

**MAKING MCH DATA COUNT:
ASSESSMENT OF THE MCHB
PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

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Roadmap

- **Goals and objectives**
- **Conceptual framework**
- **Assessment approach**
- **Discussion**

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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Overarching Goals

- **Assess the current performance measures**
 - What's working?
 - What's not working?
- **Make recommendations for improvements**

Specific Objectives

- **Assess the performance measures used by each MCHB program**
 - **Block grant**
 - **Discretionary grants**
 - **Other MCHB programs**
- **Ensure that the “totality” of measures across all programs effectively tells a story about MCHB performance as a whole**

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

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Overview

- Framework depicts the context and process for performance measurement
- Developed using MCHB strategic plan
- Highlights key outcomes
- Reflects preliminary input from BECC members
- A work in progress...

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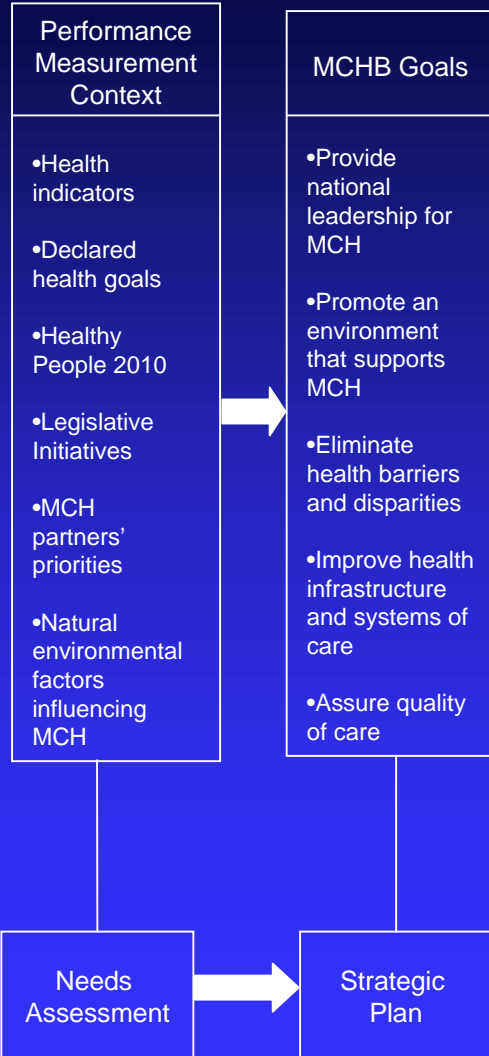
Performance Measurement Context

- Health indicators
- Declared health goals
- Healthy People 2010
- Legislative Initiatives
- MCH partners' priorities
- Natural environmental factors influencing MCH

