Collaborative Efforts with AHRQ

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Overview

- **AHRQ's new mission**
- **New Initiatives/Activities**
- **Collaborations**
- **Future opportunities**

New AHRQ Mission Statement

To improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans
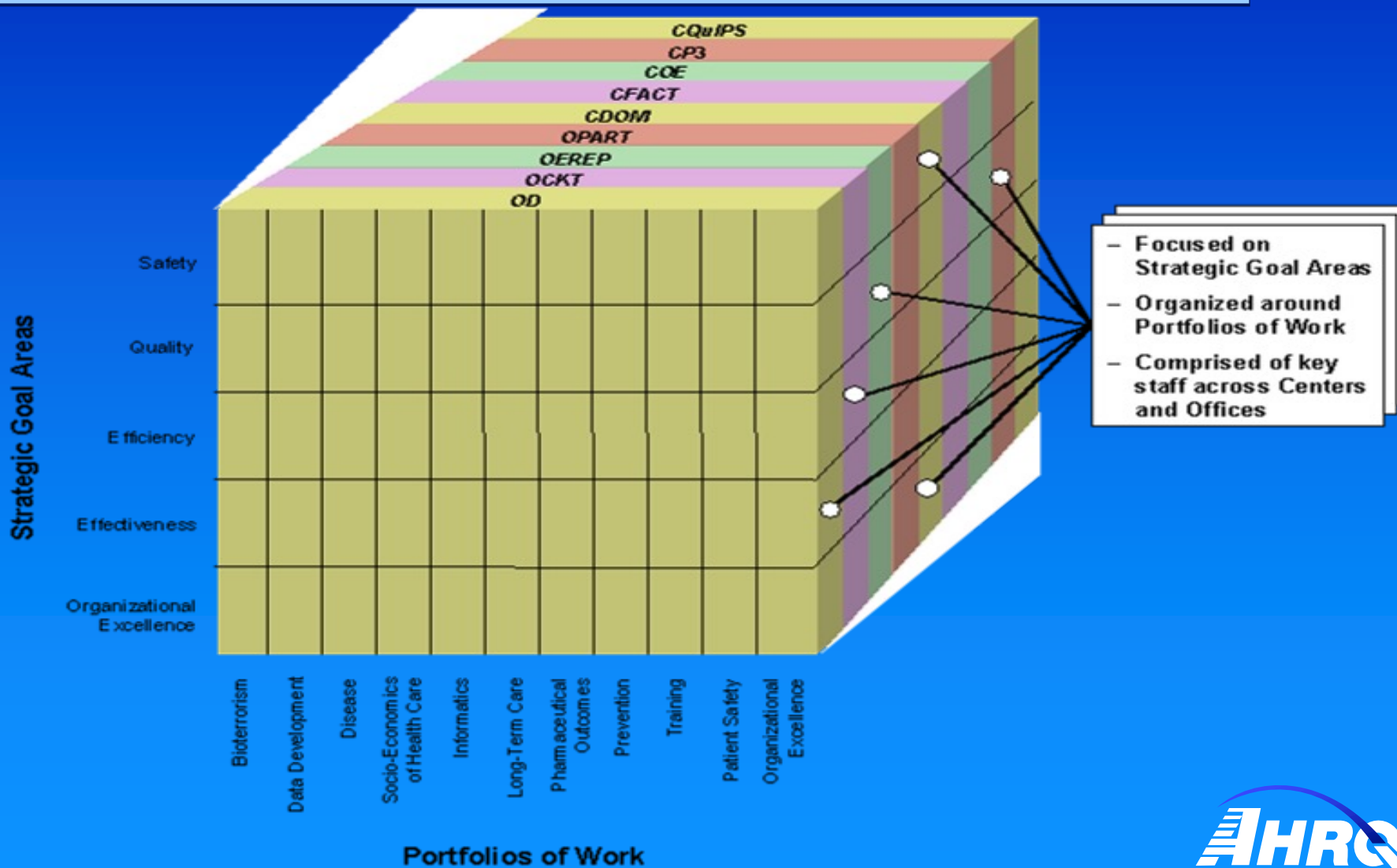
New Organization

- **OEREP** (Francis Chesley, MD, Director)
- **OCKT** (Chris Williams, Director)
- **OPART** (Kathie Kendrick, Director [Acting])
- **CDOM** (Irene Fraser, Ph.D., Director)
- **CFACT** (Steve Cohen, Ph.D., Director)
- **COE** (Jean Slutsky, Director [Acting])
- **CP3** (Helen Burstin, MD, MPH, Director)
- **CQuIPS** (Dan Stryer, MD, Director)

AHRQ's Management Framework

On-Going Collaborations

Coordinated effort on DHHS Data Council & DHHS Data Strategies Workgroup

Prioritize data collection efforts that inform health care policy and monitor the national's health care quality and public health.

Jointly designed DHHS Survey Integration Plan to achieve efficiencies in Departmental data collection efforts and fill important gaps to inform health policy

On-Going Collaborations

Joint support for statistical and methodological research to improve the quality, efficiency, timeliness of health care surveys

Co-sponsors of:

Conferences on Health Survey Research Methods

OMB's Statistical Policy Conference on Achieving Statistical Quality in a Diverse and Changing Environment

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Survey Design Collaborations

- **AHRQ serves on NHIS sample redesign research committee**

- **NCHS participates in MEPS steering group**

- **Co-sponsorship of expert meetings on typology of Long-Term Care Residential Settings**

On-going Collaborations

- Data and findings for inclusion in NHQR

- Data and findings for inclusion in NHDR

- Statistical research directed towards meeting HIPPA and data confidentiality standards

Survey Design Collaborations

Collaborative research on

- design of SLAITS to support state estimates of uninsured and SCHIP take-up

- measurement of the community based and residential care based long-term care and sub-acute care populations

- development of LTC provider frames, survey and data collection methods for assisted living and residential care populations

Health Information Technology

AHRQ focus on:

- developing, implementing, and evaluating the use of new and innovative technologies to improve patient safety and quality of care in diverse health care settings.

- clinical data standards and interoperability

Technological Innovations

New modes of data collection are becoming more viable: internet surveys, use of mobile phones, tablets, palms.

Caution in being on cutting edge: version 1 always has an upgrade

Computers, phones, palms, video capacity are coming together into the next generation of communication devices: need to anticipate the capacity and determine optimal time for adoption

Future Opportunities

Technological Innovations

- advances in CAPI systems

- web-based surveys

- mobile phone surveys

- more efficient use of existing electronic data systems for patient data

- Enhanced off-site data access to restricted data

Future Opportunities

- **NCHS providing additional sentinel data indicators for NHDR & NHDR**

- **Continued co-ordination on Early Alerts of alternative national estimates on health insurance coverage from federal surveys**

- **More visible collaborations between research and statistical staff to improve quality, efficiency and timeliness of sponsored surveys**

Future Opportunities

Collaborations on CDC Futures Initiative

Overarching health protection goals

- Health preparedness
- Health promotion and prevention of disease, injury and disability

Future Opportunities

Identification of innovative models for improved data access to restricted data

- Models for remote access

- Building on existing off-site Data Centers that promote regional access

- Tabular and graphic data summaries that promote knowledge transfer

Future Opportunities

NCHS/ AcademyHealth Health Policy Fellowships

- Include AHRQ rotation for visiting scholars in health services research-related disciplines
- Collaborations on studies to inform NHQR and NHDR

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Your Questions/Comments??