

Questions To Ask As a Part Of Your Evaluation Process

- 1. Did we do what we thought we would do?
- 2. Did we serve the population we thought we would serve?
- 3. Did we make an impact on the identified needs?
- 4. Can we tell what services (or set of services) produced the best opportunity for results?
- 5. Are some populations achieving outcomes at different rates than others?
- 6. Did we recruit and enroll sufficient numbers to allow us to achieve our target outcomes?
- 7. Do we need additional resources?
- 8. Was there something unexpected that influenced the outcomes?
- 9. What services produced the outcomes/results? One? More than one?
- 10. How can we track the multiple services connected to each customer?
- 11. Who achieved the results? What was the age, income level and income source of those who achieved? What about education level? etc.
- 12. Did the individuals who achieved one outcome achieved any others? How many individuals achieved multiple outcomes?
- 13. What data do we want to collect that we haven't collected before?
- 14. Was anything missing from our previous data collection efforts?

- 15. Do we want to gather data from additional people?
- 16. To achieve our mission, what are the service areas that increase the likelihood of customer success?
- 17. What are the trends in service delivery?
- 18. Given our agency's size and level of resources, what agency goals should we aim to achieve in the next three program years?
- 19. What standard operating procedures (SOPs) are missing but needed for effective and efficient service delivery?
- 20. What performance management systems should be implemented to assure greater accountability?
- 21. What policies require updating to assure realistic and relevant management practices?
- 22. What have our clients expressed as their most urgent unfulfilled needs?
- 23. Are we providing the right configuration of services to successfully meet those needs?
- 24. What should the organizational structure look like for us to be more agile and better able to respond to internal and external threats?
- 25. If we were to de-centralize our organization's operations, what would that need to look like and would that be more effective in moving the organization forward?
- 26. Who is our competition and what are they doing differently to brand and market their services? Of their methods, what can serve as inspiration and what should we avoid doing?
- 27. What is the "low hanging fruit" that can be secured with minimum capital investment that will give us an edge?

- 28. What actions can we take or investments can we make that will give us a competitive edge?
- 29. Who should our target customers be and how are they identified?
- 30. What should our strategy be to attract customers in need?
- 31. What "Best Practices" have other private and public organizations implemented to attract their target customers?
- 32. What program elements constitute an organization of excellence and which organizations are modeling this excellence?
- 33. How can our organization deliver superior customer service that exceeds expectations?
- 34. What are the relevant conditions in our service area and what are our viable options for developing alternatives?
- 35. What community economic development activities should our organization undertake given the current economy?
- 36. Who should be our strategic partners, (public, private, in/out-of-state) and how should we partner with them to better serve our area's residents?
- 37. What systems or policies hinder high performance at our organization?
- 38. What areas lack clarity of direction and process?
- 39. What areas consume too much time and money?
- 40. What software upgrades, additions or changes are needed to enhance organizational performance?
- 41. What other technology is needed to enhance efficiency and productivity?

- 42. What equipment and software needs should be planned for the next 3-5 program years?
- 43. What are the strategic locations in our organization for service delivery?
- 44. What changes are needed at our organization's service locations to assure quality service delivery?
- 45. How will shifts in demographics and economic development impact our organization?

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