

# Measuring Up

## *“Meaningful”* Health Metrics

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**“If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.”** Lewis Carroll



# “Meaningful” Metrics

## Why collect data

- ❖ To assist in decision-making
  - Assess potential impacts
  - Identify trends
  - Choose between options

## Why not (potentially)

- ❖ When path forward has already been decided
- ❖ When there is no potential impact
- ❖ When costs for measurement exceed control expense



Measurable, Transparent and Standardized

# Why Use Metrics?



Someone once asked Slick Willie Sutton, the bank robber, why he robbed banks. The question might have uncovered a tale of injustice and lifelong revenge. Maybe a banker foreclosed on the old homestead, maybe a banker's daughter spurned Sutton for another.

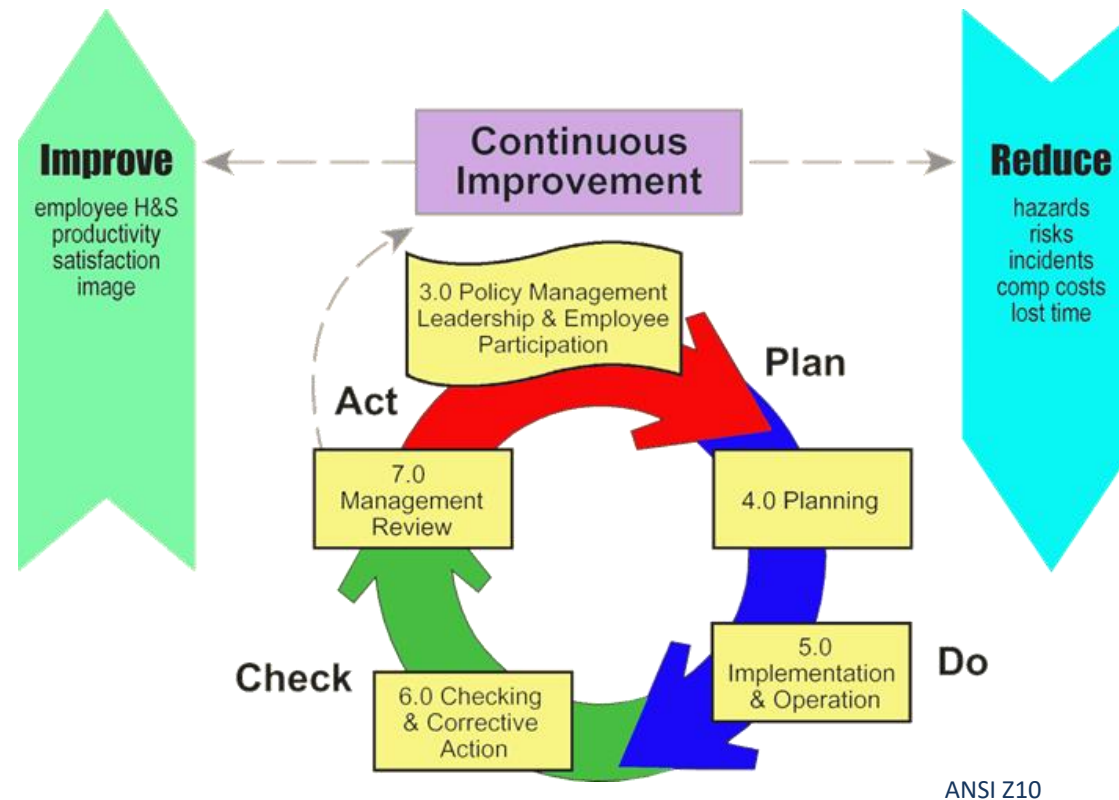
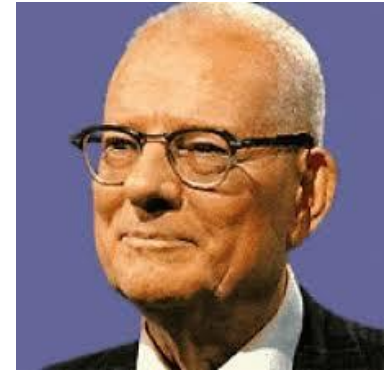
Sutton looked a little surprised, as if he had been asked “Why does a smoker light a cigarette?”

“I rob banks because that’s where the money is,” he said

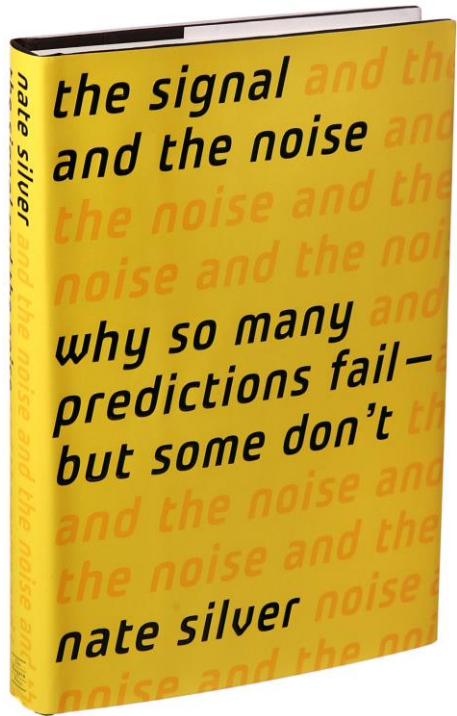
The Saturday Evening Post in January 1951

