



Substance Use Disorder Metrics Workgroup

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Current Projects



**Aligning Substance Use
Disorder Metrics Across
State Agencies**



**Economic
Competitiveness**



Healthy Aging



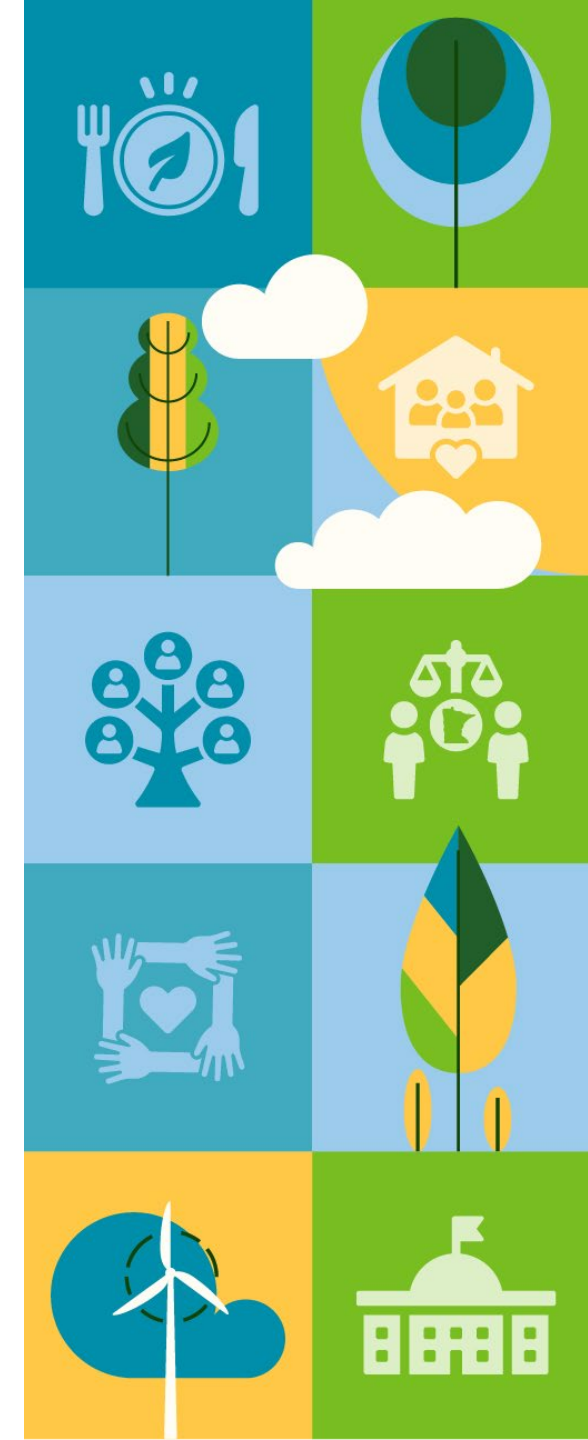
Minnesota AI Vision



**Small Communities
Planning Assistance**



**Long-term Water
Quality & Quantity**



Project overview

- Convened a workgroup of agency subject matter experts through Subcabinet member referrals, OAR, Results, and other workgroup members.
- **Represented agencies include:** COMM, DCT, DCYF, DHS, DOC, MDH, MICH, & MMB
- **Two-phased project** to align with the phased timeline of the Subcabinet's Interagency State SUD Plan.
 - **Phase 1: Understand the current state of SUD measurement** (July 2025 – May 2026)
 - **Phase 2: Provide measurement recommendations to the Subcabinet** (June – December 2026)

Phase 1 Summary

Phase 1

- Understand the current state of SUD measurement
- July 2025 – May 2026

Key Question:
**What are we measuring
related to substance
use, addiction, and
recovery?**

Deliverables:
1. Key Measure Catalog
2. Data Asset Inventory
3. Tool User Guide

Phase 1 Process

Measure Catalog = the “what” and the “why”

- What are we measuring in the substance use space?
- Why do these measures matter?



