Strategic Plans – The Engine of Performance Management

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Why Performance Management?

“Now is the time for governmental leaders to ensure that the organizations they lead are taking responsibility for achieving results that matter to the public – by practicing performance management”.

Power of Strategic Alignment

No Strategic Alignment

Execution Gap

High Level Goals

State Health Dept
Local Health Depts
Other Public Agencies
Hospitals
Nonprofits

Employers
Schools
Community Groups
Faith Communities
Families & Individuals

Public Health Outcomes
CHA, CHIP, Strategic Plan

(Figure showing the relationship between Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), Community Health Assessment (CHA), Five Year Strategic Plan, Quality Improvement Plan, Strategic Implementation Plan, Program Work Plans, and Individual Employee Performance Plans.)

(Adapted from MarMason Consulting LLC, 2012)
CHA, Strategic Plan, CHIP, and QI Plan

Strategic Plan
Emerging and new issues

Some initiatives or activities overlap 2 or 3 of the plans

CHIP
Health status and health risk interventions to address health assessments

QI Plan
Operational issues and current data on process outcomes

The Community Health Assessment informs all three plans.

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Effective Performance Management

- Establishing and implementing performance management systems helps:
  - Align agency plans to reduce duplication and increase efficiency and effectiveness.
  - Prioritize planning and improvement efforts.
  - Address specific PHAB Standards requirements Domain 9, Standard 9.1.
  - Demonstrate the results of Public Health programs and services through performance measurement and reporting.
6 Performance Management Principles*

1. **Results focus** permeates strategies, processes, organizational culture, and decisions.

2. Information, measures, goals, priorities, and activities are **relevant and aligned** to health improvement and strategic initiatives.

3. Information is **transparent** – easy to access, use, and understand.

4. Decisions and processes are driven by timely, accurate, and meaningful data.

5. Practices are **sustainable** over time and organizational changes.

6. Performance management is **transformative** to the agency, its management, and the policy-making process.

*Based on A Performance Management Framework from the National Performance Management Advisory Commission 2010*
For each section, numerous questions serve as indicators of your Performance Management capacity.

These questions cover critical elements of your Performance Management capacity such as visible leadership, having the necessary resources, skills, accountability, and communications to be effective in each component.
Section 1. Visible Leadership - Senior management commitment to a culture of quality that aligns performance management practices with the organizational mission, regularly takes into account customer feedback, and enables transparency about performance between leadership and staff.

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Overview of Strategic Planning
What is Strategic Planning?

Strategic Planning is:

- The process of taking facts and building plans to help us achieve our Vision.
- A long term look at the organization (2 years +).
- Creating measurable objectives, goals, targets and action plans.
- Involving the whole organization in the creation and achievement of our plans.
- Management review of our successes and failures.

Strategic Planning is NOT:

- A dusty old book on the shelf that says “Five Year Plan”.
- The best kept secret in the organization.
- A list of 157 unrelated things we ought to do.
- A waste of time.
- Something we’ll get around to some day.
Are We Moving in The Right Direction?

- As an individual,
- As an employee,
- As a leader,
- And what is the right direction anyway?
Four Great Reasons to Plan

1. Saves time and resources.

2. Increases impact of work you are already doing.

1. Fills in gaps.

2. Change.

The pace of change is always increasing
How are we Going to Create a Strategic Plan?

Take facts describing current conditions and build measurable plans

Environmental Issues/Opportunities

Strategic Issues

Balanced Scorecard

1.0 Health Prevention, Promotion, and Preparedness

2.0 Financial/and Business Excellence

3.0 Customer/Partner Excellence

4.0 Employee Excellence and Personal Responsibility
The Plan for the Plan

We will establish threads from the top to the bottom of the organization!!

