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Foundations for Evidence-based Policymaking Act of 2017 Background for Discussion

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Commission on Evidenced-based Policymaking



- Created by legislation co-sponsored by Speaker Paul Ryan and Senator Patty Murray, enacted March 30, 2016 (P.L. 114-140)
- Members appointed by the President, Speaker of the House, House Minority Leader, and the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders – 1/3 on privacy; 2/3 experts on program administration, data, or research
- **Met with NCVHS** in February and September of this year
- **Final report submitted** to the President and the Congress on September 7, 2017
- Link: www.cep.gov/cep-final-report.html

House Legislation



- CEP's 22 recommendations offer strategy for improvements in 4 areas:
 - **Modernizing privacy protections**
 - **Improving access to federal government data**
 - **Strengthening federal capacity to build evidence**
 - **Implementing a National Secure Data Service**
- On November 15th, U.S. House of Representatives passed the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2017 (HR 4174)
- With support and technical assistance from Bipartisan Policy Center's Evidence-Based Policymaking Initiative, the "Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2017" **includes elements of 10 of the Commission's recommendations** addressing three major report themes

Summary of CEP Recommendations in the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2017



Topic	Bill Section #	CEP Rec. #
<u>Strengthening Privacy Protections</u>		
Agency Official for Data Policy	101(a) (§315)	3-3
Chief Data Officers	202(e) (§3520)	3-3
Codification of Statistical Policy Directive #1	302(a) (§3563)	3-4
Conduct of Comprehensive Risk Assessment and Analysis of Data Sensitivity	303(a) (§3582)	3-1

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Topic	Bill Section #	CEP Rec. #
<u>Improving Secure Access to Data</u>		
Establishment of Data Inventories with Metadata	202(d) (§3511)	4-5
Availability of Data for Statistical Activities	303(a) (§3581)	2-3
Single Process for Researcher Access to Data	303(a) (§3583)	2-8
Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building (National Secure Data Service Steering Committee)	101(a) (§316)	4-2

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Topic	Bill Section #	CEP Rec. #
<u>Enhancing Government Capacity</u>		
Agency Evidence-Building Plans (learning agendas)	101(a) (§312)	5-2
Government-Wide Evidence-Building Plans	101(a) (§313(a))	5-3
Coordination of Evaluation Units through Interagency Council for Evaluation Policy	101(a) (§313(b))	5-3
Establishment of Chief Evaluation Officers	101(a) (§314)	5-1
Inventory of Evidence-Building Units	101(c)	5-1

CEP Recommendations 3 & 5 of Relevance to NCVHS Work



#3 Enhancing Privacy Protections for Federal Evidence Building

- Recommendations 3.1-3.4
- Pages 47-64 of the CEP Report

#5 Strengthening the Evidence-Building Capacity within the Federal Government

- Recommendations 5.1-5.5
- Pages 87-104 of the CEP Report