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Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building

Evaluation Officers and Performance Improvement Officials Expert Group #5

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Key Takeaways

- The **National Secure Data Service (NSDS) has great potential to improve access, timeliness, and utility of statistical data for performance and evaluation** of public policies and programs through a robust, privacy-preserving infrastructure paired with technical assistance on how to leverage it.

- Among the 45 recommendations, **we emphasize Section 6's recommendations on *Resources to Enhance the Existing Evidence-Building Ecosystem and to Implement the NSDS***.

  o In our group's Year 1 presentation*, we noted existing process barriers that impede data-sharing, including a poorly understood patchwork of statutory barriers for data-sharing/linking and risk aversion, compounded by turnover, among critical gatekeepers.

  o Within current resources, OMB has limited capacity to address these issues, and would be further challenged to make meaningful progress without targeted resources.

- **The ACDEB made great progress and also signals future important work to fully explore how the NSDS will nest within the broader evidence-building ecosystem, in service of advancing goals** to increase "*better decision-making; more timely, actionable, and policy-oriented research; policies that are more responsive to local conditions; and more effective local interventions.*" (pg. 62)

* https://www.bea.gov/system/files/2021-01/acdeb-evaluation-officer.pdf

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Future Engagement

Expert Group Discussion

- Identifying **Use Cases / Personas** to build high-value pilots.

- Engaging with OMB to advance **process solutions** to address current barriers.

- Building **conceptual and functional partnerships** across the evidence ecosystem.

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Summing It Up

Expert Group Discussion

Let's Go!

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