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Quality Forum Announces Advisory Committee

BATON ROUGE, LA – May 19, 2015 – The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum has established a new Advisory Committee to support the organization.

The committee consists of three former Quality Forum board presidents: Michael O. Fleming, MD, FAAFP/Past President, American Academy of Family Physicians; Raymond Peters, SPHR/RoyOMartin; and Vindell Washington, MD, MHCM, FACEP/Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System. Elizabeth Mitchell, President and CEO of the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI), also serves on the committee. She brings a wealth of nation- and industry-wide knowledge and expertise related to initiatives focused on health care quality, health information technology (IT), payment reform and population health management strategies.

Quality Forum CEO Cindy Munn says the idea to form the committee came at a time when the organization saw its last original board member, Peters, complete his term on the board. “When his rotation ended, we realized that we didn’t want to lose out on the intellectual and historical knowledge possessed by the founding board members. Having access to this level of expertise is very important to sustaining and advancing the Quality Forum’s effectiveness in transforming health care in Louisiana.”

As ambassadors of the organization, the committee members will work to help build relationships, increase visibility and advocate for the Quality Forum. The group will also explore ways to maximize project opportunities and offer guidance and support to the current board.

Fleming, who served as the first board president, describes the organization’s progress as “remarkable” and looks forward to his new role. “I see the Quality Forum at the forefront of sharing health information, and the continued integration of our initiatives around this concept represents the future of the organization. I’m proud to help in this capacity,” he added.

About the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum
The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum is a private, not-for-profit organization, dedicated to advancing evidence-based, collaborative initiatives to improve the health of Louisiana residents. Its focus areas include quality measurement and analytics, clinical quality improvement, the patient-centered medical home/care coordination model, an advanced care planning/Louisiana Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (LaPOST) education program, health information technology (IT) and community outreach. With regard to health IT, the Quality Forum supports health care providers and critical access/rural hospitals as they adopt and meaningfully use electronic health records and serves as the State-Designated Entity to administer the state’s health information exchange. For more information, visit www.lhcqf.org.

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