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Well, thank you. I'm excited to be here to talk to you all about the Regulatory Metrics Committee. Just by a show of hands, who has heard of this committee? All right, a few. It's new. And honestly, it's something I never thought I would be interested in. I actually went to law school, so I never had to deal with numbers and things like that.

But here I am. That's another story. But before getting started, I just want to thank the NCSBN. They have been a wonderful resource to me and all the committee members. We have a great time, and I'd like to take a second before we get started to thank Brendan Martin. Stand up, Brendan. He has been such an invaluable resource to me, thank you, and the committee.

I don't think I could do this without him, and he has been really great. So before I get started, not that all of you would see me present to my board, but I always start off with something with my kids. And as I was going through the pictures I was going to use, I realized these are all activities that I have with my kids that probably just drives my wife crazy.

So the first is dirt bike racing with my son. So there he is. You know, he almost made it to the end of that jump, but that drives my wife crazy. That's my daughter. She is a cheerleader, obviously. Now, that doesn't drive my wife crazy, but what does is I went to a father-daughter stunt thing where I can pick her up and throw her up like that.

That drives my wife crazy. I had a video of that, but I couldn't get it to quite work. And then, just being from Ohio, I had to throw in something about the Buckeyes, right? So behind me is Ohio Stadium, and that's my son's flag football team that I coach. He's on the end there with me.

And we got to do a tournament in the spring at Ohio Stadium. So I am a Buckeyes fan, but not one of those crazy Buckeyes fans, so I'll just put that out there. So here's the rest of the committee members, and we have, again, a great time. I think that our committee brings together a diverse group of members and have different perspectives and thinks about things that one of us might miss.

So that's Laura Blackhurst from Oregon, Emma Cozart from Washington, Kelly Hoffman from Pennsylvania, Kyle Martin from North Dakota, Angie Matthes from North Carolina, Vicki Muscat from Nova Scotia, and Lydia Watkins from Georgia. And when we do get off track in the Regulatory Metrics Committee, I'll have to say it's probably Kyle talking about some weather stuff.

So if you're interested in weather, talk to Kyle Martin. So our objective. The objective of the Regulatory Metrics Committee is to empower member boards with actionable insights by developing a comprehensive regulatory metrics framework and making data accessible, enabling them to measure their impact and effectiveness while driving continuous improvement. So our charge is to analyze CORE data and methodology.

Now, CORE was an older survey where we gathered metrics, and as we were looking through some of these documents, we realized even though it's only about 10 years old, a lot of things have changed. For instance, it was clear from the CORE data that we were looking at is that a lot of people still used paper applications.

I think most of us have moved to more of a digital or electronic format. We collect member input to identify and define key regulatory metrics and data collection strategies. This was something that took me a while to wrap my head around, but I finally got it. So one of the things that I think in the group that we all kind of focus on and come on is, you know, what helps our individual boards?

What data could we have at our fingertips that helps, for instance, Ohio, right? But something that might help Ohio might not have any bearing to the rest of the members. So what are those things that could be something specific to our board or your board, but that would benefit everyone? You know, in our last meeting, I think that a lot came out. Legislators always like data, right?

They like numbers. So it's what are those things that we can kind of identify that doesn't just help us, but helps everyone? Develop practical tools and systems for ongoing data collection, analysis, and visualization. Publish updated guidance and tools for use by member boards. So we've had two meetings, and that was January 27th to 28th. For those on the East Coast, that was during Snowmageddon 2026, what I like to say.

So it was a hybrid meeting, which, again, I have to give it up to the NCSBN staff to make that pretty seamless. June 15th and 16th, so about a couple of months ago, was our second meeting. And then September, coming up in a month, is our next meeting. The January meeting, we just had NCSBN departments and staff come in and kind of show us some data sets, show us what they do, show us, you know, any gaps.

We talked about any gaps in tracking or questions about the integrity of the existing metrics, meaning how to complete our knowledge of certain elements. So, for example, if only 10% of cells for a gender are populated within Nursys, that's not particularly a viable resource, right, because that's not giving us the complete data set. Finally, there was also some discussion and consideration given to the limits or potential obstacles of developing or adopting existing systems to ingest new information.

And then during our June meeting, the committee dove into the existing data sources housed and managed by NCSBN. So for nurses, CORE, I think we went over... We started on board member profiles. Let's go here. There we go.

See, I jumped ahead of myself. And then what we will have to do in September is finish the board member profiles, go to the workforce data, the education data, and some of the NCLEX. You know, this first set is pulling out those datas from what we already have in the data set and say, "Okay, this is something that we can use. This is something that we can't use."

So I think we're almost there. Again, two meetings in, but we're moving along. The next steps is identifying... We'll do a final review, I'm sorry, of our board member profiles, and then we'll turn to the workforce education exams. Once those tasks are complete, we'll determine what, if any, gaps are in the report exist, for example, if members of the committee identify a particular measure as critical, but it cannot be readily sourced in its current form, how do we get that data?

If elements fitting the description emerge, we'll then recommend data collection strategies, which could range from appending new questions or variables to existing data streams, proposing completely new data collection tools and/or methods. From there, we'll ensure each identified key regulatory metric is well-defined and that the practical tools for making these metrics readily accessible to and usable by members are identified before forwarding on our recommendations to the board of directors for consideration and approval.

So how do we define success? Well, the work underlying this initiative is really guided by a desire to inform and facilitate a reimagining of how us, members, access and use data housed and managed by NCSBN to protect the public. That means, in relation to this committee's work is that we will look to support members' real-time access to key regulatory metrics via an online platform, supported by several interactive dashboards.

Now, what form that will take, and just how many dashboards, or what level of interactivity, and how access will be controlled are still to be determined based on the outcome of our process here. So any questions? Or hopefully you all know a little bit more about the Regulatory Metrics Committee and what we do.

I encourage you, if you have any ideas, reach out to me. There's my email address or any of the committee members', and we'll definitely bring it up at our meetings. All right, thank you.