**Because That’s Where the Money (Leadership Attention) Is**

**“In God we trust;  
all others must bring data.”** W. Edwards  
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# Identifying Causation



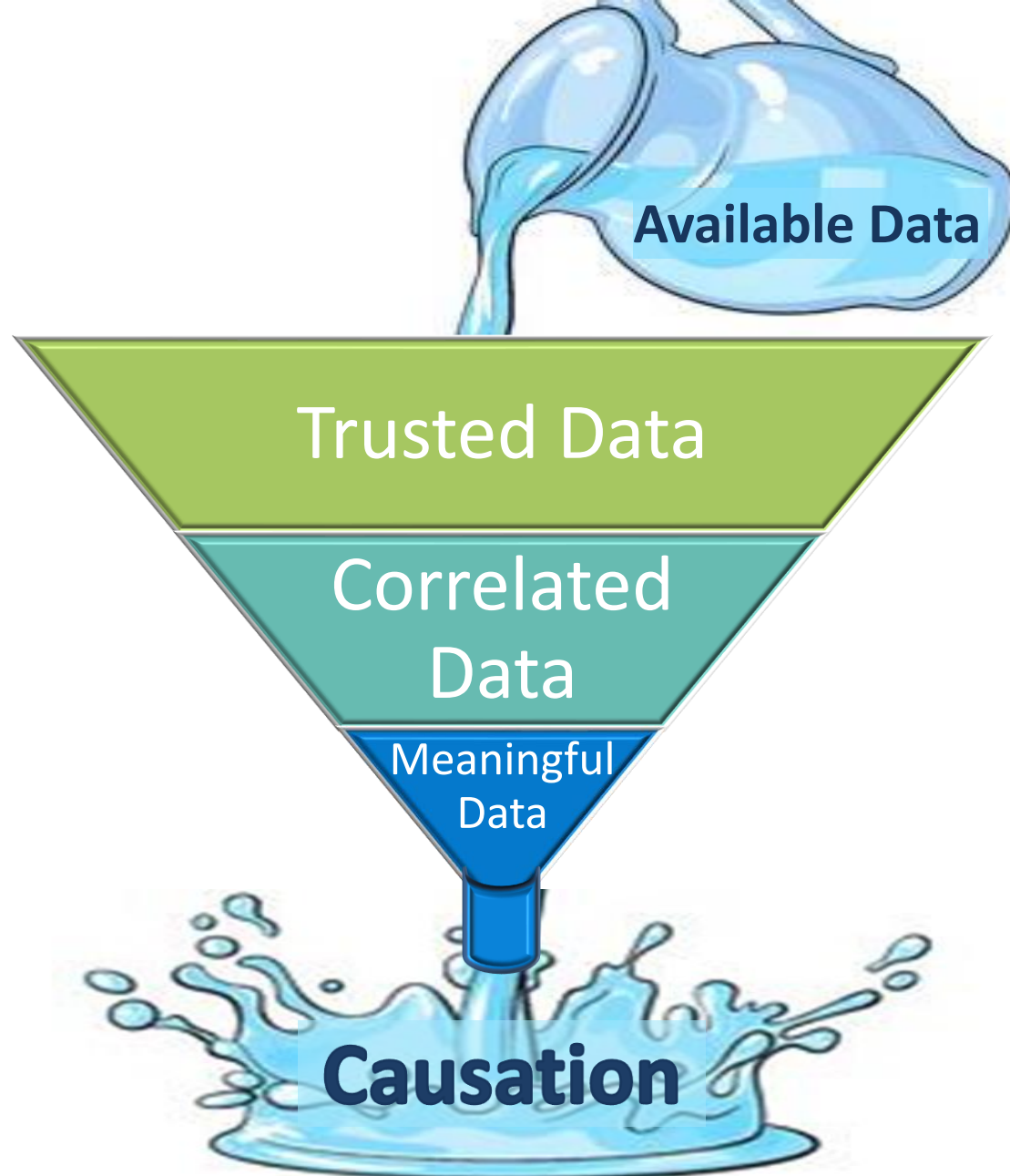
Just because two variables have a statistical relationship with each other does not mean that one is responsible for the other. For instance, ice cream sales and forest fires are correlated because both occur more often in the summer heat. But there is no causation; you don't light a patch of the Montana brush on fire when you buy a pint of Haagen-Dazs.”

