

The Role of the Performance Improvement Officer

Overview

Agency Performance Improvement Officers (PIOs) advise and assist agency leaders to ensure that the mission and goals of the agency are achieved. PIOs are responsible for the following:

- Leading efforts to set goals
- Reviewing progress on those goals and identifying course corrections
- Promoting a culture of using data and evidence, managing risks, and communicating performance information



What does this look like?

Supporting agency leaders in setting goals, reviewing progress, making course corrections, and making results transparent by:

- Advising organizational components in strategic planning
- Leading progress reviews using data, analysis, and evaluations
- Communicating goals, progress, and challenges within the agency and to the public

Working across the agency to improve operational effectiveness and communication of organizational performance by:

- Partnering with Chief Financial Officers to evaluate resource allocations and incorporate performance information in agency budgets
- Working with Chief Information
 Officers and Chief Administrative
 Officers to validate capital
 investments to advance agency goals
- Coordinating with Chief Human Capital Officers to align personnel to mission priorities

Helping agency program managers and goal leaders promote the adoption of effective practices to improve outcomes by:

- Selecting meaningful goals and measures
- Designating accountable goal leaders
- Running effective progress reviews and identifying course corrections
- Communicating goals, measures, analysis, and results
- Managing risks to priorities and goals

What's in it for a PIO?

Performance management and its underlying legal framework give PIOs some key levers to pull to implement priorities within their agency:

- Opportunity to deliver quantifiable results across the organization and to the agency's ultimate customers -- the public
- Seat at the table with agency leaders to guide the mission and mission-support activities of the agency
- Ability to align agency work and priorities to the Administration's priorities
- Access to the Performance Improvement Council and the Office of Shared Solutions and Performance Improvement to hook into cross-agency management initiatives and implementation support and to share best practices with other agencies

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