

CHALLENGING DATA ELEMENTS

CAN WE FIND SOLUTIONS?

Basis for Current Data Element

Problems with the Data Element

Discussion – Ideas to Revise

Consensus/Summary

ACTIVE LOANS & ACTIVE LOAN AMOUNT

Current requirement & problems

- statute requires reporting of “the default rate”
- “rate” suggests a ratio
- no major problems with current year number of loans in default or net loss of loans in default data (numerator data element)
- “active loans” (denominator) is the issue
 - accurate data frequently not available from bank partners
 - buy-down only loans not included
 - other loans reported not included
 - loans that close within the year not included
 - states with no active loans never have default rate

ACTIVE LOANS & ACTIVE LOAN AMOUNT

Ideas to Revise

- 3 or 5 year cumulative total as denominator?
 - multi-year of number of loans and loan amount = denominator
 - current FY number of defaults and net loss amount = numerator
 - include all loans reported regardless of “investment”?
- fund balance as overall loss ratio?
 - beginning FY program fund balance = denominator
 - gain/loss for end of FY program fund balance = numerator
 - report number of defaults for year without calculating a ratio
 - would this work for non-Title III funded programs?
- other options?

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Current requirement & problems

- statute generally requires performance measures
- RSA developed concept of access and acquisition
- areas (ed, employ, comm living, IT/Tel) in statute
- small N invalidates ratio
- some activities better suited to specific areas
- no performance measures for some activities
 - SFA and Reuse have excluded recipients
 - Device Loan has non decision-making purposes

PERFORMANCE MEASURES (CONT.)

Ideas to Revise

- delete IT/Telecom (will take statute change)
- overall access & acquisition measure (eliminate areas)
 - % for access and % for acquisition (statute change?)
- develop additional parallel performance measure for SFA activities that are externally funded
 - reasons for using program – administrative efficiency, expertise available, cost effective / convenience, none of the above?
- develop additional performance measures for non decision-making device loan
 - why borrow from program - only option (rent NA, too expensive) / convenience, none of the above
 - function maintenance/access during loan?
 - positive outcome of professional development?

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Current requirement & problems

- SFA consumers classified by “geographical distribution”
- Training-participant geographic distribution as practicable
- RUCC metro, non-metro categories useful?
- Geographic data overall useful?

Ideas to Revise

- Other classification option?
- Delete requirements from statute?

OTHER DATA ELEMENTS THAT GIVE YOU HEARTBURN?

Data Element, Issue, and Idea to Revise

Next Steps:

Summarize consensus

**Identify revisions that can be made without
statute change – work with RSA to implement**

**Add revisions that require statute change to
reauthorization priority list**