

Measurability Assessments

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2 Ways PED Evaluates State Programs

- **Evaluations (since 2007)** – in-depth studies of existing state programs to determine effectiveness and efficiency
- **Measurability Assessments (2017)** – brief assessments of existing & new state programs to determine whether they are well-designed, well-managed & collect the performance information necessary to inform future inquiries into effectiveness and efficiency



Measurability Assessment Act of 2016

- A measurability assessment is an independent evaluation of a program's progress on 14 indicators
- PED responsible for establishing standards for conducting and reporting measurability assessments

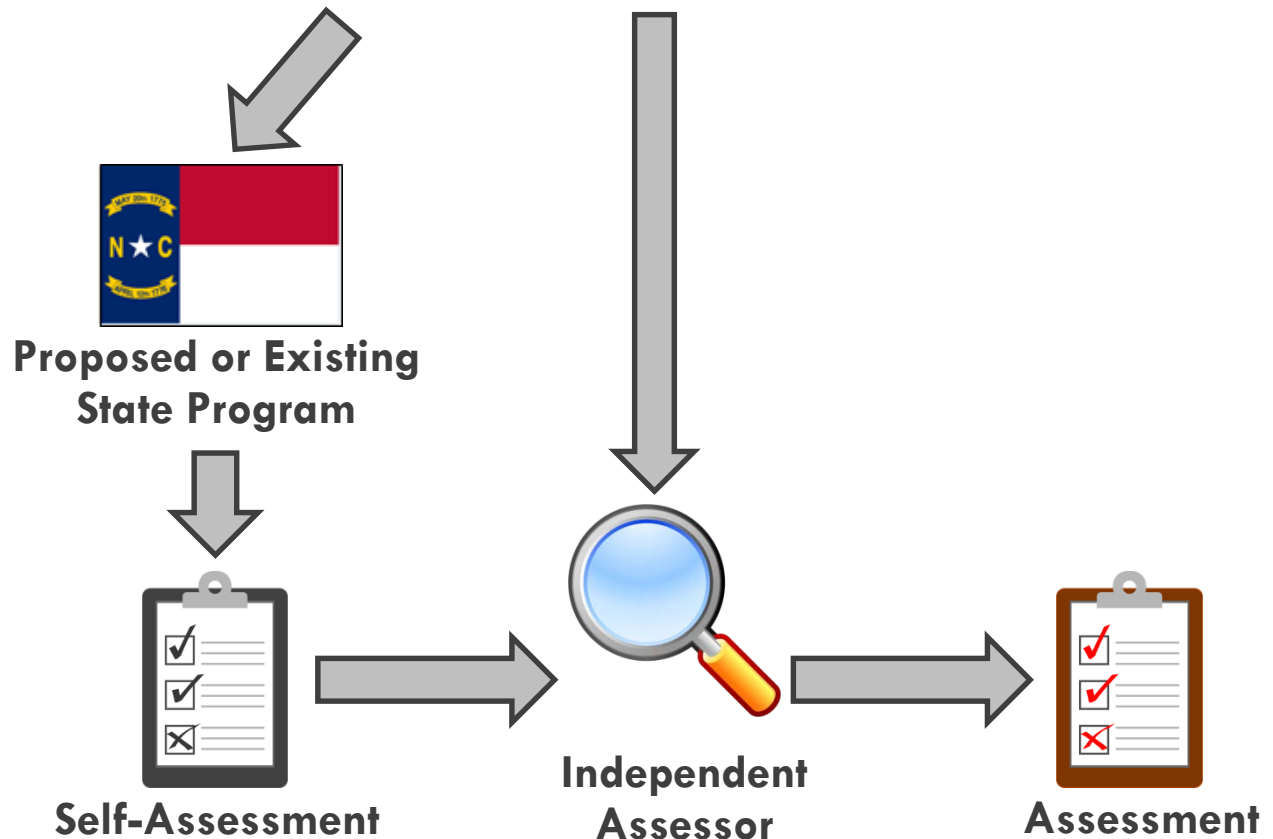


Measurability Assessment Process



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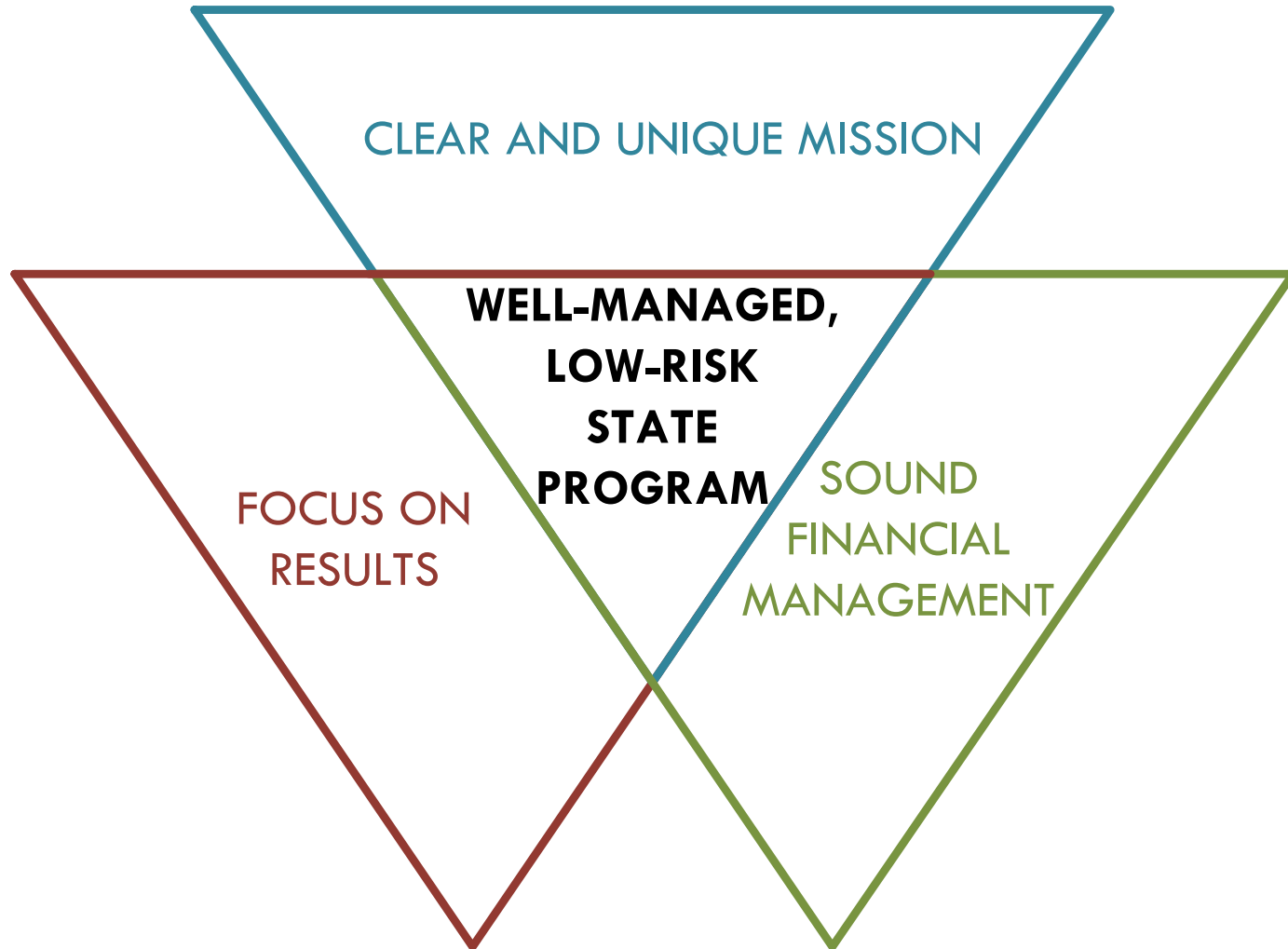


