

Commission on Evidence- Based Policymaking



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What is the Commission?



- The Commission is the result of discussions between Congress and the Executive Branch on **improving how government uses survey and administrative data**
- Making better use of administrative data has tremendous **potential to improve how government programs operate**
- **Created by bipartisan legislation** co-sponsored by Speaker Paul Ryan and Senator Patty Murray, enacted March 30, 2016 (P.L. 114-140)

Who are the Commissioners?



- 15-member bipartisan commission:

	Researchers and Administrators	Privacy Experts	
President	Katharine Abraham <i>University of Maryland (CHAIR)</i>	Allison Orris <i>OMB</i>	Paul Ohm <i>Georgetown University</i>
Speaker of the House	Ron Haskins <i>Brookings Institution (CO-CHAIR)</i>	Bruce Meyer <i>University of Chicago</i>	Robert Hahn <i>University of Oxford</i>
House Minority Leader	Hilary Hoynes <i>University of California, Berkeley</i>	Sherry Glied <i>New York University</i>	Latanya Sweeney <i>Harvard University</i>
Senate Majority Leader	Kenneth Troske <i>University of Kentucky</i>	Robert Shea <i>Grant Thornton LLP</i>	Kathleen Rice <i>Faerge Baker Daniels LLP</i>
Senate Minority Leader	Jeffrey Liebman <i>Harvard University</i>	Kim Wallin <i>Wallin Ltd.</i>	Robert Groves <i>Georgetown University</i>

What is the Commission working on?



- The Commission has the opportunity to
 - Consider how data, research, and evaluation currently are used to build evidence about Federal programs,
 - Consider and make recommendations about how to strengthen evidence-building in the Federal government
- **Key Areas of Focus:**
 1. Integration of survey and administrative data
 2. Data infrastructure and data security considerations
 3. Incorporation of evaluation in program design
 4. Models for a possible Federal data facility

How is the Commission Considering Privacy?



- Privacy considerations are an important component of the Commission's work
 - 5 of the 15 Commissioners were appointed based on expertise in “protecting personally-identifiable information and data minimization”
 - The Commission's Sept. 9 meeting was devoted to key considerations about privacy related to evidence-building
- Privacy considerations will continue to play a substantial role as the Commission formulates findings and recommendations

What is the Role of Evaluation in the Commission's Work?



- Important for the Commission to understand the needs of the evaluation community
 - Evaluators both inside and outside of government play a central role in generating relevant and rigorous evidence
- The Commission's Nov. 4 meeting focused on issues of concern to evaluators
 - Nine witnesses described key capacity challenges and opportunities, including those related to collecting and accessing data for evaluation
 - Numerous other evaluation associations, advocates, and contractors have contacted the Commission to provide suggestions and advice

What is the Commission's timeline?



*Requires approval of
12 Commissioners*

Past Events

- **Meeting #1, July 2016** – Introduction
- **Meeting #2, Sept. 2016** – Privacy Considerations
- **Public Hearing, Oct. 2016** – Washington, DC
- **Meeting #3, Nov. 2016** – Key Issues Related to Evaluation

Upcoming Events

- **Meeting #4, Dec 12, 2016** – Federal Models
- **Public hearing, Jan. 5, 2017** – Chicago, IL
- **Meeting #5, Jan 13, 2017** – State and International Models
- Future meetings, to be announced

How can you participate?



- Submit **Written Comments**:
 - Request for Comments posted in *Federal Register* on Sept. 14 available at *regulations.gov* under Docket ID USBC-2016-0003 until Dec. 14, 2016.
- **Attend a Meeting** of the Commission
 - Next meetings scheduled for Dec. 12 and Jan. 13 in Washington, DC
 - Check CEP.gov for notices regarding in-person and remote attendance
- **Attend a Public Hearing**
 - Next hearing scheduled for Jan. 5 in Chicago and third hearing will be held on the West Coast in February
 - Check CEP.gov for the latest notice
- Join the Commission **email list** for future updates:
 - events@cep.gov