Use group, but think of how you could play a role in some of these other workgroups.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

And I don't know but add to that list, Michelle, HIT Implementation, Usability and Safety, since so much of the rate-limiting steps we talked about were actually implementation issues and infrastructure issues. So, that might be a logical place as well.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Yes, thank you Helen.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Sure.

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAFAP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

Do you have...this is Tripp, do you have links? And the other reason why I mention that is, I'm aware of other people who have interest in helping and certainly having perhaps another...are you all considering outside new blood, so to speak?

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Umm, yup, definitely. I mean part of the reason for the restructure is to gain additional perspectives that we may not have had in the past. And also think about as ONC pivots to its Strategic Plan and as we focus on the Interoperability Roadmap and some of the other things in the 10-year vision, the workgroups were created to better align with ONC's 10-year vision. And also to tap into some of those folks that we may not have had participating in the past.

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAFAP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

So if you could have a link and...to those explanations of those committees and perhaps the application link, you can send them to me and I can get them out to various folks who might be interested.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yeah, Tripp, Lauren was kind enough to stick it in one of the slides, so you've actually got it.

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAFAP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

So, you're saying the Altarum at...the FACA...

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yes.

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAAFP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

...that is the one they do? Okay, that's fine.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yup, that's the one so, one stop shopping.

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAAFP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

All right.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

And just one more question, can people apply to be on multiple ones, just to sort of increase their likelihood or...if they're not sure where their expertise will be best served?

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Yes, definitely.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Perfect. Okay.

**Theresa Cullen, MD, MS – Director, Health Informatics – Veterans Health Administration**

And this is Terry. I would, given that I am a fed, I would really encourage new blood, Tripp, that since you're talking about to be on the committees. I think it would be really helpful.

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAAFP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

Okay.

**Theresa Cullen, MD, MS – Director, Health Informatics – Veterans Health Administration**

They're very, as you guys know from being on this committee, they're rewarding, you get a voice at the table that you might not have otherwise from being on this committee, they're rewarding, you get a voice at the table that you might not have otherwise. But having other people involved that historically have not been involved would just be wonderful, I think, from the federal space.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yes.

**Kevin Larsen, MD – Medical Director for Meaningful Use – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Agreed Terry and any help you can have in recruiting them would be great.

**Theresa Cullen, MD, MS – Director, Health Informatics – Veterans Health Administration**

Yeah.

**Tripp Bradd, MD, FAAFP – Skyline Family Practice, VA**

We get finder's fees? Just kidding.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Their eternal gratitude will be your finder's fee, yes. Okay, so I think that's all we actually have, is that right Terry?

**Theresa Cullen, MD, MS – Director, Health Informatics – Veterans Health Administration**

Yeah.

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

This is Lauren, I would add that, I know that a few folks, because of vacations and such couldn't be on today's wrap up call and so for those have reached out to me via email individually, I think that we would welcome any written suggestions as well as to work plan ideas for consideration. As Michelle said, I think sooner rather than later is probably better if you're going to give us feedback so we can get considering. And so I can send a note out to the workgroup members inviting that written feedback for those that aren't on the call today.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Great...

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

And for those that are on the call today, too, if you think of anything else.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

And actually, in that same email, Lauren, if you could also include that link to the Altarum FACA site...

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

Sure.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

...encouraging people to apply if they'd like.

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

Sure.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Okay, perfect. All right, well short and sweet, I think. I want to thank everybody, it's been a pleasure working with each of you and hopefully I think whatever our paths, we'll continue to...is a pretty small space, as we all know, but thanks, Terry on...for being a great Co-Chair and phenomenal staff support. Phenomenal staff support, particularly from Lauren Wu and Kevin. So, thanks to all of you and I guess we're good, yeah.

**Theresa Cullen, MD, MS – Director, Health Informatics – Veterans Health Administration**

Yeah and this is Terry and I just want to echo that. Thanks everybody, I think we did great work, I think it will inform everything going forward and thanks for your time and...

**Kevin Larsen, MD – Medical Director for Meaningful Use – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Yeah, this is Kevin. I want to thank our two terrific Chairs; you guys have been really active, engaged and really terrific, as well as the rest of the committee. I think many of you know that there are lots of people that pay attention to this beyond just the federal government, so your thoughts and consideration have fairly widespread influence and again, thank you so much. And again thank you to Michelle and Lauren and Kim...

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Yup.

**Kevin Larsen, MD – Medical Director for Meaningful Use – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

...for their work and support.

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Great. All right, thanks everybody.

**Lauren Wu, MHS – Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Planning – Office of the National Coordinator – Department of Health & Human Services**

I think we need to do public comment, is that right?

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Oh, yes.

**Theresa Cullen, MD, MS – Director, Health Informatics – Veterans Health Administration**

Please...

**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Sorry, I'm sorry...sorry, go ahead, please.

**Public Comment**

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Operator, can you please open the lines?

**Caitlin Collins – Junior Project Manager – Altarum Institute**

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**Helen Burstin, MPH, MD, FACP – Senior Vice President for Performance Measures – National Quality Forum**

Great. Thank you so much.

**Theresa Cullen, MD, MS – Director, Health Informatics – Veterans Health Administration**

Thanks everybody.

**Michelle Consolazio, MPA – Federal Advisory Committee Program Lead – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

Thank you so much, everyone.