

I2D2 GOVERNANCE APPROACH

Collaborative Decision-Making to Advance Data Use

The success of a statewide longitudinal integrated data system relies on the expertise and contributions of key leaders and stakeholders. The current I2D2 governance structure was developed in partnership, with national advisory support, and approved in September of 2019.

It is comprised of four key working groups that each fulfill requisite roles in authorizing, shaping, and executing the vision and mission of data-informed decision-making.



Every project follows a standard set of processes from idea initiation to the dissemination of results. This process includes agency feedback through each governance committee from project approval through project completion.

I2D2 Working Groups:

Governing Board (State Agency Directors)

- Provides leadership and authorization
- Considers internal and external policy issues and current needs of Iowa programs
- Establishes priority uses of I2D2 and empowers DSC members to actualize them through projects
- Facilitates legal agreements (overarching memorandum of agreement & individual data sharing agreements)

Data Stewardship Committee (Agency appointed)

- Approves projects aligned with established priorities
- Creates a culture of “data use” between agencies
- Recommends Community Advisory Group members according to project needs

I2D2 Resource Hub (ISU faculty & staff)

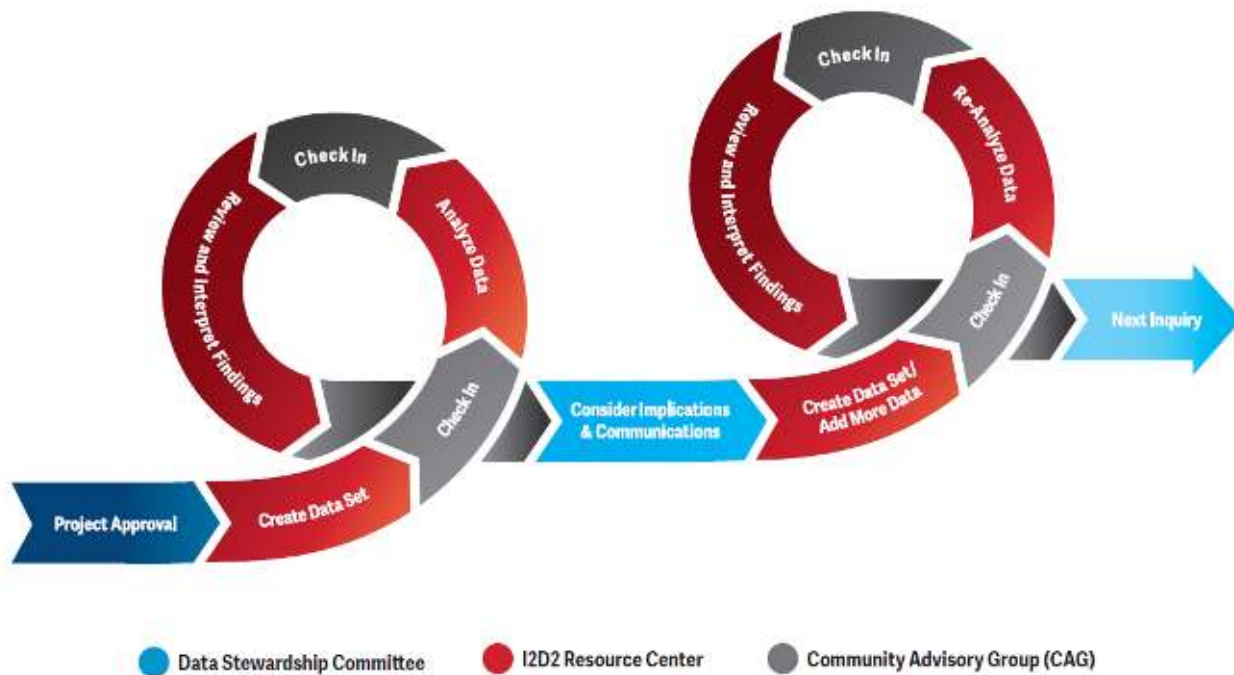
- Implements approved processes and procedures
- Maintains legal agreements and data security protocols
- Conducts integration for approved projects
- Facilitates ethical use of analytic findings through strategic communications and outreach efforts

Community Advisory Groups (DSC appointed content experts from programs and community)

- Supports individual projects before, during, and after approval
- Guides analytic teams to ensure appropriate data are used for approved projects
- Provides input to support translating findings into action

Cycles of I2D2 Projects

The I2D2 project process aims to provide consistency and rigor in the project cycle while also allowing for the flexibility required by state partners. The process includes a series of steps that incorporate check-ins with I2D2 governance groups, opportunities for input from leadership and program experts, and the space to adapt to changing priorities.



Step 1.

The **Data Stewardship Committee** solicits and approves projects of interest, aligned with **Governing Board** priorities. They then commission the **Community Advisory Group** to follow approved projects and vet findings throughout the project.

Step 2.

When findings are available, they are presented to the **Community Advisory Group** for feedback and to generate plans for dissemination. Findings are then presented to the **Data Stewardship Committee** to consider implications or next steps. Findings are then widely distributed.

Step 3.

The **Data Stewardship Committee** then considers (guided by **Governing Board** priorities) whether projects will continue, be expanded, or if new lines of inquiry are needed to follow implications of changes or program improvements that are recommended. (cycles then continue)

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