Changing the Culture

The move toward evidence-based budgeting and policymaking

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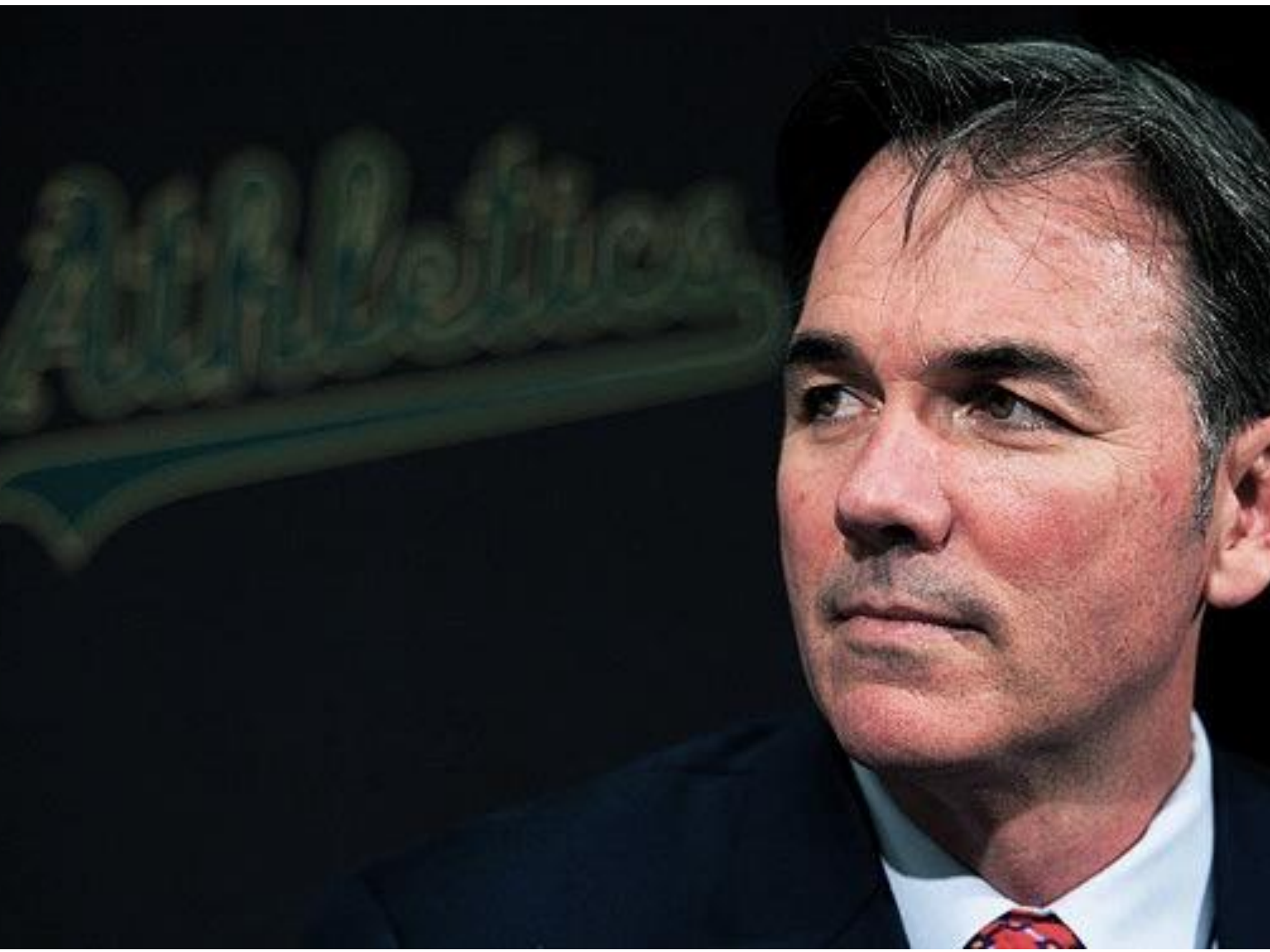
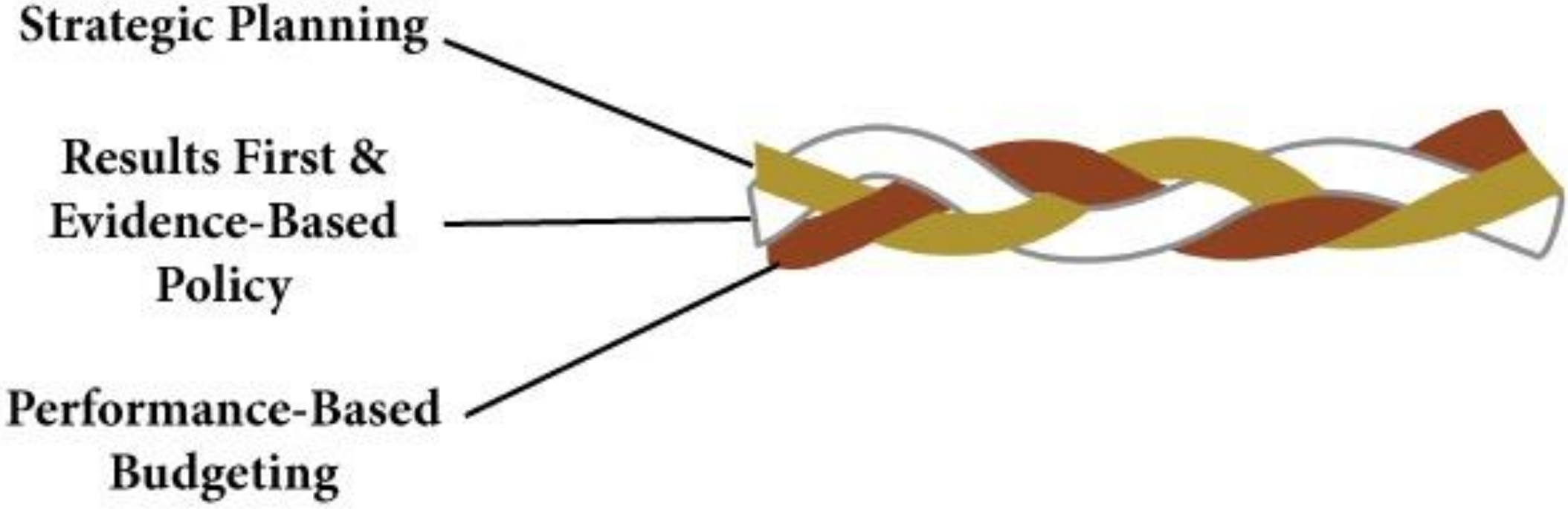