— Nate Silver, The Signal and the Noise: Why So Many Predictions Fail - But Some Don't

**Correlation Does Not Imply Causation**



# Data Glut



# Early Epidemiology

- Hippocrates ~460 BC - 1st record of the relationship of disease to environmental impacts (“Humors” - air, fire, water and earth)
- Girolamo Fracastoro 1543 – Disease caused by very small, living particles
- Anton van Leeuwenhoek 1675 - visual evidence of living particles consistent with a germ theory of disease
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- John Snow 1854- Traced source of London cholera epidemic
- Pasteur and Koch late 1800s- Debunked “spontaneous generation”
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# Early Industrial Hygiene

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# The Birth of Health Metrics

While most early efforts were based on observations which could be considered “metrics” the most significant formalized data collection and analysis effort was described in Ramazzini’s work

## **“De Morbis Artificum Diatriba (Diseases of Workers)”**

*“When you come to a sick person, says Hippocrates, it behooves you to ask what uneasiness he is under, what was the cause of it, how many days he has been ill, how his belly stands, and what food he eats: To which I'd presume to add one interrogation more; namely, what Trade he is of.”*



Translation from Latin 1705

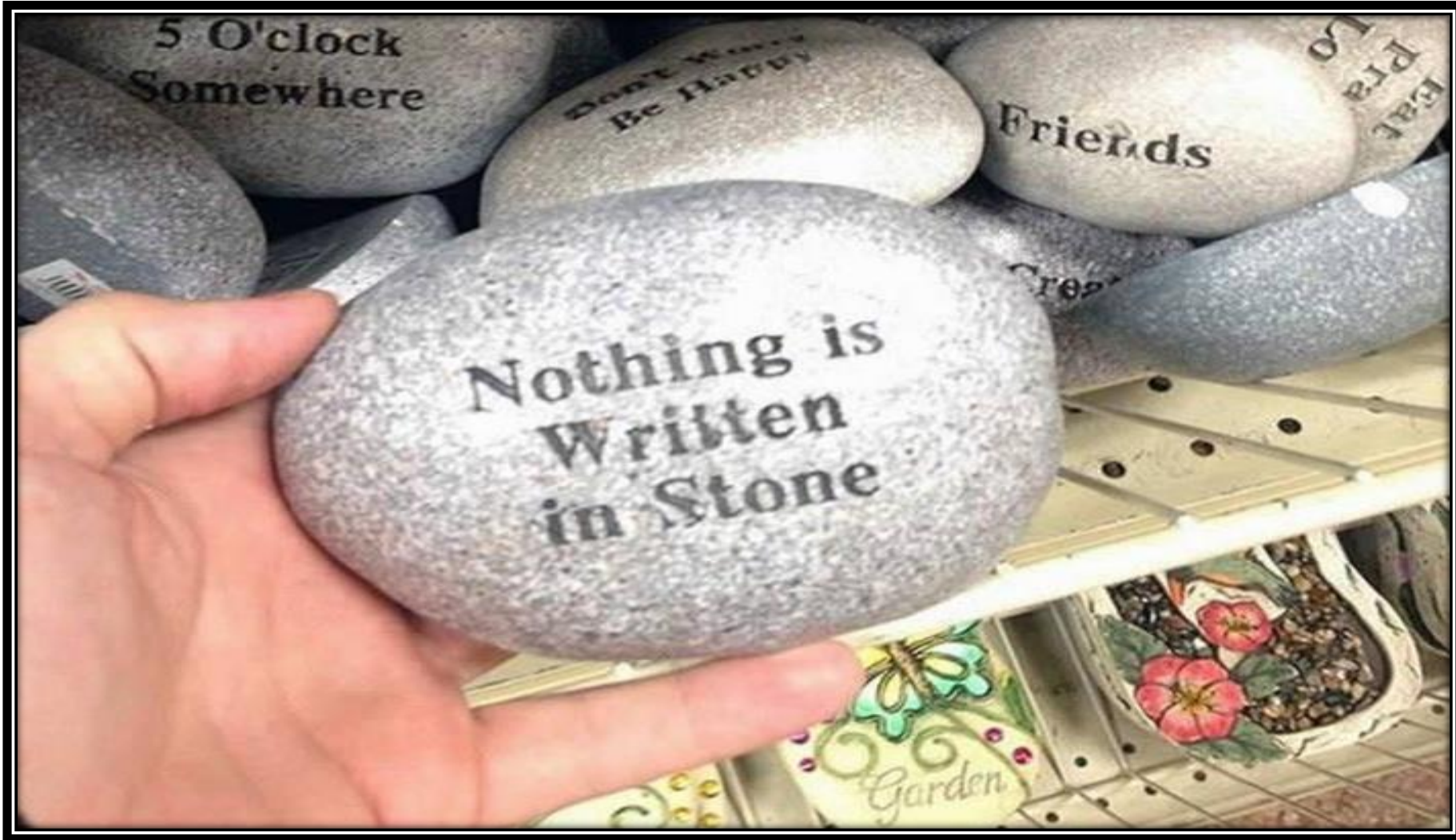
# Value Based Decision Making

1. Focus on measuring elements with greatest impact
2. Know your goal
  - Intellectual curiosity vs business/worker value
3. Is the answer “real”?
4. Can it be used to;
  - Identify concerns
  - Check progress
  - Evaluate program effectiveness
  - Facilitate communication



