

PRISM and Common Measures: Status Summary

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This paper attempts to summarize the current status of the PRISM / Common Measures Work Group's discussions.

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Meetings to date: Two.

Basic issues discussed:

1. What are the PRISM measures?
2. What are the Common Measures?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of moving to the common measures.
5. Other projects/activities that are related: Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), Integrated Performance Information (IPI), Workforce Information Streamlined Performance Reporting System (WISPR), OWIB System and Performance Measurement Committee.

Current status:

- Significant momentum behind the idea that it's time to design a "new PRISM," with the following characteristics:
 - Data warehouse that includes data from all seven DOL WISPR programs and other Oregon workforce partner programs.
 - Uses common identifier.
 - Meets all requirements of WISPR reporting.
 - Produces and submits federal common measures.
 - Produces a limited number of other standard, systemwide measures.
 - Includes a query tool to allow workforce partners to obtain data on varied measures of their choosing. Allows non DOL agencies (e.g. OVRs) to get performance data that's relevant and useful for them.
- Summarized another way: "What we're really talking about is building a new system, that would be in place by 2009, with some IMIS recommendations incorporated (e.g. common identifier), would meet all WISPR and Common Measures requirements, and would be a customized query tool."
- Goal: Develop new system by 2009, to meet federal deadline of submitting system common measures and WISPR data.

Next Steps:

- Make final decision on: *What measures shall we use?* This might involve the three common measures plus a limited number of additional Oregon-specific measures.
 - Note: Seems like OWIB Performance and System Measurement Committee may want input into this discussion?
- Define the system we'll need to accomplish the goal.
 - Decide on best approach to this work.
 - What other information is needed?
 - Who has expertise to help develop this system design?
 - Can this be handled in-house (within one of the state agencies)?
 - Would this need to be contracted out?
 - Are there other states with systems that we could use or adapt?
 - What would overall costs be?
- Present final recommendations to agency heads individually, then to Workforce Policy Cabinet, and to OWIB Performance and System Measurement Committee.