Measure
Catalog



High Value
Data Asset
Inventory

Tool user guide = the “when” and “who”

- When will the catalog and inventory be updated?
- Who will lead their maintenance and data owner engagement?



Tool User
Guide

Data Inventory = the “where” and “how”

- Where does the data for these measures come from?
- How is it captured, stored, and used?

Process learnings from Phase 1

- **Measurement approaches vary:** There was variation in understanding of what a measure is across agencies.
- **Opportunity for more collaboration:** Many data sources (~39) across multiple agencies contributed to this first round of the measure catalog—opportunity for centralized documentation and interagency collaboration on shared measure definitions and use.
- **Energy generated to improve:** Agency staff were animated by thinking about better data collection and use and opportunities for cross-agency collaboration.

Our Workgroup Focus: Phase 2

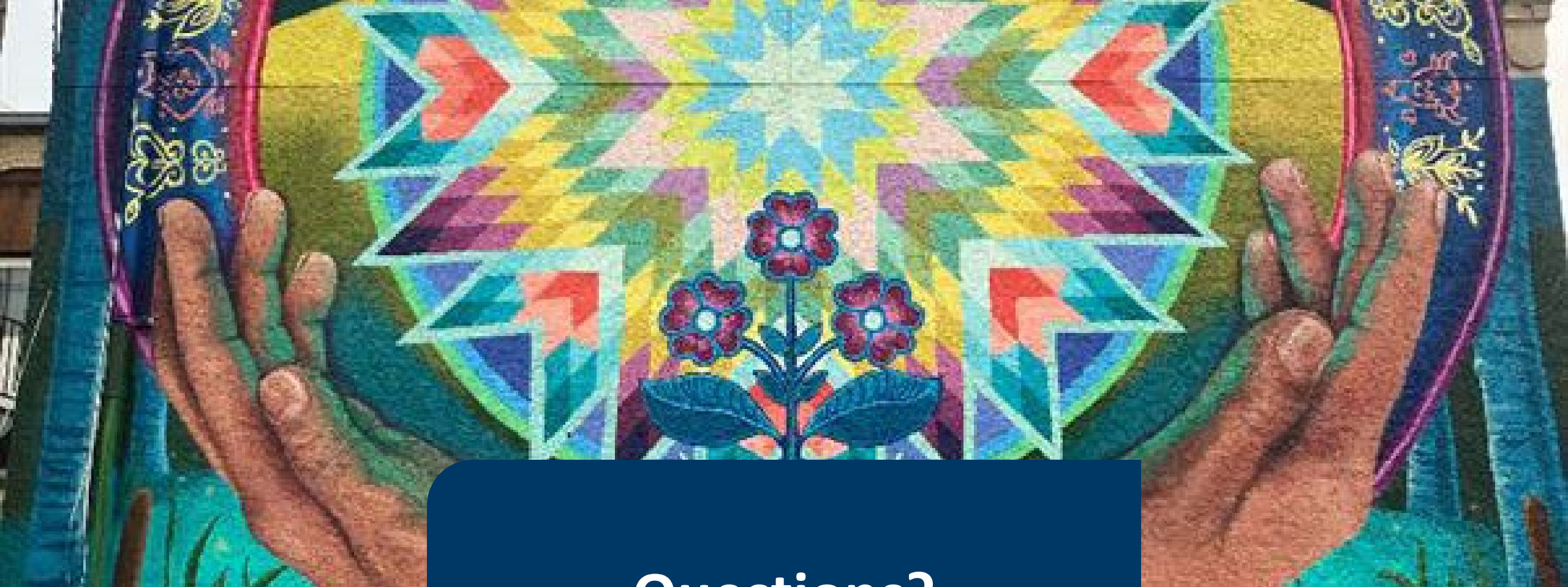
Phase 2

- Provide measurement recommendations to the Subcabinet.
- June – December 2026

Key Question:
How do we know we're
making a difference
collectively across agencies
and as a Subcabinet?

Deliverables:

1. Recommendations for plan measurement
2. Data implementation framework



Questions?