Deliberative Methods Experiment

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Community Forum
Background & objectives of experiment

- **Background**
  - Started in August 2010
  - Literature review, Technical Expert Panel, formative research to inform approach

- **Objectives**
  - Expand the evidence base on public deliberation
  - Obtain public input on the use of evidence in healthcare decision-making
Deliberative topic in detail: use of evidence in healthcare decision-making

- Inform AHRQ’s approaches to dissemination and guidance about comparative effectiveness research (CER) evidence

- Addresses fundamental tensions in healthcare
  - Appropriate roles and responsibilities of providers, patients, payers, purchasers, and the government
  - Individual liberties vs. shared responsibilities and impact
  - When oversight and regulation are necessary
  - Actors that are trustworthy to the public
Overview of experiment

- RCT comparing education-only control and 5 deliberative methods
  - Brief Citizens’ Deliberation
  - Community Deliberation
  - In-Person Deliberative Polling®
  - Online Deliberative Polling®
  - Citizens’ Panel

- 4 locations: DC, Chicago, Sacramento, Raleigh-Durham

- 76 deliberative groups; 1,296 participants
  - Inclusion of AHRQ’s priority populations: elderly Medicare, African American women, non-urban, and bilingual Latino
  - Education level diversity sought
Evaluation - key outcomes of interest

- **Knowledge**
  - Of CER, quality of care, generation of medical evidence

- **Attitudes**
  - On appropriate roles of providers, patients, purchasers, and government regarding using evidence in healthcare decision-making; boundaries around the use of evidence

- **Motivation to participate in civic activities**

- **Deliberative content to inform AHRQ’s CER work: values, ethics, and guidance that emerge from group deliberations**
Next steps and information to look for

Next steps
- Implement experiment: summer - fall 2012
- Analysis: summer 2012 - summer 2013

Information to look for
- Literature review of deliberative methods
- Panel at AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, June 2012
- Report of findings from experiment, late summer/fall 2013

Where to find this information