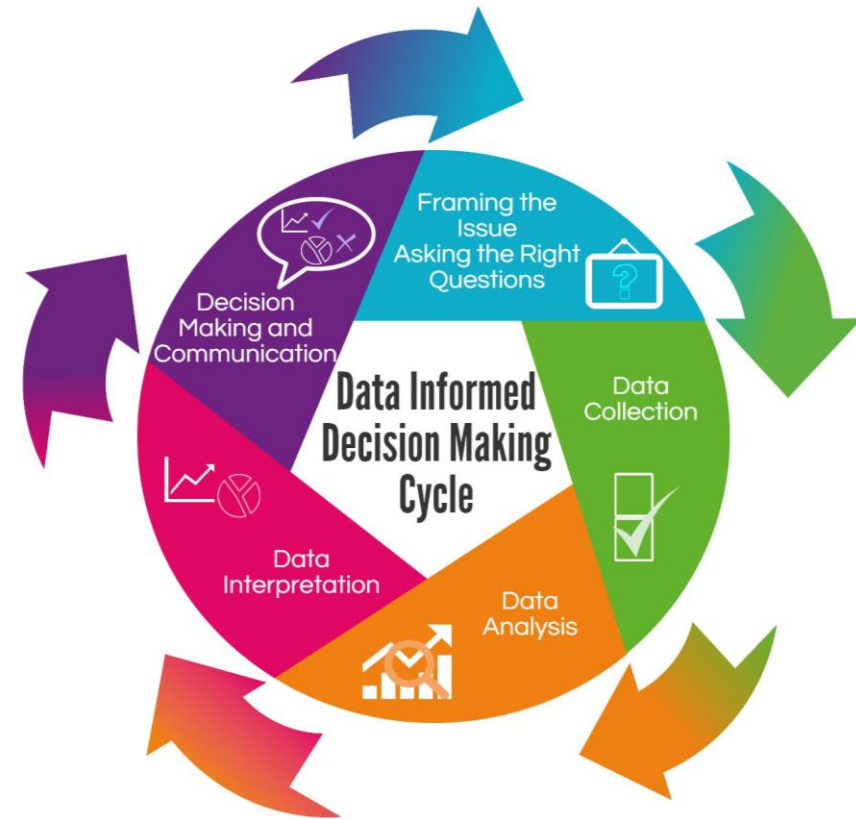


# Each Organization is Unique



# Data-Informed Decision-Making

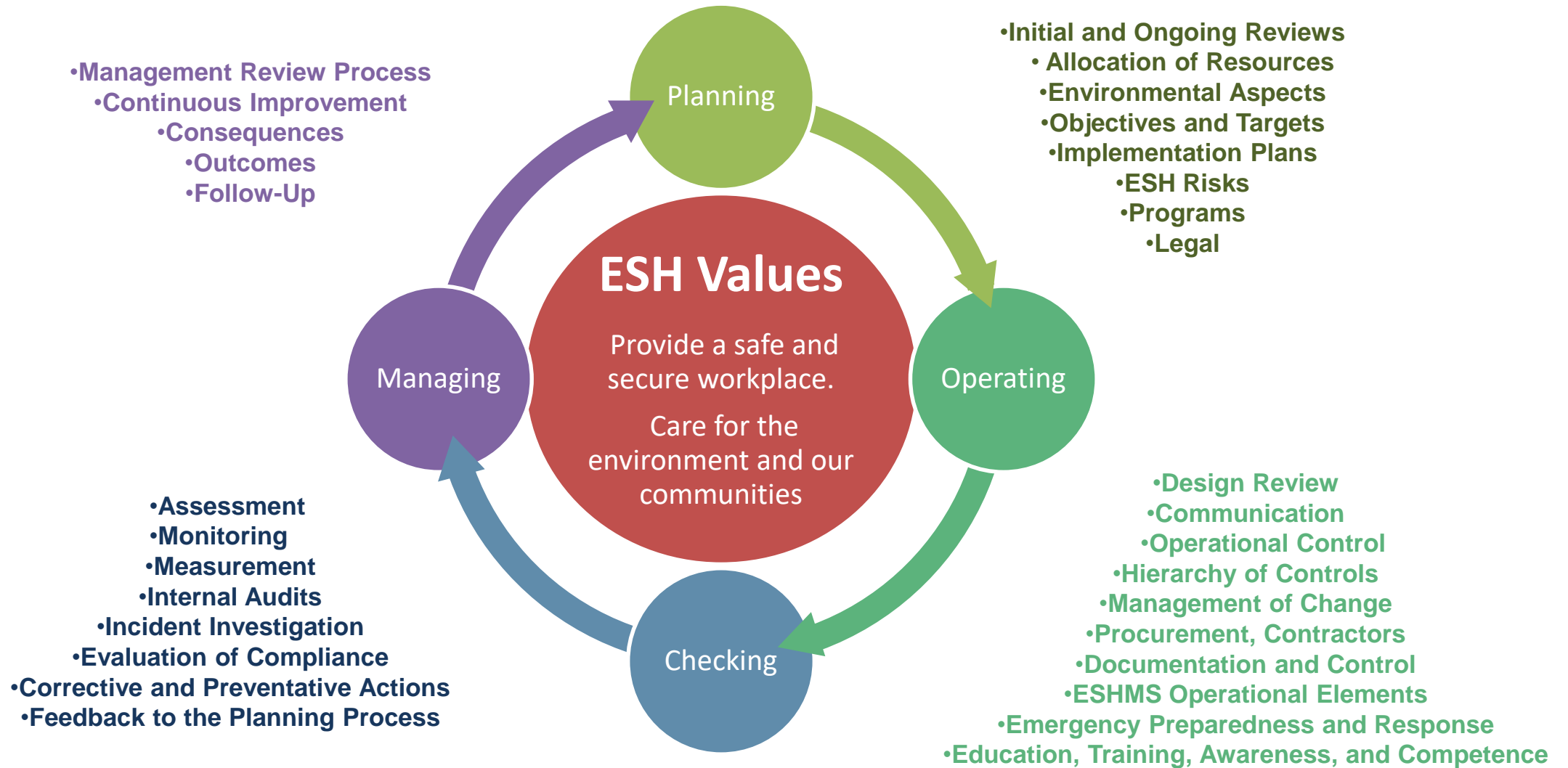
- Most common in educational setting
- Why not just “Data Based”?
  - ❖ Not limited to use of quantitative data
    - Experience, practical issues
- Programmatic direction
  - ❖ Available resources
  - ❖ Fine tune at local level
- Best used with low “action” level
  - ❖ Well below exposure concerns



