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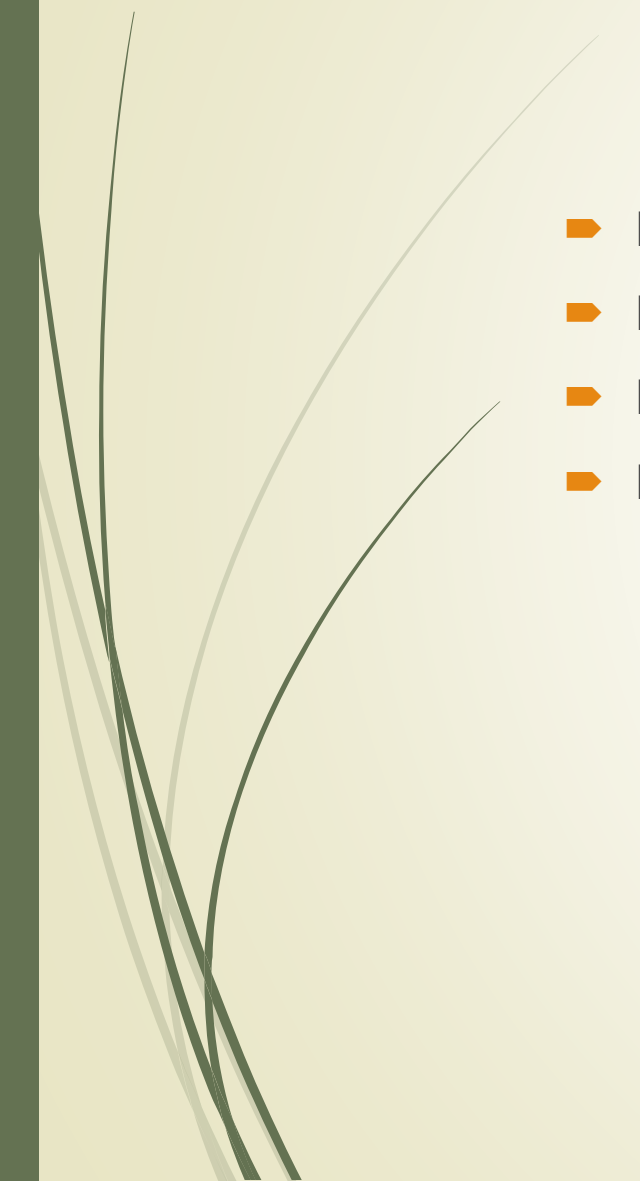
A New Workgroup under STAR

Purpose

- Enforce the integrity of the Indicators Framework.

- Ensure up-to-date indicators for Partnership products.

- Foster cross-outcome collaboration.

- Facilitate adaptive management by identifying information needs.

Membership

Core Membership

- Chesapeake Stat representative
- Communications representative
- GIS representative
- Indicators coordinator (workgroup coordinator)
- Monitoring representatives
- STAR analyst

Interested Parties

- Communications Workgroup leadership
- GIT coordinators and staffers
- Indicators data providers
- STAR leadership
- State monitoring program managers
- Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC)
- Bay Program managers

Scope of work

- Implement the Indicator Framework
- Develop clearly defined criteria to maintain integrity of Indicator Framework
- Identify indicator gaps using the Framework
- Recognize links among existing indicators: use framework to link performance indicators as influencing factor indicators for other outcomes
- Ensure indicators link directly to Agreement outcomes using the Indicator Framework
- Discuss and vet ideas for new indicators
- Offer guidance to GIT coordinators and staffers seeking to develop new indicators
- Develop new indicators as needed (this includes supporting efforts currently underway)
- Manage the process of sunsetting old indicators
- Ensure up-to-date indicator Analysis & Methods documentation

Where we've been ...

- Indicators Coordinator as an existing position

- Indicators Framework Action Team

  - Tasks:

    - Revise existing Indicators Framework

    - Establish process to create new and revise existing indicators

  - Developed [framework](#) approved by Management Board in November 2015 (full presentation available [here](#))

  - Found that current suite of indicators only partially supports tracking performance towards and achievement of outcomes in Agreement

- Adoption of Adaptive Management as the way we work → Indicators Framework can help us identify gaps

Next Steps

- Hold first meeting: set workgroup priorities, formulate work schedule or work plan, and agree on membership and regular meeting time

- Proceed with upcoming tasks

  - Identify which outcomes in the Agreement are measurable (and which are not)

  - Organize indicators by outcome using Indicator Framework

    - This work will naturally identify connections between indicators across outcomes and goals.

    - More identification and analysis of these connections can be done throughout the life of the workgroup.

  - Identify gaps and potential metrics for each outcome using the Framework

  - Engage STAC to establish criteria needed to prioritize indicator acquisition in light of adaptive management needs—with which indicators should we start filling in gaps?

    - Prioritize performance indicators?

    - Prioritize complete framework of indicators for one outcome?

    - Prioritize at least one indicator per outcome?

  - Consider a collaborative approach to collecting geographic information

- Work with Integrated Monitoring Workgroup to recommend a coordinated approach to information acquisition within resource constraints