SEEKING GOOD GOVERNMENT, ONE PROGRAM AT A TIME

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1. Mississippi’s performance budgeting revitalization effort

2. The tools:
   • Seven Elements of Quality Program Design
   • *Measuring Mississippi* Performance Accountability Tool

3. Q & A
1. Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994
   • had some early success; but,
   • failed to take hold as a driver of state budget decisions

2. December 2012, Legislature partnered with Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative
   • invest in programs and policies shown to work through high-quality research
1. Public pressure to hold government accountable
   - Efficient
   - Effective
   - Transparent

2. Pressure on the state budget to achieve more with less

3. Ability to translate large quantities of data into actionable intelligence
3 KEY COMPONENTS OF REVITALIZATION

1. Development of **Statewide Strategic Plan**
   - What are we trying to achieve?

2. Creation of **Program Inventory**
   - What are we doing and how are we performing?

3. Implementation of **Results First Initiative**
   - Are we investing in programs shown to work through high-quality research?
STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN

STATEWIDE VISION, MISSION, PHILOSOPHY
STATEWIDE GOALS AND BENCHMARKS
AGENCY MISSION
AGENCY PHILOSOPHY
EXTERNAL/INTERNAL ASSESSMENT
AGENCY GOALS
OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOME MEASURES
STRATEGIES AND OUTPUT, EFFICIENCY, EXPLANATORY MEASURES
ACTION PLANS

DEVELOPED BY AGENCY
MAINTAINED AT AGENCY
BUDGET STRUCTURE
Building a Better Mississippi
The Statewide Strategic Plan for Performance and Budgetary Success

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MISS. CODE ANN. Section 27-103-159 (H.B. 677, 2014 Regular Session), requires:

- inventory of state agency programs and activities, beginning with 4 pilot agencies
- identification of program performance indicators
- incorporation of information from inventory into state budgeting and appropriations process
DEFINITION OF PROGRAM

• A set of activities designed to achieve a specific outcome or output
• Referred to as “accountability” program
• More detailed than “budget” units and programs
• Includes all programs provided by or funded through state government:
  • regardless of funding source
  • regardless of who carries out the program (state employees, contractors)
• Focus on “intervention” programs
• Provides participating states with:
  • a national database of intervention programs supported by high-quality research in several policy areas
  • access to a benefit-cost model that calculates intervention program ROI