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**Does this Approach Facilitate Decision-making?**

# Robust Process - ESHMS



# Leading Health Metrics

**Measurable, Meaningful, Transparent and  
Standardized**



- The Center was launched in June 2011 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (AIHA, ASSP, CSSE, IOSH)
- CSHS provides over 100,000 occupational safety and health professionals in over 70 countries with a stronger voice in shaping sustainability policies.
- Vision Statement - For all organizations to consider the safety, health and well-being of workers, customers and the community as part of their sustainable business practice.

# CSHS Goals



- To provide a strong voice and comprehensive leadership for safety and health in shaping sustainability policies.
- To educate the business community on the importance of safety and health as part of good corporate governance and corporate social responsibility/sustainability.
- To provide new insights into the measurement, management, and impact of safety and health sustainability.
- To be a recognized thought leader for sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

# Our View

- Health and safety performance should be publicly reported.
- Organizations have a responsibility to publicly and transparently report this information.
- Leading frameworks and standards bodies, including the Center, have a responsibility to ensure this can be done consistently and in a fashion that allows for comparison among organizations.

# Health Metrics

- Traditional reported metrics are most often retrospective/ lagging indicators that measure the consequences of unintended events
- Several attempts have been made to develop better indicators to help anticipate and minimize/prevent negative OHS consequences
- Convened a broad working group comprised of interested parties representing professional societies (IH, Safety, Medical etc.), industry, and government.
- Developing a recommended set of leading health indicators for publication

# Team

## Some Team Members Affiliations

- CDC
- NIOSH
- Colorado Department of Public Health
- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
- Keene State College
- IOSH
- American Chemistry Council
- Honeywell
- 3M
- SAIF Corporation
- General Motors
- Western Digital Corporation
- Westat
- Chevron
- CARDNO
- Lockheed
- L'Oréal
- Tetrattech
- DuPont
- Suncor Energy

## Project Lead & AIHA Staff

- Alan Leibowitz (CSHS) – EHS Systems Solutions
- Stacy Calhoun (AIHA) – Project Manager
- Larry Sloan (AIHA) - CEO

# Strategy Outline

**Our Mission:** Development of new leading health metrics that are used by all OHS professionals and the broader community worldwide

**Our Vision:** Consistent health metrics to drive the elimination of workplace illnesses globally - improving workplace health and wellness

Strategic Framework Goals		
Develop Leading OHS Metrics	Foster Community	Drive Awareness & Global Acceptance
Strategic Objectives		
1. Review previously developed / existing materials developed by AIHA, multi-national companies and other stakeholder groups	1. Leverage AIHA Catalyst online community platform to develop and test feasibility of core set of metrics	1. Seek outside assistance to develop harmonized messaging that speaks to the core issue
2. Agree on a draft set of leading health metrics based on agreed upon criteria	2. Work with non-CSHS Intersociety Forum members (e.g. NAEM, NSC) and other experts (e. g. OSHA, NIOSH) to obtain input and rally support	2. Secure few key global partners (e.g. non-profits, trade publications) to help generate awareness
3. Beta test metrics with selected stakeholder groups	3. Liaise with manufacturing trade associations (e.g. NAM) whose members should have vested interest in project	3. Develop target marketing campaigns to test and measure awareness/acceptance rates over time
4. Distribute guidance material into the marketplace.	4. Encourage incorporation into other existing standards (e. g. GRI)	4. Deliver presentations at various meetings of interested organizations.
Metrics of Success		
1. See the creation of new set of leading health metrics	1. Attract interest and engagement on Catalyst by tracking upward trending discussion thread activity	1. Create compelling messaging that resonates favorably with multi-national companies
2. Affirm “viability” and “usability” of metrics by leading multi-national companies	2. Secure allies in manufacturing, design/build, and other key designated industry sectors allied with our mission	2. Measure effectiveness of marketing campaigns based on established “awareness” and “favorability” factors
		3. See adoption of new metrics by increasing number of multi-national companies year-over-year

