

Standardizing Assessment Items: Meeting Agenda

May 7, 2014

Meeting Objectives

- Level set: Need for and purpose of standardization, initiatives underway, resources available for state efforts, desired outcomes from standardization.
- Identification of areas for potential “common core” of standard items; identification of “low hanging fruit” for standardization – and the process for achieving that standardization. Identification of areas that need further work.
- Basic shared concept for standardization and a plan for moving toward that concept – including a framework for an LTQA Board strategy.
- Beginning of an LTSS “community” around the effort to advance standardized assessment items.

Monday Night Dinner

- Introductions
- The State of Assessment Standardization - Barbara Gage
- Discussion

Tuesday Morning Overviews

- 8 AM Start –
- Overview of Leading Federal Initiatives
 - Stella Mandl – CMS’s Assessment Item Library
 - Anita Yuskauskas – TEFT
 - Kerry Lida – BIP
- Overview of Current State Initiatives
 - State participants

Tuesday Work Sessions

- First Work Session: Prioritization of Domains and Concepts
 - Selection of priority concepts for initial standardization
 - Determination of potential for consensus on the topics selected
 - Challenges to overcome in achieving consensus
 - Identification of concepts needing further work
- Second Work Session: Development of Standardized Items
 - Review of differences in key items among assessment instruments
 - In-depth discussion of common concepts across instruments
 - Recommendations for common core items for developing standard language
- Third Work Session: Development of Next Steps
 - Identification of barriers to widespread adoption of core items
 - Strategy for overcoming barriers
 - Proposed strategy for LTQA
 - Proposal for maintaining and growing the “Community”