

# Miner Health Program Partnership Subgroups

Purpose + Parameters + Plan

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# Basic goals are to provide a forum for...

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## Discussing

Discussing health and safety concerns, research gaps, and feasible technical directions

## Presenting

Presenting research, system development, testing, and implementation activities

## Reviewing

Reviewing, evaluating, and discussing specific technical and scientific questions and methodologies

## Exchanging

Exchanging scientific findings on control strategies and best practices

# Thinking with the end in mind...



**Yay**

- Facilitate discussions
- Exchange information
- Share insights and experiences
- Examine gaps and identify barriers
- Discuss technologically and economically feasible solutions



**Nay**

- Subgroups **should not**
  - Seek to carry out negotiated rulemaking
  - Function as a federal advisory committee
  - Engage in [NIOSH] consensus-building activities

# Report from initial subgroup meetings

- The goals of the initial meeting have been to identify the scope, activities, and timeline for each subgroup.

*(recognizing these can/will change as necessary)*

- Scope: where efforts will be focused
- Activities: outlined steps to fulfill group objectives
- Timeline: milestones to track progress

# Three Subgroups

**Respirable  
Crystalline Silica  
(RCS)**

**Mine worker  
mental health**

**Establishing  
health metrics  
for mining**