“Strawperson” Measures for Title V from the MCH Transformation 3.0 Process

This is an initial list of 15 “strawperson” measures based on the input received through the MCH 3.0 process to date. They are meant to stimulate a national dialogue about what are the right national performance measures for Title V.

1. Preconception care, which we are defining as percent of women ages 15 to 45 with a well-woman visit in the last twelve months.

2. Severe maternal morbidity, defined as severe maternal morbidity per 10,000 hospitalizations.

3. Early elective delivery at less than 39 weeks.

4. Perinatal regionalization, defined as percent of VLBW infants born in a hospital with a Level III NICU.

5. Safe sleep (Back to sleep).

6. Developmental screening, defined as the percent of children receiving a developmental screening using a parent-completed screening tool.

7. School readiness. (Title V has a role in supporting early brain development and the early childhood system)

8. Adolescent well visit, defined as percent of adolescents and young adults with a preventive services visit in past year.

9. Medical home, as in the percent of children with a medical home.

10. Insurance coverage, defined as percent of the population that is uninsured and underinsured.

11. Immunization, which is tied to our legislation and defined as percent of children and adolescents who have completed recommended vaccinations

12. Nutrition and physical activities, which includes gestational weight gain, breastfeeding, physical activities and consumption of fruits and vegetables among pregnant women, children, and adolescents.

13. Oral health, with two possible measures – percent of women who had their teeth cleaned during their last pregnancy, and percent of children under six who had a cavity in the last six months.

14. and 15. A lot of input was received for fourteen and fifteen, such as low-risk cesarean delivery, adolescent smoking, experience of bullying, treatment for mental health problems, or breaking out the components of medical home such as usual source of care, availability and family satisfaction with coordination of services, and transition. For now, these are still open to input and additional ideas.

These are straw measures, as described in Dr. Lu’s MCH Transformation 3.0 video address. Input is still needed to determine the final list of measures and national priorities for which Title V will be held accountable.