

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS ...

“We understand that **ANY MEANINGFUL CHANGE NEEDS TO INCLUDE EVERYONE**—from insurers to employers, doctors and nurses, to consumers. The National Priorities Partnership is based on that sense of collaboration, and that’s why it’s the most viable movement for change to date.” ~Linda J. Stierle, *American Nurses Association*

“Giving Americans care that is efficient, safe, and of high quality is **NOT SOMETHING THAT ONE ORGANIZATION OR INITIATIVE CAN ACCOMPLISH ON ITS OWN**. The National Priorities Partnership is an unprecedented convergence of groups setting goals for quality improvement and offering a roadmap to achieve those goals.” ~Alisa Ray, *Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology*

“As a nation, we **CANNOT CONTINUE TO TOLERATE SUCH HIGH LEVELS OF HARM AND SUFFERING** in the healthcare system, nor can we afford to waste billions of dollars on unnecessary and duplicative services.” ~Helen Darling, *National Business Group on Health*

“**CLOSING THE DISPARITIES GAP IS A VITAL ISSUE IN HEALTHCARE** and must be addressed immediately. The National Priorities Partnership touches on the key issues that ensure every worker in America receives affordable, equitable, high-quality care.” ~Gerald Shea, *AFL-CIO*

“This is a promising initiative aimed at substantive healthcare change. It’s the **RIGHT PEOPLE AT THE RIGHT TIME** coming together to fix the nation’s healthcare system.” ~John Rother, *AARP*

“The National Priorities Partnership is a **UNIQUE EFFORT** that has identified a set of national priorities, developed by multistakeholder leadership, to help focus resources aimed at improving healthcare quality and patient safety.” ~Mark Chassin, *The Joint Commission*

“The National Priorities Partnership represents a **CLEAR, SUSTAINED CALL FROM AMERICA’S LEADING HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS**...to act on the knowledge we have today to deliver all Americans the safety and consistent high performance we deserve.” ~Margaret O’Kane, *National Committee for Quality Assurance*

“The goals of the National Priorities Partnership will move this country’s healthcare system toward **THE CHANGE THAT IS CLEARLY NEEDED**.” ~George Isham, *America’s Health Insurance Plans*

“We’re eager to share our experience in quality improvement and join all of the other National Priorities Partners in a **HARMONIZED EFFORT** to increase synergy and leverage for the improvement of the health and healthcare of Americans.” ~Don Berwick, *Institute for Healthcare Improvement*

“**FUNDAMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS WILL OCCUR MUCH MORE QUICKLY** with the 28 partners at the table.”  
~Leah Binder, *Leapfrog Group*

“The focus and range of groups involved with the National Priorities Partnership is critical to achieving **BETTER PATIENT CARE** throughout the healthcare field.” ~Richard J. Umbdenstock, *Hospital Quality Alliance*

**“LEADERS IN THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY** to ensure the most equitable, patient-centered, and cost-effective healthcare possible.” ~David M. Stevens, *National Association of Community Health Centers*

“This is an excellent opportunity to look at what is working and what isn’t, to identify priorities, and develop successful strategies to **PUT THE NATION ON THE RIGHT TRACK** toward a greatly improved healthcare system.” ~Roger Herdman, *Institute of Medicine*

“We’re in a **VITAL WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY** to advance real healthcare change.” ~Peter V. Lee, *Pacific Business Group on Health*

“Focusing on areas of clear consensus and critical need, the National Priorities Partnership is **POISED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in the health of the nation.” ~Karen Ignagni, *America’s Health Insurance Plans*

“Governors are eager for solutions that lower costs, boost safety, and cover their residents. The National Priorities Partnership is an **OPPORTUNITY...TO ADVANCE REAL CHANGE** that will boost quality care and, in the long run, reduce the financial burden on states.” ~Raymond Scheppach, *National Governors Association*

“As we look to improve the quality of the nation’s healthcare system, we need to ensure that **PHYSICIANS ARE INVOLVED** in efforts to track the quality of care in their practice and stay abreast of the latest developments in medicine.” ~Christine Cassel, *American Board of Medical Specialties*

“We can no longer afford the rising costs of an ineffective healthcare system that fails to serve American workers and their families. I am pleased the National Priorities Partnership is addressing **COST, ACCESS, AND QUALITY**. These issues **ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED**.” ~Anthony Wisniewski, *U.S. Chamber of Commerce*

“It is **LONG PAST TIME THAT WE LISTENED MUCH MORE CAREFULLY** to what people are really concerned— and even angry— about when it comes to experiences with the healthcare system.” ~Steven Findlay, *Consumers Union*

“The National Priorities Partnership is an **EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ALIGN RESOURCES AND BEST PRACTICES** in a fashion that will continue to improve the delivery system, achieving safer, more equitable care for patients.” ~Julie Gerberding, *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

**“EVERY PATIENT DESERVES TO GET THE RIGHT CARE, AT THE RIGHT TIME, FOR THE RIGHT REASON.** The National Priorities Partnership offers a unique opportunity to work with a broad range of healthcare organizations on common goals for fixing our broken healthcare system.” ~Debra L. Ness, *National Partnership for Women & Families*

“To **SUPPORT THE NATIONAL PRIORITIES PARTNERSHIP**, the PCPI will develop measures in areas that the Partners have identified as priorities, such as care coordination, patient safety, and overuse.” ~Bernard Rosof, *Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement*

“The only way to achieve real change in our healthcare system is through clear goals and a roadmap of how to get there. The National Priorities Partnership has laid out very clear priorities and actions, and is **COMPRISED OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN TRULY EFFECT SYSTEMWIDE CHANGE**.” ~Carolyn Clancy, *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality*

“We have an **URGENT NEED TO FIX HEALTHCARE AND MUST HAVE A COMMON VISION TO SUCCEED**. The National Priorities Partnership is aligning resources and actions to focus on reform in the areas where change can make the biggest impact.” ~Janet M. Corrigan, *National Quality Forum*

“The strategic direction that this effort brings to the process is key to successful reform. That’s what the National Priorities Partnership stands for, and that’s why **THIS IS SUCH A PROMISING MOVEMENT**.” ~Frank Opelka, *AQA*