# Editing Outline

Section	Content	Responsible team/author
<b>Cover page</b> - Title, Sponsors	-Best Practice Guide for Leading Health Metrics in Occupational Health and Safety Programs -AIHA, CSHS	Editing
<b>Copyright page</b>	-Copyright - date 2020? -Citation caveats (from CSHS, AIHA), -Standard use disclaimers	Editing
<b>Table of Contents</b>	TBD	Editing
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	-List task force members, contributors -Intended audience, use = broad IH community (IH, Medical, engineering, HR...), integrator, practitioner	Editing
<b>Introduction</b>	Who is CSHS? AIHA? Why this guide on LHM? Value to reader/organization -To advance forward thinking -Link metrics to work Scope: -What is/ is not included? -Safety/Injury Metrics -Health Program metrics -Community health metrics Approach – survey/literature review, nothing new – we describe features of LHMs presented in the literature	Alan Outreach/Data collection
<b>Organization of Guide</b>	How to use	Editing
<b>Elements of a Leading Health Metric</b>	-What is health (i.e., a health indicator)? -Elements included: Performance measure, Measurement method, , Health outcome, Time element, Improvement goal/target (optional), etc... -Calculations - Denominators	Editing/ALL
<b>Types/categories/dimensions health metrics</b>	Summary of different categorizations of LHMs, when and why appropriate	Data review
<b>Gaps identified</b>	Missing types/categories of LHMs, inadequate measurement description, etc., TWH	
<b>Recommended LHMs (by category)</b>	Listing of recommended LHMs (with source), why/how selected	Data Analysis
<b>References</b>	Citations in text	Editing
<b>Definitions</b>	TBD	Editing
<b>Appendices</b>	Table of literature found by search with some, useful information (i.e., Catalog) TBD (Examples vs case studies) Curate metrics Anticipation/recognition phases	Data review/analysis  Paul W: Stats, CIs



# Draft Roadmap

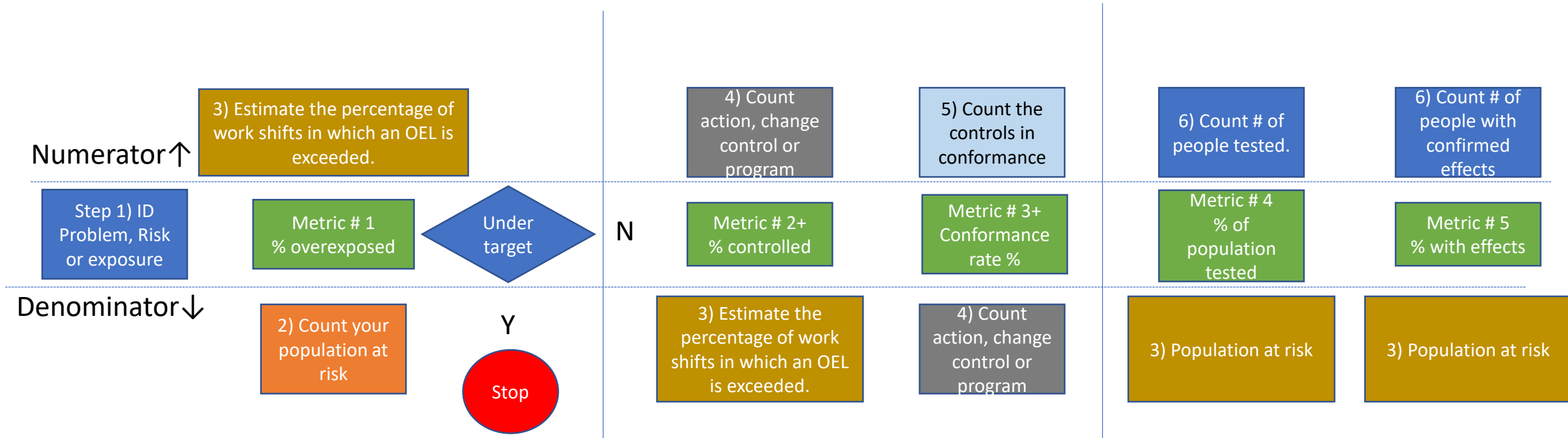
Roadmap Elements	Summary Roadmap					
	Current Position	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020Q1	Vision / Future State
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Collection</li> <li>Stakeholder Outreach                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate</li> <li>Regulatory</li> <li>Association</li> <li>Academic</li> </ul> </li> <li>Data Review                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard process</li> <li>Learning</li> <li>Talent Development</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early stages</li> <li>Data not organized</li> <li>Know what we know</li> </ul>	Complete Collection				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All requests and follow-up complete</li> <li>Representative data from all sectors</li> </ul>
		Organize Data				
		Develop Template(s)				
		Review previously developed / existing materials Data				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Editing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Model</li> <li>Learning</li> <li>Talent Development</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leads established</li> <li>Work not yet initiated</li> </ul>	Review innovative ideas				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examples identified, analyzed and organized</li> <li>Opportunities identified</li> </ul>
			Develop outline			
				Draft Product		
					Beta test	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish and Promote                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer Focus</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Work not yet initiated					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metrics selected</li> <li>Final publication produced</li> </ul>
					TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality product widely communicated</li> </ul>

