

## BLUE RIBBON COMMISSON: DISCUSSION ON REFINING EVALUATION CRITERIA

**Underlying Question:** Do the Commissioners need to agree on a single set of criteria, prioritized based on relative importance? How they plan to use the criteria will determine the answer so that's where the discussion should start.

### Questions that cut across all criteria:

- What does the criterion mean? Does the criterion mean the same to each Commissioner? What assumptions are built into the criterion?
- Why is the criterion important? Is it more or less important than other criteria?
- How do we know a proposed idea meets a criterion (e.g., based on evidence? gut reaction?)?
- Can the criterion be measured? Does it have to be measurable?

<b>Sample Criterion:</b>	<b>How does the criterion need to be refined? Sample issues to prompt discussion:</b>
Promises, in a significant and measurable way, to <b>move the health care system</b> in Washington to where we believe it should be in 5 years <b>by addressing one or more of the principles</b> identified in our <b>vision statement</b> .	Sample issue: The criterion measures multiple principles, making an assumption that all principles are of <i>equal importance</i> and that each is of the <i>same importance</i> to each Commissioner.  Other issues:
<b>Reflects active collaboration</b> , in both its design and implementation, among various stakeholders in the health care system	Sample issue: Is it multiple parties doing something together or is it stakeholder support so the alternative has longevity?  Other issues:
Is <b>feasible</b> .	Sample issue: Does this mean legislatively passable, financially viable or operationally doable? In the short-run or the long-run?  Other issues:
Is <b>sustainable</b> .	Sample issue: Is this limited to financial sustainability or are there other kinds of sustainability to be considered? And, sustainable for whom?  Other issues:
Is <b>affordable</b> .	Sample issue: Affordable for whom – individuals, employers, providers, state budget, specific taxpayers? How is this different from financially sustainable?  Other issues:
Serves as a <b>bridge to future opportunities</b> .	Sample issue: Is this about phasing (e.g., step 1 of a multi-step alternative) or does it have to do with closing off future opportunities?  Other issues:
<b>Builds the capacity of health care organizations</b> in the state <b>to continue to address deficiencies</b> in the health care system on a long-term basis	Sample issue: What assumptions underlie the definition of deficiencies, for which future capacity will be needed (& by whom)?  Other issues:
<b>Addresses long-term core issues</b> rather than episodic or time-limited issues.	Sample issue: Do alternatives that address immediate needs get thrown out, or are they captured by other criteria?  Other issues:
Is <b>creative and innovative</b> in both what is done & how it is accomplished, <b>building on existing policies &amp; programs</b> , rather than simply duplicating them.	Sample issue: Does it have to be creative & innovative if there's evidence it works?  Other issues:
Other Criteria of Interest:	