Scientific Technical Assessment

and Reporting (STAR) Team Meeting

Thursday, December 19th, 2024

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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AGENDA

10:00 – 10:05 AM Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – *Ken Hyer* *(US Geological Survey) and **Kimberly Van Meter** (Penn State), STAR chair and vice chair, **Breck Sullivan** (USGS) STAR Coordinator, **Peter Tango** (USGS) CBP Monitoring Coordinator*

Goal of today's meeting:

Everyone comes away with consistent understanding of outcomes, outputs, activities and indicators.

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars

- 14th National Monitoring Conference – March 10-12, 2025, Green Bay, Wisconsin.
- The 35th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium – April 8-10, 2025, Lexington, VA.

10:05 – 11:15 Logic Models for the Chesapeake Bay Program

Three presentations will provide an overview of logic model components to increase understanding for Goal Implementation Teams (GITs) and partners before they embark on utilizing this approach when assessing current outcomes. Questions and discussion from the presentations will be held until the end of the

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third presentation. Overall objectives of the meeting are for GITs to learn the difference between an output and outcome so groups may present to the Management Board with a common understanding of how they are used and gain experience walking through the question of if their outcome is an output or an outcome.

10:05 AM   Theory of Change for the Chesapeake Bay Program – *Breck Sullivan (USGS), Ken Hyer (USGS)*

> As the Kellogg guide says, logic models are as varied as the organizations that use them; however, there are common types and purposes. Presenters will provide an overview of the Chesapeake Bay Program logic model through the Strategy Review System (SRS). SRS framework is a Theory of Change logic model, and it illustrates how the things the program does are intended to create change to achieve our mission.

10:15 AM   Chesapeake Bay Program: Mission to Workgroups– *Greg Barranco (EPA)*

> Greg Barranco will step through a logic model illustrating how the mission of the *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* leads to the workgroups that implement the work to achieve progress on the outcomes.

10:25 AM   Outcomes vs Outputs: An overview – *Bill Jenkins (EPA)*

> Bill Jenkins will go into more detail on the components of logic models, specifically outputs and outcomes and how their definitions connect to the work of the Chesapeake Bay Program.

10:35 AM   Questions/Discussion

11:15 AM   Outcome working/brainstorming session

> Participants will step through an outcome assessment to identify if it is an outcome or output based on the presentations of Logic Models and discussion. Outcome leads may also use this time to

share their progress on their outcome assessment and consider cross-outcome collaborations.

12:00 PM Adjourn

Next Meeting: STAR is offering to host three meetings for the outcomes presenting to the Management Board (MB) in between the time their materials are due and the MB meeting. This meeting will serve as an opportunity to share and discuss information from their outcome assessment. It will also provide space to discuss larger picture considerations such as combination of outcomes, changes in structure, integration of overarching topics (conservation, climate, DEIJ). These meetings are open to the public, so please share meeting information with anyone interested. If you have any suggestions on the date/time of the meetings, please reach out to Breck Sullivan (bsullivan@chesapeakebay.net).

- *Feb 6th:* meeting for first group of outcome assessment

- *Feb 20th* (Afternoon so to not overlap with Wetland Workgroup meeting): meeting for second group of outcome assessment

- *March 7th:* meeting for third group of outcome assessment