

# National Quality Forum

National Voluntary Consensus Standards for  
Treatment of Substance use Conditions:  
Evidence-Based Treatment Practices

Summit: Performance Measurement and  
Outcomes Monitoring in the US

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# The Context Of NQF Quality Measurement of Addiction Treatment

- RWJF Strategy for promoting quality in addiction Treatment
- The NQF process and legitimacy for consensus standards



# NQF Standards for Evidence Based Practices: Domain 1

## Identification of Substance Use Conditions:

- Screening and case finding
- Assessment and diagnoses for positive screens



# NQF Standards for Evidence Based Practices: Domain 2

## Initiation and Engagement in Treatment

- Brief intervention
- Promoting engagement
- Withdrawal management



# NQF Standards for Evidence Based Practices: Domain 3

## Therapeutic Interventions to Treat Substance use Illness

- Psychosocial interventions
- Pharmacotherapy



# NQF Standards for Evidence Based Practices: Domain 4

## Continuing Care Management of Substance Use Illness

- Long term continuing care management, self management, and recovery support



# WCG, NQF, NOMS

## Aligning Quality Measures

- Focus of measures
- Adoption of measures
- Operationalize measures
- Availability of data



# Focus of Measures

- Patient outcome (working, not using)
- Intervention or practice (use MAT)
- System process or performance  
(time to first appt)



# Adoption of Measures

- Mandate (Oregon law, congress)
- Voluntary (early adopter)
- Purchaser required (SSA, MCO)
- Accreditation ( CARF, JCAHCO)



# Operationalize Measures

- Definition (key element, eg 'continuing care')
- Quantified (time, dose, dichotomous more/less)
- Tested (field tested)
- Reported (feedback)



# Availability of Data:

- Billing system ( # visits)
- Electronic Medical Record (level of functioning)
- Special survey (any type)
- State MIS report (demographic, utilization)
- Existing survey (e.g. TEDS NSTATS)



	<b>Focus of Measures</b>	<b>Adoption of Measures</b>	<b>Operationalize Measure</b>	<b>Data Available</b>
<b>NQF</b> -Ident -Init and Engage -Treat Intervent -Continuing Care				
<b>Washington Circ</b> -SBI -MAT -Recov Mgmt				
<b>NOMS</b> -level of funct -emp and schl -CJ involv -stability fam _access -bed use -socl supp -client report -cost effect -use of EBP				



# NQF Next Steps

- Disseminate standards
- Coordinate with WCG, NOMS (SAMHSA)
- Operationalize 2-4 practice measures
- Test measures
- Incorporate into regular reporting mechanism

