

Health Indicators Warehouse: Governance

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Establish a governance structure to address such issues as:

- Statistical quality standards for indicators
- Processes for harmonizing indicators across agency and organization partners
- Priorities for new indicators, updates and improvements

HIW Status

- Official release February 11, 2011
- 1,119 unique indicators
- 160+ data sources
- Multiple requests for webinars and presentations

Proposed HIW Governance Structure Components

- Statistical Standards Group
- Indicator Advisory Group
- NCHS Board of Scientific Counselors

Statistical Standards Group (SSG)

- Membership
 - A small group of statistical experts from NCHS who work with the HIW on a regular basis
 - “Guest reviewer” subject matter and statistical experts for each proposal
- Role
 - Working with proposers to obtain needed information
 - Writing reports describing proposed indicators, with strengths and limitations
 - Working with proposers to “harmonize” indicators when possible-- e.g., informing them about the existence of very similar indicators

Indicator Advisory Group (IAG)

- Membership
 - Representatives of federal agencies that provide data and/or funding support for the warehouse
- Role
 - Recommendations on priorities for addition, modification, or deletion of indicators (based on information from SSG)
 - Outreach to their agencies/contacts to help solicit new proposals and attempt to harmonize indicators

Role of Board of Scientific Counselors

- Advising on SSG membership
- Reviewing statistical & methodological criteria developed by SSG; advising on their use
 - Minimum standards vs rating mechanism
- Advising on indicator harmonization strategies
- Serving as a sounding board for new directions proposed by IAG
 - Indicators
 - Warehouse functionality
- Providing feedback from constituents

Progress to Date

- SSG staff have drafted indicator proposal forms
- Two conference calls with BSC subcommittee to vet recommendations for SSG membership and process
- Drafts of proposal submission forms; incorporated comments from BSC subcommittee
- Outreach to potential members of IAG

Indicator Proposals

Required information on proposals:

- Assurances that all submitted data and metadata will have no proprietary restrictions and be free of charge
- All suppression criteria required by the data steward will be applied to protect respondent confidentiality
- All required data and metadata will be provided, including measures of variance when required, survey response rates, etc.

Next Steps

- Recruit members of IAG
- Finalize proposal indicator forms
- Format forms for inclusion on the HIW website
- Review Proposals!

Recommendations

- SSG will not reject any proposals at this time, as thus far we do not have any formal proposals. It will summarize proposals based on information obtained in the proposal application forms and submit the information to the IAG for consideration.
- The IAG will make decisions about inclusion/exclusion and priorities, based on existing resources.
- Once a critical mass of proposals has been submitted, the SSG will work with the BSC subcommittee and the IAG to determine minimum standards for inclusion.

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The Open.Gov health data site is available at

<http://www.data.gov/health>