Develop the Plan
- Review previous process
- Review/develop Mission, Vision, Values
- Consider key factors
- Identify Strategic Objectives
- Assign champions
- Determine indicators and targets

Deploy the Plan
- Develop service center objectives
- Develop budgets
- Ensure plan sufficiency
- Engage managers, supervisors and staff

Implement the Plan
- Communicate plan
- Develop and prioritize action plans

Review the Plan
- Regular evaluation of results
- Gap analysis
- Root causes identified
- Actions taken
10 Stations on the Journey

Station 1: Conduct an Environmental Scan
Station 2: Set/Review Organizational Direction
Station 3: Develop/Revise Strategic Goals, Objectives, and Strategies
Station 4: Develop/Revise Performance Measures
Station 5: Develop/Revise Action Plans
Station 6: Allocate Resources
Station 7: Implement Action Plans
Station 8: Track Progress on Actions
Station 9: Modify Action Plan based on data
Station 10: Evaluate Strategic Planning Process
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STANDARD 1 (CHA)
STANDARD 5 (Strategic Plan, CHIP)
STANDARD 9 (Performance Management and QI Plan)
The Community Health Assessment (CHA), Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), and Agency Strategic Plan are not three discrete or isolated processes but rather, they should all connect and inform one another.

The CHIP is developed with the community and public health system partners. The CHIP is developed based on the CHA.

The Agency Strategic Plan is developed with mostly internal stakeholders and key external stakeholders as needed for input into the process. Planning is similar to the CHIP and consideration of the CHA results and CHIP priorities are part of the process, the result of the strategic plan are priorities and direction for the health department.

CHIP priorities that the health department plans to address with their work should be included in the health department strategic plan.
Strategic planning is a process for defining and determining an organization’s roles, priorities, and direction over three to five years. A strategic plan sets forth what an organization plans to achieve, how it will achieve it, and how it will know if it has achieved it. The strategic plan provides a guide for making decisions on allocating resources and on taking action to pursue strategies and priorities.
# Strategic Planning Process

## Measure 5.3.1

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<td>A functional and useful organizational strategic plan requires that it be understood by staff and implemented by the health department. The development of such a plan requires a planning process that considers opinions and knowledge from across the health department, assesses the larger environment in which the health department operates, uses its organizational strengths and addresses its weaknesses, links to the health improvement plan that has been adopted by the community, and links to the health department’s quality improvement plan.</td>
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<td>1. Use a planning process to develop the organization’s strategic plan:</td>
<td>1 strategic planning process</td>
<td>5 years</td>
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<td>a. Membership of the strategic planning group (with titles, <strong>various levels of staff</strong>, representatives of the governing entity)</td>
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<td>a. Strategic planning process steps (number of meetings, duration of the planning process, methods used for the review of major elements by stakeholders)</td>
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## Adopted Strategic Plan

**Measure 5.3.2**

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## Required Documentation

1. Health department strategic plan that includes:
   - Mission, vision, guiding principles/values
   - Strategic priorities
   - Goals and objectives with measurable and time-framed targets
   - **Consideration of key support functions required for efficiency and effectiveness (information management, workforce development, communication, and financial sustainability)**
   - Identification of external trends, events, or factors that may impact community health or the health department
   - Assessment of health department strengths and weaknesses
   - Link to the health improvement plan and quality improvement plan

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# Implemented Strategic Plan
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<td>Implemented department strategic plan</td>
<td>The purpose of this measure is to assess the health department’s implementation of its strategic plan</td>
<td>A plan is useful only when it is implemented and provides guidance for priorities, activities, and resource allocation. A strategic plan sets forth what the department plans to achieve as an organization, how it will achieve it, and how it will know if it has achieved it. It is important to regularly review the implementation of the plan to ensure that the department is on track to meet its targets</td>
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## Implemented Strategic Plan Measure 5.3.3

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<td>1. Progress towards achievement of the goals and objectives contained in the plan (must include how the targets are monitored, reports must be completed no less frequently than annually)</td>
<td>2 reports</td>
<td>1 report dated within 14 months; second report may be older</td>
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May 7th Workshop Objectives

Develop and understand how to operationalize the:

- Vision, Mission and Values
- Goals
- Objectives
- Strategies
- Performance Measures

We’ll share lots of tools, examples and address the challenges you are currently facing in your health department related to development and implementation of your Strategic Plan.

Location: Pendleton, OR from 9:30am to 3:30pm
All Aboard?
Thank You – Questions?

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