

The State of the Forum

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Mission and Core Values

- The Forum's mission is to support and advocate on behalf of the ESRD Networks and to improve the quality of care to patients with renal disease.

 - The Forum's core values are
 - volunteerism
 - collaboration
 - innovation and flexibility
 - spread of knowledge
 - integrity
 - autonomy of individual ESRD Networks
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Outline

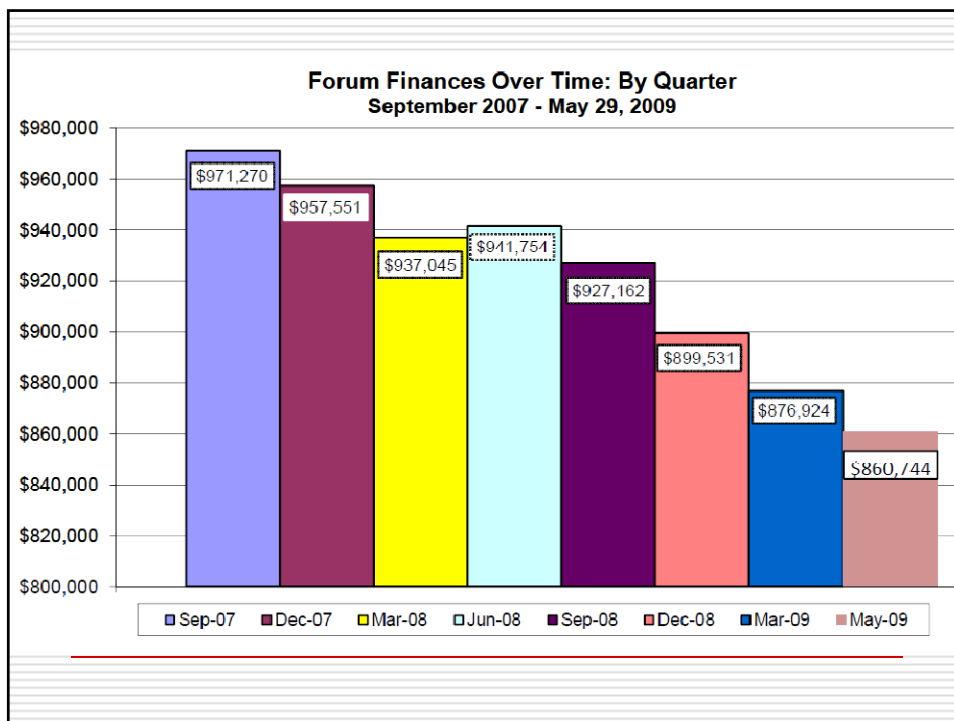
- Internal
 - Bylaws revisions
 - Cost containment
 - Forum performance metrics
 - External
 - Communication with CMS
 - Legal support/representation
 - Working with dialysis organizations
 - Activities intended to benefit Networks
 - Representing the Networks
 - www.kidneypatientsafety.org
 - 2009-2010
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Bylaw Revisions December 2008

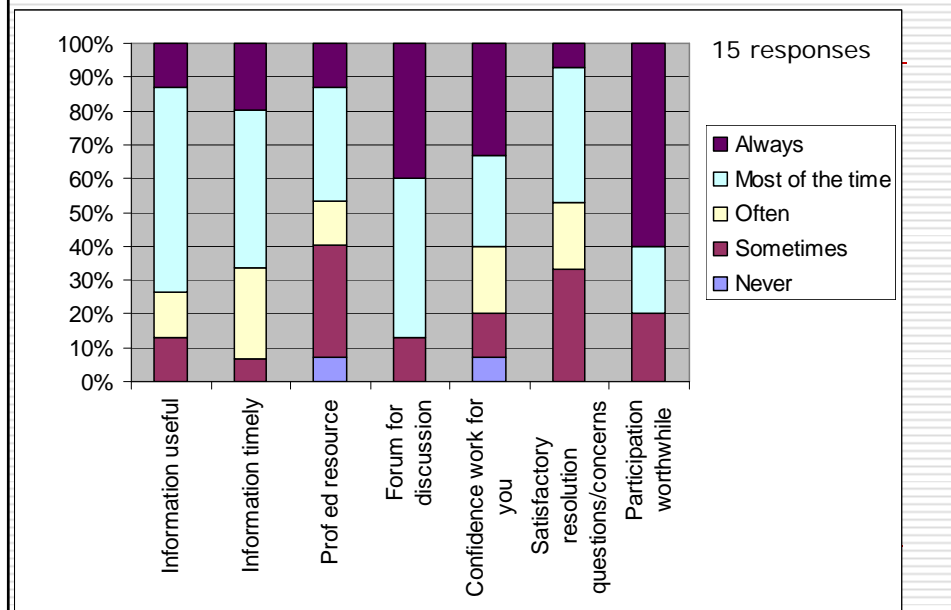
- Purpose changed to Mission Statement (Article I)
 - Membership meeting notice (III, 3.2)
 - Board constitution (IV, 4.3)
 - Board meeting notice (IV, 4.6)
 - MAC: qualifications, alternates, responsibilities (V, 5.2)
 - Bylaw amendment notice (IX)
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Cost Containment

- ❑ Conference calls, WebEx
 - ❑ Decreased Board meeting frequency
 - ❑ Open source website and listserv tools
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Survey about EDAC 12/2008



Communications with CMS

- ❑ August 2008: staffed CROWNWeb Gap Analysis workgroup
- ❑ Fall 2008: MAC comments on the ESRD Network redesign submitted
- ❑ December 2008: developed and submitted to CMS the attribution white paper
- ❑ January 2009: letter to Dr. Straube outlining Network concerns including CROWNWeb, lack of communication, contract clarification, CPMs
- ❑ January 2009: call with Dr. McGann and staff (a follow up to the January letter to Dr. Straube)
- ❑ February 2009: letter to Dr. McGann re attribution
- ❑ April 2009: call with Drs. Straube & McGann about funding for Networks
- ❑ June 2009: call with Drs. Straube, McGann & others to follow up on April call

April Contract Extension

- 1.8% increase to every Network
 - “ ... additional funding received in April by the Networks was a direct result of the April 3 call between CMS and Forum leadership.”
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Activities to Benefit Networks

- Improved communication
 - www.esrdnetworks.org development
 - MAC listserv
 - *Forum Matters*
 - Executive summaries
 - MAC QAPI Toolkits
 - Forum Board members provided informal consultation to Networks
 - Representation to other organizations
 - August 2009 leadership meeting on QI
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Representing the Networks

- National Quality Forum (Jackson)
 - Kidney Care Qual. Alliance (Goldman)
 - NKDEP (Garrett, Latos, Goldman)
 - UNOS/OPTN (Carlson, Kitsen)
 - USRDS EAC (Meyer)
 - AAKP (Goldman)
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2009-2010

- Network redesign
 - Technical assistance
 - Attribution
 - CROWNWeb
 - MIPPA (CKD educ., expanded bundle)
 - Network funding
 - Next Scope of Work
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Quality Improvement Redesign: Demonstrating Success in Network Quality Initiatives

- ❑ Tues 8/25/09, Marriott BWI, 8-3:30
 - ❑ Moderator: Jay Wish, MD
 - ❑ Attribution: Jay Ginsberg, MD
 - ❑ Measuring QIO Impact: Charles Schade, MD, MPH
 - ❑ Impact Analysis: James Brandes, MD
 - ❑ Root Cause Analysis: Robert Latino
 - ❑ Powerful Reporting: Jay Wish, MD
 - ❑ QI Redesign Starts Here!: Panel
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