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Overview

- Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking
- Data Synchronization
- FITARA
- Cybersecurity
- Forthcoming items of interest
Evidence-Based Policymaking

- President’s Budget FY 2017: Building the Capacity to Produce and Use Evidence
  - Discusses Principles and Practices that support credible evidence development
    - Some agencies have issued their own policies
    - Notes National Academies is working with agencies and will hold a workshop in the fall on P&P for Federal Evaluation
  - Provides examples of federal “What Works” Research Clearinghouses
Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission

- Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2016 (PL 114-140)
  - Sponsored by Paul Ryan and Patty Murray
  - Charged with determining how to integrate administrative and survey data and to make those data available to facilitate research and evaluation while protecting privacy
  - Consider whether a clearinghouse should be created
Members of the Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission

- Katharine Abraham, Chair
- Ron Haskins, co-chair
- Sherry Glied
- Robert Groves
- Robert Hahn
- Hilary Hoynes
- Jeffrey Liebman
- Bruce Meyer
- Paul Ohm
- Allison B. Orris
- Kathleen Rice
- Robert Shea
- Latanya Sweeney
- Kenneth Troske
- Kim Wallin
Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission

• First Meeting held on July 22, 2016
  • Public sessions featured perspectives from House and Senate staff, OMB, and Census, with examples from ERS and BJS, and a presentation by Raj Chetty.

• Second meeting held on September 9th.
  • Public sessions focused on privacy with presentations from federal, state, and private sector experts.

• Website: www.cep.gov
Data Synchronization

• Longstanding effort to enable Census, BLS, and BEA to synchronize business registers
  • Enable BLS to obtain access to limited federal tax information and expand BEA’s access.
  • “tax companion bill” to CIPSEA, subtitle B, which authorized sharing of business data among these agencies for exclusively statistical purposes.

• There are active and ongoing efforts to obtain agreement on legislative language and find a way to move this forward
FITARA

• Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA)
  • Department CIOs given authority over information and IT used by all its agencies
• OMB Guidance M-15-14
  • Notes that statistical agencies shall implement in a manner that ensures statistical data collected under a pledge of confidentiality are exclusively used for statistical purposes
• New Attachment K issued in May
  • Provides implementation questions for CIO and statistical agency managers to consider together
Cybersecurity

- Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015
  - Title II, Subtitle B of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015
  - Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security may access information transiting or traveling to or from an agency information system notwithstanding any other provision of law that would otherwise restrict or prevent the head of an agency from disclosing such information to the Secretary
“P&P” — Five Editions to Date

1992

Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency

Second Edition

2001

Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency

Third Edition

2005

Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency

Fourth Edition

2009

Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency

Fifth Edition

2013

Sixth Edition coming in 2017!
Upcoming Public Seminar

Taking Surveys to People’s Technology: Implications for Federal Statistics and Social Science Research

Speakers: Fred Conrad and Michael Schober

Discussants: Paul Beatty and Courtney Kennedy

- Friday October 21, 2016
- National Academy of Sciences Main Building
  2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC.
- light refreshments at 1:30 pm with reception following the seminar at 4:30 pm
THANK YOU!

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