Measurability Assessment Documents

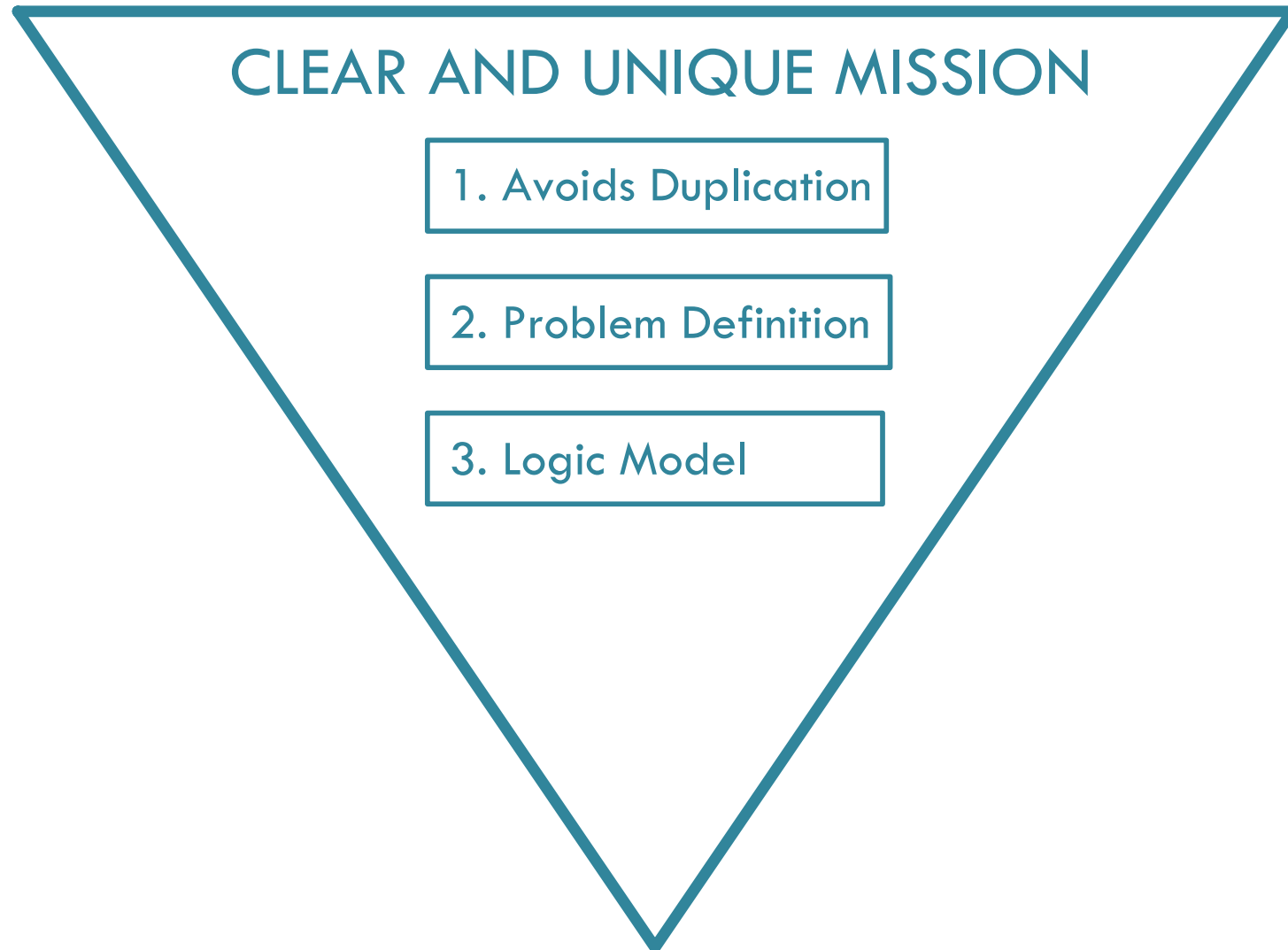
- RFQ for independent assessors
- Tools for performing assessments
 - Measurability Assessment Guidebook
 - Self-Assessment Form
 - Measurability Assessment Form



