# **Capacity Building**

A set of activities and decisions that strengthens an organization's operations and enables it to better achieve its **MISSION** 

## **Capacity building can take many forms, such as:**

- Professional development for staff and board members
- Opportunities for peer learning, networking or leadership development
- Creating or re-examining organizational plans
- Initiating collaboration with other stakeholders
- Developing new services for earned income

# Why Doesn't Capacity Building Happen Naturally?

- Program is Priority
- Lack of Understanding
- Awareness of the Options
- Cost: Money and Time
- Understanding of Payment/Reimbursement Options
- Silo Behavior

- Board Development
- Executive Coaching
- Leadership Development
- Human Resources
- Succession Planning
- Strategic Business Planning
- Fiscal Planning
- Resource Development
- Evaluation:
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## Activities

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  - Human Resources -
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### Workforce Development

Field Specific Staff Training Adding Staff Positions Purchasing Patient Resources Hiring New Staff

#### Strategic Relationships

Updating printed marketing, website Field based services Developing social media Client Screening and Referral Linkage

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**Equipment Acquisition** TTY systems Printers, telephones, computers

### **Regulatory Compliance** ADA Compliance Signage, translations

#### Infrastructure Upgrades

Fire alarms, ramps, patient service furniture, career exploration library, evidence based curriculum



# Capacity Building Considerations

- Needs Assessment
- Identifying Stakeholders
- Reviewing Strategy and Mission
- Assessing Business Case
- Inclusive Planning and Development
- Impact on Patients, Staff, Operations
- Sustainability

What other considerations have you determined?

Figure 5.2: Areas in which Change May Occur due to Capacity-Building Measures<sup>37</sup>



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Sustainability

- Engage Stakeholders
- Assess a Situation, Define the Vision, or Mandate
- Manage and Implement the Budget
- Formulate Policies and Strategies
- Monitor and Evaluate

# Hiring a Consultant

# When to Hire?

- 1. Strategy and Management Consultants
  - Reorganization, Succession Planning, Mergers, Partnerships
- 2. Operations Consultants
- 3. Increasing process quality and efficiencies
  - 1. Map out existing processes
  - 2. Analyze them and get suggestions/advice to reduce steps or increase margins, reduce costs
- 4. Human Resources Consultants
- 5. Sales and Marketing Consultants

# **Consultant Investigation**

We did our homework and could not be happier with our consultant!

- Vet history, actual experience, certifications, qualifications, licenses
- Get referrals, references
- Call them and talk to them, ask questions, tell stories, have them tell you stories about what they do, what they like, what

they are good at, successes and failures – It is a Job Interview! Hardest Part: Tell them what you want, share your vision, specific deliverables.

- What does done look like?
- How will you know the project was a success?
- Can the success be measured? How?
  - Completed on time, evaluated by patients?
- Will they itemize their scope of work?
- Price out by deliverable? By event?

## List of questions – add more!

- How will you contact them? What are their hours of service?
- How are decisions made? Who has the authority to make decisions in your organization? Verbal? Written?
- How is pricing set up? Negotiate a payment schedule based on meeting deliverables. Money down? How much?
- What is your agency time commitment? How many decisions do you have to make? Others?
- What does a change in process or deliverable entail if something is not working?
- How do you sustain the gain when they are gone? Did they teach your or do it for you?

# Building/Construction Projects

- Clause for change orders
- Who will supervise the project?
- When will the work take place?
- How is waste removed? Who is responsible?
- Do they understand terms and conditions?
- Are they licensed and have proper certifications? Do they know STATE, COUNTY, CITY, Zoning Requirements?
- Payment Schedules
- What happens if they do not meet the deadline? Fixed Schedule for a firm start and end date?
- Do they carry workman's comp? Liability insurance?



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