

Are We There Yet? Checklist of Essential Elements for Accomplishing Implementation

If statement is true, place a check mark in the box.

Commitment

Top Management agrees with the importance of monitoring and measuring outcomes, supports its implementation and is committed to ensuring the following are accomplished:

- Plans for incorporating and implementing an Outcomes Management System involves key staff from the start.
- □ Staff roles and responsibilities are modified to support the implementation.
- □ Job tasks for each staff member as it relates to the "outcome management system" are revised and job descriptions modified, as needed.
- □ A work plan for implementing the "outcome management system" is developed.
- A pilot test to use the outcome management system with staff/programs that are likely to be champions or willing "early adopters" is done, before full implementation.
- □ A plan for implementation and training based on feedback from pilot testing is developed.
- □ A plan is made for ongoing training as needed (i.e., to ensure that the optimal use of the outcome management system is embedded in the organization at all levels).
- □ A reward plan for showing staff that their efforts toward outcomes monitoring and evaluation is valued is developed.
- Technology Infusion
 - □ Outcome measurement and monitoring information is "computerized" and available in "real-time" (i.e., results are immediately available).
- Meaningful, Ongoing Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)
 - CQI at the level of the individual client: Staff at all levels have immediate access to monitoring and outcome results for case management (as their role in the organization dictates)
 - CQI at the level of the program: Management and Leaders use information on monitoring and measuring outcomes to inform decision making about program development and refinement, training needs, needed changes in organizational focus
- Organizational Culture
 - □ The organization encourages learning and ongoing use of knowledge and empirical processes to improve quality of care. Staff feels that a problem-solving orientation is valued. There is a shared mission to maximize the growth of every consumer.

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