

# Areas of Joint Interest of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) and the BSC

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## Session Objectives:

1. Present brief reviews of current BSC & NCVHS projects or topics of potential joint interest
2. BSC discussion to seek level of interest or coordination:
  - > work together (e.g., form workgroup)
  - > coordinate efforts (e.g., produce joint position paper, write letter of support)
  - > monitor progress (e.g., through liaison reports, TBD)
  - > out of scope for either BSC or NCVHS, or no interest
3. Determine action plan for each project discussed

# Next Generation Vital Statistics

Origin: NCVHS

Summary: Address structural and resource challenges of the national vital statistics system by transforming the current federated data collection network into a more robust, integrated information system that increases timeliness and security

Main features: increased federal status and funding

Status: Planning stages

Next step: federal hearing on 11-12 September (next week)

# Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking

Origin: Congress (P.L. 114-140)

Summary: study existing data barriers, improve data integration, practices for monitoring federal program outcomes, and determine need for a data clearinghouse

Main features: panel to present findings and recommendations or guidelines

Status: wrapping up; near end of 15-month lifecycle

Next step: publish findings and recommendations

# 2020 Census Revised Race and Ethnicity Categories

Origin: Census Bureau, decennial planning, OMB review of race/ethnicity data standards

Summary: in some cases, improve data for Hispanic ethnicity category by modifying race categories; add MENA category to race/ethnicity

Main features: would combine race and ethnicity into one question

Status: OMB comment period has been concluded; awaiting OMB decision

Next step: potential implementation across Federal data systems

# Health Data Framework

Origin: NCVHS

Summary: help communities identify and manage health problems by providing a Data Structure for organizing small-area population data and a Methods Taxonomy to guide data use and re-use

Main features: guide federal/state data collection and accessibility to solve community health problems

Status: the Framework is posted; first stakeholder forum held

Next step: IHI organizing public-private effort to elaborate and promulgate its use to enhance interoperability

## Digital Bridge

Origin: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Summary: digital health data exchange between health care  
and public health

Main features: creates public health reports from clinical sites

Status: vision and planning stages, plus proof-of-concept

Next step: establishing and refining project governance

## Other Projects or Initiatives That Should Be On Our Collective Radar???

- Healthdata.gov master database?
- BRFSS data accessibility?
- ICD-11 (for mortality)?
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## Final Thoughts and Evaluation

- How best to monitor outside projects (e.g., Census Bureau)?
- COPAFS liaison to report on BSC interests? (John Thompson took over for Kitty Smith this July.)
- Bob and I represent a resurgence in having joint liaisons – has it been productive or useful?
- Periodic meeting or “liaison session” like this one useful?
- A new BSC → NCVHS liaison is needed



Time	NCVHS Project	Report or Product
2011	<b>Workshop, “Using Data to Improve Health: The Community as a Learning System for Health”</b>	<a href="#"><u>The Community as a Learning System for Health: Using Local Data to Improve Local Health</u></a>
2014	<b>Roundtable, “Supporting Community Data Engagement”</b>	<a href="#"><u>Supporting Community Data Engagement —An NCVHS Roundtable—</u></a>
2015	<b>Workshop, “Advancing Community-Level Core Measurement”</b>	<a href="#"><u>Advancing Community-Level Core Measurement: A Progress Report and Workshop Summary</u></a>
2016	<b>Environmental Scan</b>	<a href="#"><u>Environmental Scan of Existing Domains and Indicators for Assessing the Health and Vitality of Communities</u></a>



Time	NCVHS Project	Report or Product
2016	<b>Workshop, “Using Sub-county Data to Promote Multi-sector Approaches for Community Health and Well-being</b>	
2017	<b>Measurement Framework version 4</b>	<a href="#"><u>NCVHS Measurement Framework for Community Health and Well-Being, V4</u></a>
2017	Health Data Framework White Paper	<a href="#"><u>The NCVHS Health Data Framework White Paper</u></a>
2017	Workshop Summary published	<a href="#"><u>Measuring Health at the Community Level Data Gaps and Opportunities</u></a>
2017	Letter to the Secretary	<a href="#"><u>Recommendations on Measuring Health at the Community Level – Opportunities for HHS Leadership</u></a>



## Two complementary and linked resources together compose the Health Data Framework:

1. The **Data Structure**
2. The **Methods Taxonomy**

## The Health Data Framework has three goals:

1. To help data experts support the health ecosystem to systematically use data from all relevant sources to solve problems;
2. To surface high-impact gaps in data sources and methods; and
3. To catalyze development of interactive tools to support optimal data use and learning.

# Measuring Health at the Community Level: *Data Gaps and Opportunities*

A Workshop Summary and Project Overview  
National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

## The National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

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***Coordination within HHS, across Departments, and between public and private sectors is essential to achieve this potential.***

<https://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Measuring-Health-at-the-Community-Level-Data-Gaps-and-Opportunities.pdf>

## • SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

- Establish an HHS Intra-Departmental work group on community data.
- Provide leadership to form a Cross-Departmental work group.
- Connect the Cross-Departmental Workgroup, which includes representation from the HHS workgroup, with **non-federal community data efforts**.

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<i>Domain</i>	<i>Subdomain</i>		
Community Vitality		Health	
	Social capital		Health care infrastructure
	Governance		Health behaviors
	Civic engagement		Health conditions & diseases
	Social inclusiveness		Health outcomes
Demographics		Housing	
	Total population		Infrastructure & capacity
	Demographics per HHS Data Standards (age, sex, race/ethnicity, primary language, disability)		Quality
	Other demographics		Use/affordability
Economy		Public Safety	
	Income and wealth		Infrastructure
	Employment		Perceptions of public safety
Education			Crime
	Infrastructure & capacity		Injuries
	Participation & achievement	Transportation	
Environment			Infrastructure & capacity
	Natural environment		Quality
	Built environment		Use & affordability
	Neighborhood characteristics		
Food and Agriculture			
	Food availability		
	Nutrition		