

Behavioral Health Technical Expert Panel
Call for Nominations – EXTENSION

Technical Expert Panel (TEP) Project Overview

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) are supporting a federal cross-agency initiative regarding Behavioral Health Clinical Quality Measures. This project facilitates the development of a portfolio of BH CQMs for potential inclusion in the CMS EHR Incentive Program Stages 2 and/or Stage 3 and concludes September 30, 2012. A Technical Expert Panel (TEP) is being convened to identify and make recommendations related to the development of potential BH CQMs to be included in the portfolio for selected Behavioral Health domains.

UPDATE: The Call for Nominations has been extended from March 12-18, 2012, to encourage nominations for individuals with the following expertise:

- Clinical expertise in Behavioral Health domains of **depression, trauma, and autism**
- Consumer or patient advocate perspective
- Primary Care Providers

Call for Nominations re-open: March 12, 2012

Due date for nominations: March 18, 2012

Specific project objectives include:

- Identify Clinical Quality Measures and measure concepts for Behavioral Health specialty domains including Depression, Suicide, Trauma, Autism, Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Recommend Behavioral Health measures for widespread adoption and utilization (including but not limited to future stages of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Meaningful Use (MU) Incentive Program)
- Make recommendations for future measure development by evaluating existing clinical research
- Provide private sector input regarding measure implementation feasibility

The work effort includes:

- Alignment with concurrent community initiatives
- Identification of emerging clinical research studies
- Conduct and review clinical literature environmental scans
- Participating in scheduled meetings
- Reviewing draft materials
- Recommending strategies for future initiatives

Details about the measure development process can be found in the [Measures Management System Blueprint](#).

TEP requirements:

A TEP of approximately twenty individuals will contribute recommendations and lessons learned from the implementation of electronic clinical quality measure requirements. The TEP will be comprised of individuals representing the following areas of expertise and perspectives:

- Conceptual understanding of outcome-based quality measurement and/or implementation of electronic clinical quality measure requirements
- Clinical expertise in Behavioral Health domains of depression, suicide, trauma, autism, alcohol and drug abuse
- Healthcare clinical workflow and documentation

- Performance measurement
- Quality improvement
- Consumer or patient advocate perspective
- Purchaser perspective
- Health care disparities

All potential TEP members must disclose any current and past activities that may pose a potential conflict of interest for performing the tasks required of the TEP. All potential TEP members must also commit to the anticipated time frame needed to perform the functions of the TEP.

TEP expected time commitment:

- An initial 90 minute teleconference of the full TEP will be conducted during the first week of April, 2012.
- A weekly teleconference with domain-focused topics; a week day selected by TEP leadership. Participation dependent on subject matter expertise relative to weekly topic
- Up to 3 in-person meetings, if needed, to be determined
- A final teleconference will be conducted no later than mid-August 2012.
- Ad hoc meetings may be scheduled via teleconference if necessary.
- Ongoing email communication.

TEP nomination:

Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve.

Required information:

- A completed and signed TEP Nomination/Disclosure/Agreement form.
- A letter of interest (not to exceed two pages), highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in measure development.
- Curriculum vitae and/or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications), a maximum of 10 pages total.

[Download the TEP Nomination and Disclosure Form \[PDF - 262 KB\]](#). If you wish to nominate yourself or other individuals for consideration, complete the form and e-mail to: bhemeasures@mitre.org. The MITRE Corporation is a not-for-profit company under contract to work in the public interest.

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