Needs
Assessment

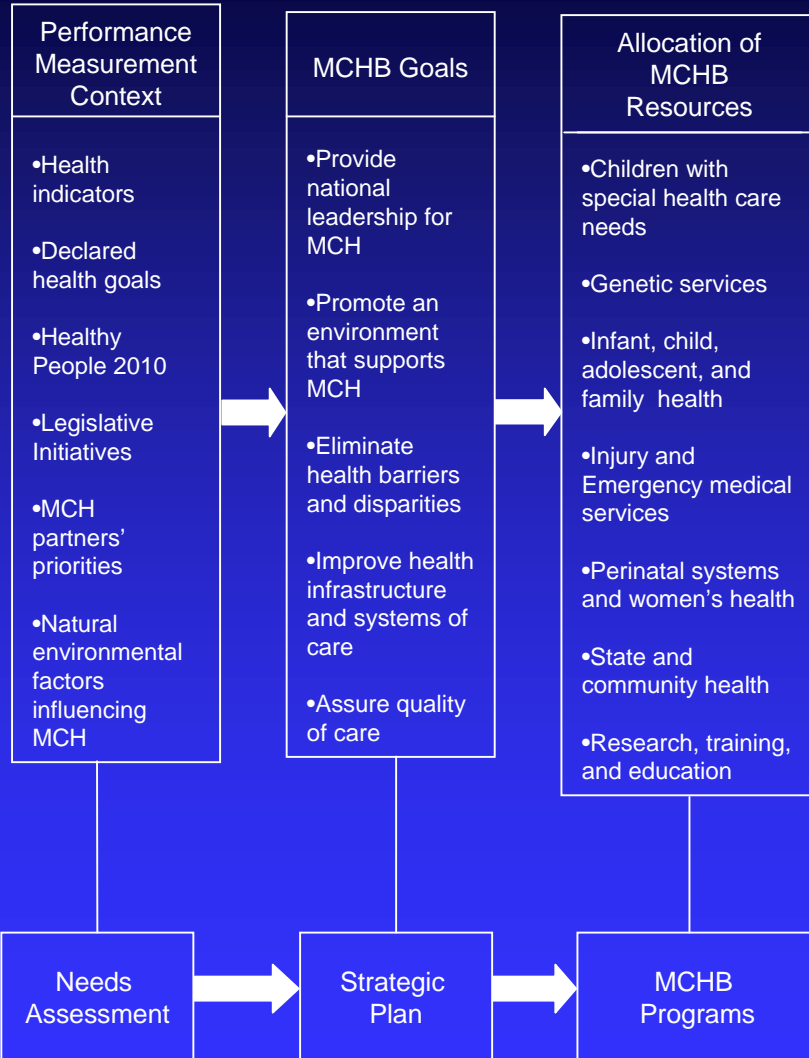
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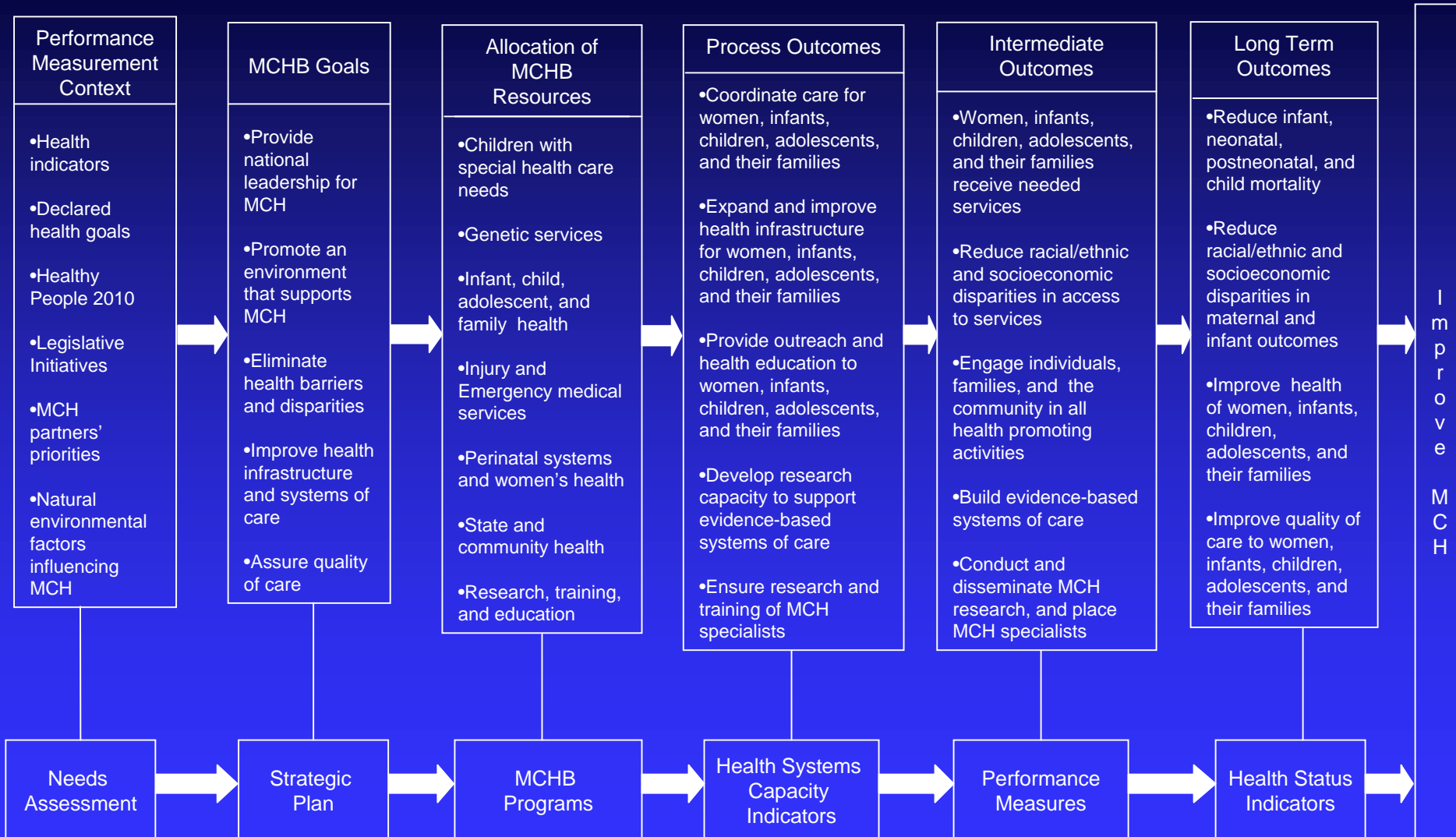
