

Oregon Benchmarks Target Setting Protocol



BACKGROUND

Progress Board tradition

- Unless there is no data or other compelling barrier, benchmarks should have targets.
- Targets are to be “ambitious but realistic.”
- Targets should remain as constant as possible to avoid the “moving target” syndrome.
- Targets are set for 5-year intervals. (currently 2010 & 2015)

Target setting is triggered by

- A necessary change in data for a current benchmark
- Development of a new benchmark
- Modification of an existing benchmark
- Time horizon expires
- Wholesale revisiting of the benchmarks, as in the Oregon Shines update process.

Target setting is not triggered by

- Wanting the target to be more in line with the data

PROTOCOL

Subject matter experts submit in writing:

- Proposed realistic targets for the next two target years spaced at five-year intervals. (The next two target years are 2010 and 2015.)
- The target rationale, including:
 1. Trend data (and forecast if available)
 2. Background evidence, research, decision-making that informed the targets.
 3. Answer to the question: “How much does achieving the target depend on the efforts of your agency and how much does it depend on the efforts of others?” and
 4. A listing of other partners/agencies involved in improving the benchmark.

Assessment Committee:

- Reviews the realistic targets and rationale with the subject matter experts.
- Through discussion with the experts determine what would constitute an ambitious target.
- Arrive at a recommendation, using the lower bound ‘realistic’ target and upper bound ‘ambitious’ target, to the Progress Board.

Progress Board:

- Act on Assessment Committee recommendation at a subsequent board meeting