State and Local Expert Group #1

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Key Takeaways

Expert Group Discussion

- The process works. Getting all the stakeholders in the room and keeping them engaged and contributing was not easy, but we got it done.

- The two-year advisory committee process allowed us to build relationships and understanding that can be leveraged for next steps and creation of the NSDS.

- The input of state and local governments in the evidence ecosystem has been valued by this process and will be crucial to continue and support as the work advances.

- There are so many state-based use cases that have already demonstrated the art of the possible where greater federal and state collaborations could take such efforts to the next level through an NSDS.

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Future Engagement

Expert Group Discussion

- The National League of Cities is in the process of planning a series of blogs and webinars next year to raise awareness of what's coming and to help cities prepare especially in how they might fill their data science staffing and capability gaps.

- Continued partnership between all levels of government—local, state, and federal—to provide resources for the evidence ecosystem is critical. The federal government can be a key partner in providing resources, and state and local leaders can be key partners in improving communication and data quality.

- Engagement with the major associations representing state and local governments is important for creating the NSDS and for long-term success. Our group members are each engaged with various national associations and will share information to amplify the message and encourage support.

- Local governments are closest to citizens and their support will be important in achieving public understanding and backing.

- We need to make sure that state and local government input and engagement are meaningful both in terms of substantive content as well as timing.

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Summing It Up