

**SEVERITY OF NEED (SON) EXPERT PANELS MEETING
HYATT REGENCY BETHESDA
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OCTOBER 31, 2005

AGENDA

9:00 am **Welcome, Introductions, and Overview** (*Lalique Room*)
Deborah Parham Hopson

9:15 am **Charge to Panels, Timetable, and Resources** (*Lalique Room*)
Jamie Hart, David Rein, and Ebony Ross

9:30 am **Panel Breakout Sessions**

Room Assignments

Area Characteristics	<i>Susquehana Room</i>
Patient Characteristics	<i>Severn Room</i>
Associated Costs	<i>Potomac Room</i>
Patient Coverage and Need	<i>Patuxent Room</i>

- Discussion of context and panelists' expectations
- Consideration of variables: descriptive characteristics, quality and fidelity, worth
 - How can the variable be defined?
 - How does this variable influence severity of need?
 - What would be an ideal measure of this variable?
 - What variables are likely to be available in reality?
 - What are the specific measures and what are their sources?
 - At what level will data be collected and how will it be compiled?
- Discussion of workgroup processes, conference call schedule, and next steps
- Selection of Panel Chair and Co-Chair

2:15 pm **Review of the Day: Brief Panel Report Outs** (*Lalique Room*)

2:45 pm **Identification of Next Steps** (*Lalique Room*)

3:00 pm **Adjourn**

****Buffet lunch provided at 12:00 PM on Concourse Terrace****