## Finance Working Group Focus Areas

	Maturity Scale	1 – Not Existent or Rudimentary 2 – Functional, Basic Adequacy	3 – Superior / Model Practice	
	Key Component	Expectations and Implications	Maturity	Comments and Known Plans
1	ROI and Prioritization	A comprehensive listing of key initiatives is maintained and vetted each budget year		
	Hurdle	against a set methodology and evaluation process for ensuring the initiative a) has a solid		
		return in relation to the strategy goal and b) is appropriately prioritized versus funding		
		constraints and resource availability.		
2	Initiatives have KPIs,	Each initiative has established key performance indicators as well as key control and risk		
	KCIs, KRIs and cost	indicators as appropriate that help keep the effort on track to its goal. Cost accounting and		
	tracking	tracking is maintained. Data is available for drill down into specific initiatives at Board working sessions.		
3	Initiatives are vetted	Initiatives that fail to meet outcomes and/or ROI hurdles are cancelled. Funding and		
	and cancelled as	resources are identified and transferred to new initiatives and/or retired.		
	appropriate	·		
4	Internal funding	Administrative cost containment initiatives are identified and tracked. Cost containment		
	sources are identified	initiatives along with cancelation of prior initiatives provides internal funding sources.		
5	Long term financial	Long term financial plan is developed with transparency around the assumptions and		
	plan is in place and	scenarios that are part of the model. Multiple scenarios (best target, negative		
	transparent	assumptions, and positive assumptions) are provided to the Board so that they understand		
		long term financial implications.		
6	Clear, consistent	The Board receives budget documents that clearly show spending in relation to		
	budget documents are	programmatic initiatives. Cost accounting is clear. MUNIS and Fund Accounting		
	provided to the Board	perspectives are appendixes, not focal point of presentation. Documents have consistent		
		presentation – overall budget, then the specific area of review, then the funding components.		
7	Budget monitoring	Ease of reference budget monitoring document is included in each Board meeting package		
	dashboard is reviewed	with a 5-10 minute overview at each meeting.		
	with the Board	<u> </u>		
8	Initiatives dashboard	Ease of reference dashboard is included in each Board meeting package with a 5-10 minute		
	is reviewed with the	overview at each meeting.		
	Board			
9	Initiatives drive	There is a transparent cause and effect linkage between initiatives, leading indicators, and		
	leading indicators	key JCPS outcome metrics. Conversations about the data correlation are part of key Board		
	which drive JCPS Key	working sessions. Data driven research supplemented with appropriate benchmarking		
10	Outcome Metrics	drive initiative selection.		
10	Community and	Communication products are developed from the key governance documents including:		
	Stakeholder Communication is	Key Outcome Metrics, Leading Indicators, Initiative Outcomes; the Budget Presentation,		
	Clear and Consistent	External Funding Sources discussions (taxpayer and private donor). Messaging is clear, consistent, and proactive.		
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