**Develop, Publish and Communicate - Measurable, Meaningful, Transparent and Standardized Leading Health Metrics**

# Using Metrics (concepts)

1. ID problem, or exposure
2. Calculate total population at risk/population total, or population overexposed/population at risk.
3. Set a target.
4. If less than target, and data or target not expected to change, stop. If not, consider additional metrics to refine understanding.
5. Often the numerator from one step becomes the denominator for the next.
6. Overall goal is assessment of risk for all individuals

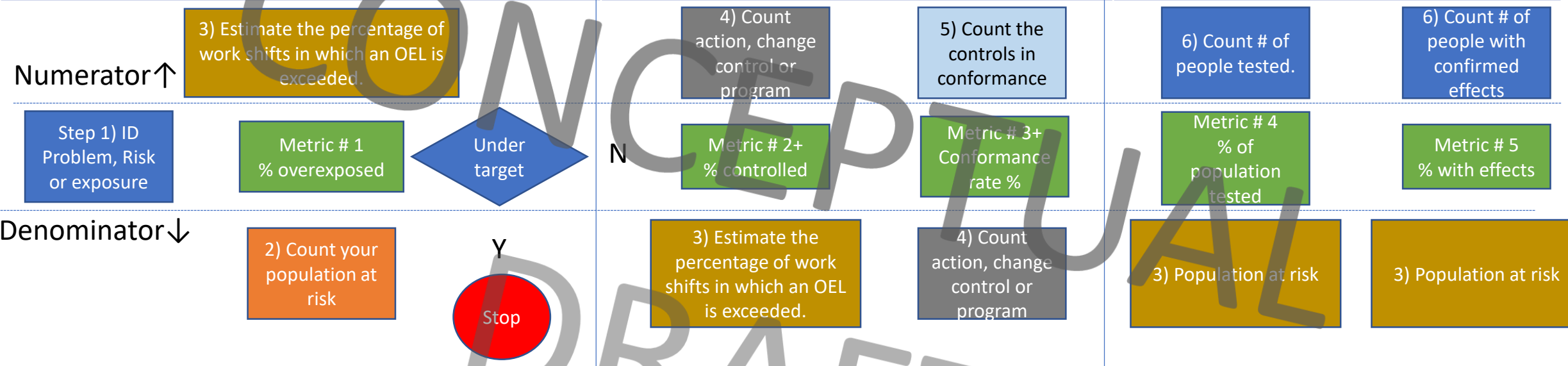
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CONCEPTUAL DRAFT

# Methodology to Develop a Set of Metrics

Problem, Exposure or Risk	Actions, systems, programs, controls, etc.	Resulting Effect
ID your problem, or exposure, and count the total population at risk/population total, or population overexposed/population at risk. This is your starting metric. Yields a %. Set a target. If you are under target, and you don't expect data or target to change, stop. If not, consider additional metrics.	For EACH action, change, control, set Metric # 2 and 3. If you are using a program, there may be many steps, you may need multiple metric # 2 and 3. Notice the previous numerator becomes the denominator. This gives you more predictors that the resulting health effects can be minimized by the efforts here. Each of these metrics should be compared to a target, and themselves over time to continually improve.	The health effects may be quantitative or qualitative. Often, exposures can be tested with biomarkers. Sometimes you will compare pre and post exposure biomarkers as well. If health effects are evident, and the previous set of metrics (2 and 3) did not predict, recalibrate your actions, programs, controls, etc. There may be other effects of the exposure besides health that you want to measure. Typically, you want zero resulting effects.



