



## **Midwest Data Collaborative (MWC) Meeting**

Franklin Square Room, Hamilton Hotel, Washington DC

March 27, 2023

### **3:20 PM Introductions and Our Charge**

Charge: To affirm strategic goals for the Midwest Collaborative and identify action-steps for the next year and a half.

### **3:25 PM Pathways to Innovation: Creating the Conditions for Data Projects and Products**

1. Engage state agencies around bylaws, MOU – Cynthia Forland
2. Identify priority research agenda items - Anna Hui
  - a. Equity in the Unemployment Insurance System
  - b. Equity in Higher Education
  - c. Education and Credential Attainment
  - d. Child, Family, and Social Services
  - e. Teacher Workforce
3. Establish partnerships for project and product innovation - George Putnam
  - a. RFI Process

### **3:40 PM Small-Group Discussion**

*Note: small-group discussions will begin with participant self-introductions*

*Governance: Bylaws and MOU*

1. What are the action steps for the next 3-6 months? 6-18 months?
2. Who are the champions in each state or agency?
3. What supports do state agencies need to move toward adoption?

*Project partnerships and innovation: the RFI Process*

1. What are the action steps for the next 3-6 months? 6-18 months?
2. What near-term opportunities exist for “Tier 1” and “Tier 2” projects?
3. What are effective strategies or channels for communicating about RFI opportunities with external applied researchers (e.g. universities, research organizations, etc.)? What existing partnerships/relationships can be leveraged or expanded?

### **4:15 PM Identify Key Take-Aways and Plan for Wednesday Morning Presentation**

### **4:25 PM Adjourn and Return to Hamilton Ballroom**