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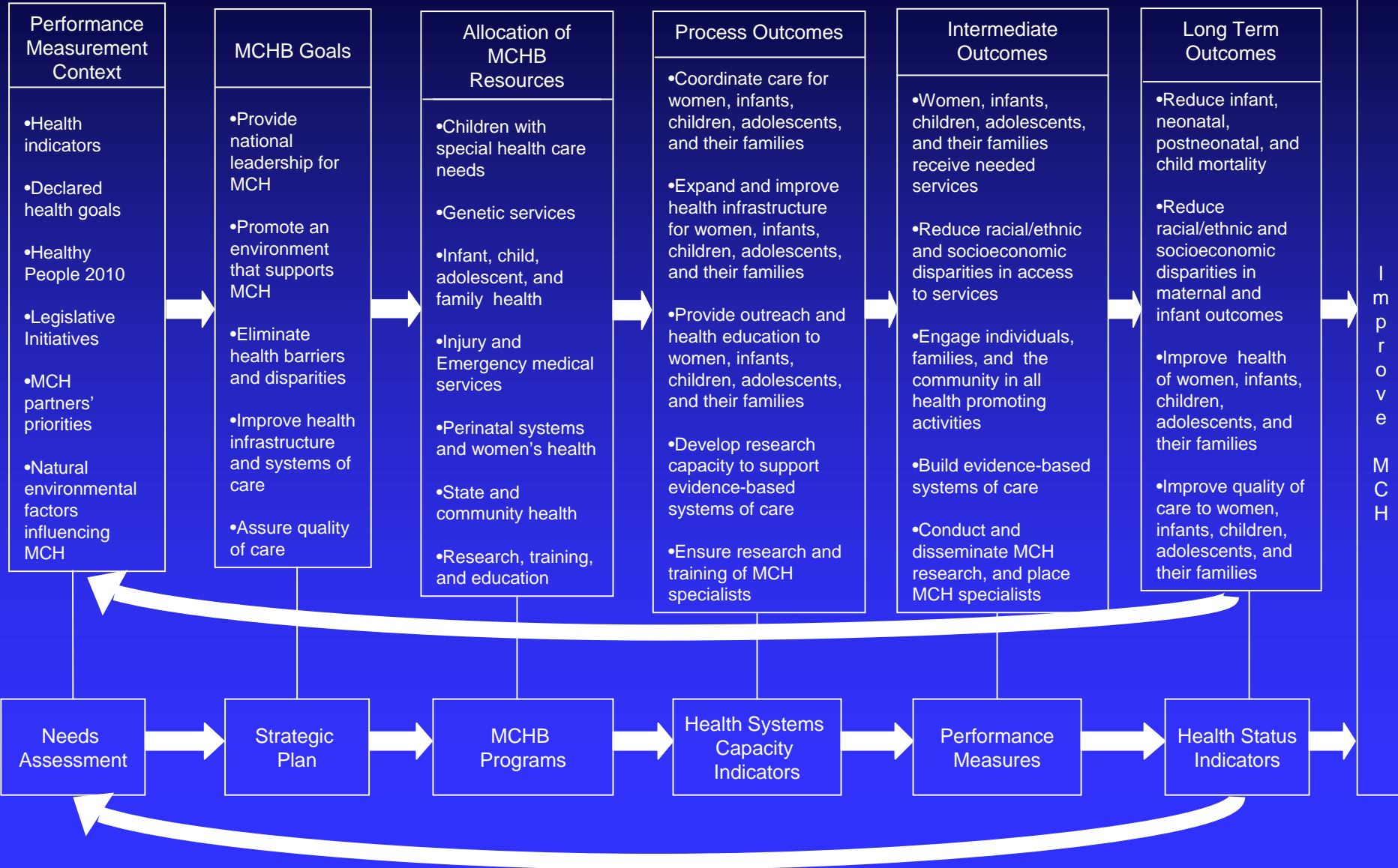
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ASSESSMENT APPROACH

