

# Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking

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## **Before the Commission...**

- **M-10-01 Increased Emphasis on Program Evaluations**
- **M-10-32 Evaluating Programs for Efficacy and Cost-Efficiency**
- **M-11-02 Sharing Data While Protecting Privacy**
- **M-12-14 Use of Evidence and Evaluation in the 2014 Budget**
- **M-13-17 Next Steps in the Evidence and Innovation Agenda**
- **M-14-06 Providing and Using Administrative Data for Statistical Purposes**

# **Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2016**

- **Bipartisan:**  
**House Speaker Paul Ryan, Senator Patty Murray**
- **Enacted March 30, 2016**
- **Commission consists of 15 appointed members**
- **Operational support provided by Census Bureau**
- **Commission terminates September 30, 2017**

## **Purpose of Commission**

- **Improve the use of data by the government for program evaluation and federal policymaking**
- **To this aim, the Commission will:**
  - **Consider the current use of data, research, and evaluation to build evidence**
  - **Identify ways to improve and strengthen evidence-building in the Federal government**

# **Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2016**

- **Commission Duties in PL 114-140:**
  - **Study of Data**
  - **Clearinghouse**
  - **Issue Report**

# Members of the Commission

**President**

**Katharine Abraham**

University of Maryland

**Allison Orris**

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**Paul Ohm**

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# **HHS Efforts**

- **ASPE-led HHS workgroup on evaluation and evidence**
- **HHS Response to M-14-06 and subsequent updates**
- **HHS Data Council Administrative Data Work Group**
- **HHS contributions to Analytic Perspectives**
- **CDC Data Hub provides access to multiple data sources**
- **NCHS Director - Interagency Council on Statistical Policy**

# **Role for NCHS**

**Principal federal statistical agency for health**

**Coordination within Federal statistical system**

**Collaboration across HHS and with external entities**

**Expertise:**

- **Methodological**
- **Technical**
- **Statistical**

# Challenges

**In addition to technical and operational challenges:**

- **Legislative barriers to access**
- **Policy and legal interpretations**
- **Resource and capacity constraints**
- **Different way of thinking**
- **Sustainability**

# Opportunities

- **Increased collaboration**
- **Enhanced utility of data**
- **Transparency and accountability**
- **Establishing a framework**

**For more information on the Commission:**

**<http://www.census.gov/about/adrm/data-linkage/what/policymaking.html>**