Characteristics of Well-Managed, Low-Risk Programs



Indicators of a Clear and Unique Mission



Indicators of a Focus on Results



Indicators of Sound Financial Management

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9. Risk Assessment

10. Financial Forecast

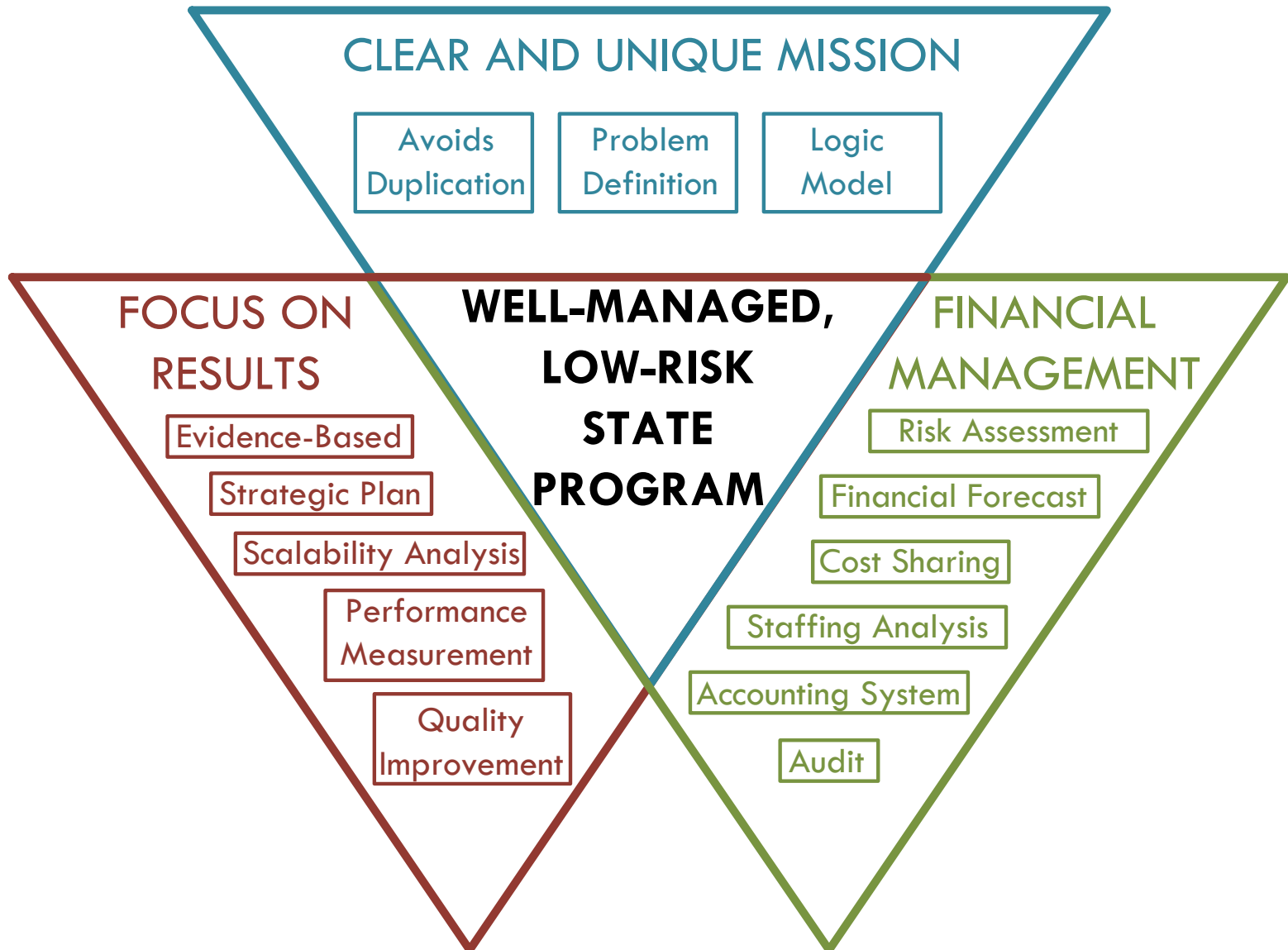
11. Cost Sharing

12. Staffing Analysis

13. Accounting System

14. Audit

Measurability Assessment Framework



Guidebook Explains Indicators

- What each indicator is
- Why each indicator is important
- How program can develop capacity for each indicator
- What are key elements of each indicator



Key Elements of Indicator 1: Avoids Duplication

Key Elements of Indicator 1	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
1.1 Program has an inventory that identifies other current programs active in the policy area that address the same goal.			
1.2 Inventory demonstrates how the examined program is unique from the other related programs.			
1.3 Inventory identifies the purpose of each program.			
1.4 Inventory identifies the services, products, or functions each program is providing.			
1.5 Inventory identifies the target population served by each program.			
1.6 Inventory identifies how the program coordinates with other related programs to avoid wasteful competition and duplication.			
1.7 Inventory is updated periodically.			



Overall Indicator Ratings

Overall Rating for Indicator 1	Meets	Partially Meets	Does Not Meet
1. Program does not duplicate other related programs.			



Benefits of the Measurability Assessment Program

- Tool to inform policy and budget choices and to indicate the extent to which a program's outcomes can be rigorously evaluated
- Means of holding state programs accountable to the public, the executive branch, and lawmakers
- <http://www.ncleg.net/PED/Measurability/measurability.html>



