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Conference Call Summary
October 31, 2016

Members Present: Stacy Beck; Rohit Bhalla; Mehul Dalal; Mark DeFrancesco; Amy Gagliardi; Daniela Giordano; Karin Haberin; Andrew Selinger; Thomas Woodruff; Janette Yetter; Robert Zavoski

Members Absent: Steve Frayne; Kathy Lavorgna; Steve Levine; Arlene Murphy; Robert Nardino; Leigh Anne Neal; Tiffany Pierce; Steve Wolfson

Call to Order

The call was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Mehul Dalal chaired the meeting. It was determined a quorum was present.

Mark Schaefer walked the Council through the agenda.

Review and Approval of Meeting Summary

Motion: to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2016 Quality Council meeting – Mark DeFrancesco; seconded by Andrew Selinger.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: All in favor.

Abstains: Daniela Giordano, Robert Zavoski

Recommendations for prenatal/post-partum care measure (NQF 1517) for completion of the Quality Council report

Dr. Schaefer recapped the relevant comments regarding the prenatal/postpartum care measure. Dr. DeFrancesco thanked Dr. Schaefer for the summary information sent out ahead of time and the recap regarding the prenatal/postpartum care measure. He said he strongly supports Amy Gagliardi's recommendation to retain both elements of the measure. He mentioned while they are not perfect, adjustments can be made down the road. Dr. DeFrancesco said he thinks it would be a mistake to drop them from the program at this point because they are still worthy to keep an eye on.

Ms. Gagliardi said they reached out to the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and they plan to continue support of the measure. She said it is important to note the controversy regarding the measure was not that prenatal and postpartum care was not important. She said they are looking to define it through research rather than recommendations. Ms. Gagliardi said it was her understanding that NQF will likely reinstate the measure after adequate research is completed to define the intervals and timing of visits.

It was mentioned that the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) will be starting an initiative to reassess the importance of postpartum care and visits. This will be an ongoing process and more information will be coming in a year or two with real evidence about some of the questions being sought now. The Council discussed the prenatal/postpartum measure.

Dr. Schaefer read Ms. Gagliardi's recommendation. He said Arlene Murphy wrote a note expressing her support for retention. There was also a note from Dr. Wolfson saying he is orientated well enough to shoot out a note saying he supports retaining the measure. Dr. Schaefer asked whether there were any comments against retaining the measure. There were no comments against retaining the measure.

Dr. Schaefer said there was a concern of whether there is an opportunity for improvement. This was debated back and forth. He said this may be included among some of the measures that will be stood up in the public scorecard. It could determine whether the measure is topped out.

Motion: to support Amy Gagliardi's statement of retaining the measure – Mark DeFrancesco; seconded by Rohit Bhalla.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: *All in favor.*

Dr. Schaefer said he will offer some concise edits to the Quality Council report to show the issue was raised and the rationale for retaining it. He said a brief statement of the issue will be added to the response to comments.

Comments re: Report and Response to Comments

Dr. Schaefer said a few track change edits have been made to the most recent version of the Quality Council report ([see here](#)). The Response to Public Comments was updated in October, with changes highlighted in red ([see here](#)). He asked whether there were any concerns regarding the edits that will be sent to the Steering Committee. Ms. Giordano said she have not had a chance to review the edits but will be reviewing them in the next couple of days. Dr. Schaefer mentioned it should be a quick review because there are not a lot of edits. The goal is to send this to the Steering Committee on Wednesday morning. Dr. Schaefer said it would be ideal for all comments to be in by Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

Adjourn

Dr. Schaefer expressed thanks to everyone for coming together to deliberate on the issues. The next Quality Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

The call adjourned at 12:23 p.m.