Mississippi

The New Reality

- More mandates/cost of providing services shifting from federal government to states
- State budgets are volatile
- Demand for services outpaces available resources
- No built-in, ongoing feedback loop to evaluate existing investments

Fiscal Cord of 3 Strands



Results First in Mississippi

- Program Inventory
- Evidence-Based/Research-Based/ Promising Practice Screening
- Current ROI vs. Expected ROI
- Report to Legislature
- Legislature Implements Recommendations

Results First - Corrections

- Evaluated 19 intervention programs
  - 9 of 19 were evidence-based
  - 8 of those 9 were projected to have positive returns
  - 7 of those 8 were actually having consistent positive returns
- Alternatives
- 2015 Change - RID Program

Other Victories

- Mandatory program inventories
- Statutes defining "evidence"
- 7 Elements
- Standing committee to oversee transition to evidence based policy and budgeting
- Shifting resources
- Requirements on evidence-based pre-K
- Requirements on study designs

7 Elements of Quality Program Design

What is program premise?
Is there a needs assessment?
What's the program description?
Does it have an evidence/research foundation?
How will it be implemented?
How will you ensure fidelity to the evidence?
How will it be measured?

7 Elements of Quality Program Design

- Before the first dollar is appropriated, we know the expected return on investment
- Agencies alter behavior going forward
- Better decisions made, better outcomes achieved
- Culture changes

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