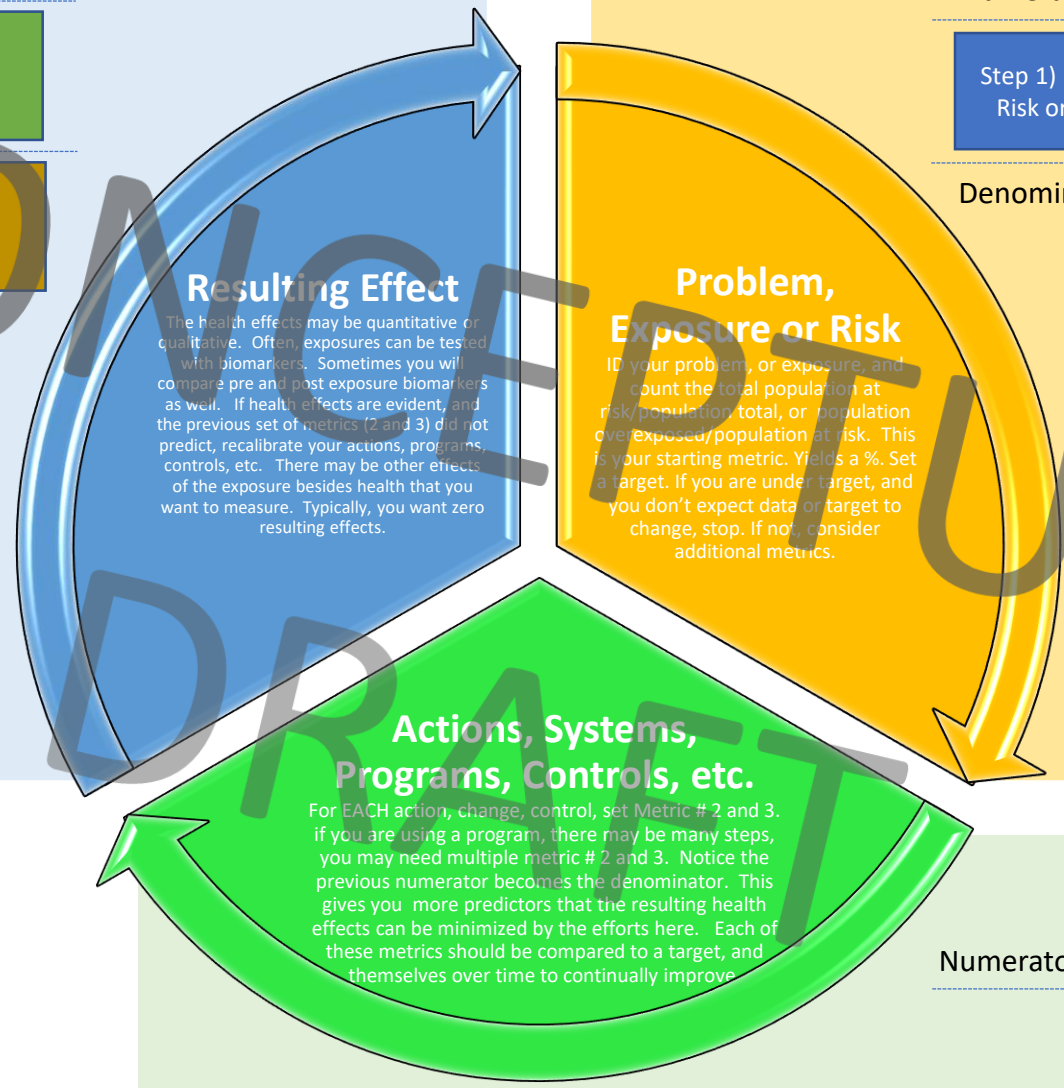
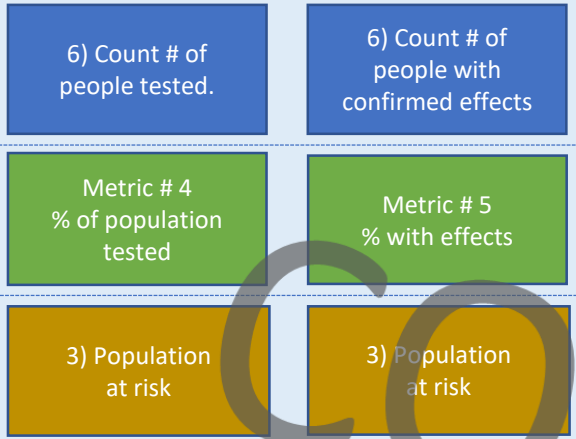
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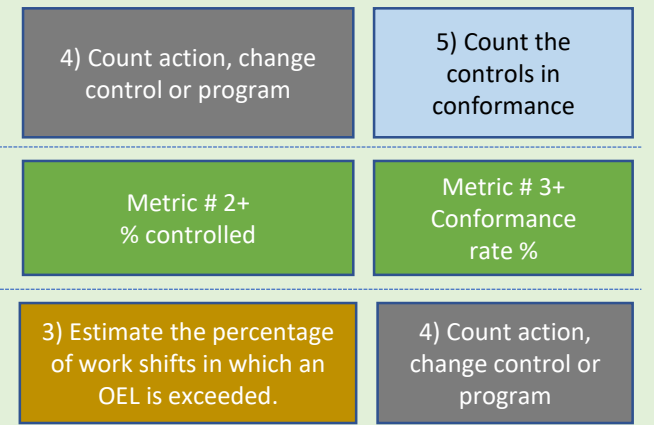
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# Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

- Robert Woods Johnson Foundation with GRI
  - ❖ “A Culture of Health for Business: Guiding Principles to Establish a Culture of Health for Business”
  - ❖ Released in April 2019
  - ❖ GRI Metrics, literature review, corporate reporting, psychosocial predictors
  - ❖ Initial gaps observed – IH, Total Worker Health



# A Culture of Health for Business

- **Part I: A Culture of Health for Business**
  - A. Introduction
  - B. Health
  - C. Business & Health
  - D. How the Private Sector Can Further Contribute to a Culture of Health and Improve Business Performance
  - E. How Should the Marketplace Think About A Culture of Health?
- **Part II: Project Research**
  - A. Literature Review: Culture of Health Business Practices
  - B. Health Measures in Major Environmental, Social and Governance Frameworks
  - C. Corporate Reporting of COH Business Practices



# Campbell Institute National Safety Council

- ❖ “Leading Indicators for Health & Wellbeing” and implementation guide
- ❖ Released in 9/9/19
- ❖ Medical aspects, scope, outcomes, participation, program vitality



# Leading Indicators for Health & Wellbeing

1. **Education/Awareness** - Metrics intended to measure the awareness of employees when it comes to the organizational H&W offerings
2. **Reach** - Measures of the scope of H&W activities in terms of geographic location and/or populations reached
3. **Participation** - Metrics measuring the extent of employee participation in H&W programs/activities
4. **Satisfaction** - Measures of employee satisfaction with H&W programs/activities
5. **Organizational Health** - Measures to assess the “health” or functioning of the H&W program



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