

KEY (Parsimonious?)* CONSIDERATIONS

Issues for discussion summary and decisions on next steps

- **Purpose.** For what purpose are the core metrics being developed—e.g. attention to determinants, performance ranking, program management, payment accountability?
- **Players.** Which stakeholders must be consulted to best understand the needs most important for the chosen purpose?
- **Precedents.** What health metrics work is already completed or under way, what have been the lessons learned, and how can they best be linked?
- **Process.** What will be the most efficient means of gathering the necessary perspectives, engaging the key stakeholders, and sharpening decisions?
- **Portrayal.** What conceptual framework for the display of the metrics most fosters the intuitive grasp of their importance and their actionability?
- **Poignance.** What are the best examples of sentinel metrics which convey the most meaning and facilitate or trigger the most local initiative?
- **Points.** Which data points comprise the most practical universe from which the core set will be drawn?
- **Production.** How will the data be generated, at what frequency, how will they be reliably and comparably generated over time and place?
- **Priorities.** What criteria will be used to determine the core set and to decide the locus and means of continuously improving the generative process?
- **Prospection.** How will the core set anticipate, set the stage for, and build toward continuously improving the core metrics for a continuously learning health system?

**List inspired by Secretary Dooley's engagement of parsimony and commitment to utility, although she bears no responsibility for the alliteration.*