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Scope

- **Title V Block Grant**
 - Core measures (18)
 - State-specific measures
- **Title V Discretionary Grants**
 - Core measures (36)
 - Additional data elements
- **Health systems capacity indicators (11)**
- **Health status indicators (19)**

Components

- **Conduct a literature review of the evolution of performance measurement (GPRA, PART)**
- **Establish criteria for assessing utility of MCHB performance measures**
- **Conduct a comprehensive assessment of MCHB performance measures**
- **Develop a process for periodic review of MCHB performance measures**

Literature Review

- **Synthesize health services literature to provide theoretical basis for assessment**
- **Provide an overview of how government agencies use performance measures**
- **Describe features of effective performance measurement systems**
- **Summarize criteria typically used to select performance measures**

Preliminary Assessment Criteria

- **Usefulness for program planning**
 - Relevant
 - Accessible
 - Responsive
- **Data availability and quality**
 - Complete
 - Accurate
 - Consistent/comparable
 - Reproducible/reliable
 - Valid
- **Level of burden**
 - Data collection
 - Data processing

Assessment Topics

- What are the strengths of the current measures?
- What are the weaknesses/gaps?
- How well do the current measures capture program outcomes?
- How have the current measures been used?
- What activities (if any) are underway to assess existing performance measures?

Data Sources for Assessment

- **Primary sources**
 - Interviews with MCHB staff
 - Meetings with grantees and other stakeholders
- **Secondary sources**
 - HRSA guidance
 - Title V needs assessments
 - Title V Information System
 - Discretionary Grants Information System
 - Data used to populate grantee reports

Periodic Review Process

- **Periodic review process is well established for core block grant measures**
- **Goal is to develop a similar process for reviewing and updating discretionary grant measures**
 - Respond to GPRA and PART assessments
 - Address emerging MCH needs
- **Review process would include:**
 - Assessment criteria
 - Stakeholder input strategies
 - Field testing procedures
 - Three-year timeline for review

Future Plans

- **Conduct assessments with MCHB program staff**
- **Review current performance measurement data**
- **Provide recommendations for improving MCHB's performance measurement system**
- **Propose a process for periodic review of discretionary grant measures**
- **Obtain ongoing feedback from BECC members and other stakeholders, as appropriate**

DISCUSSION

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