Organizational Assessment Tool for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program-funded Part B Service Providers

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Introduction to Organizational Assessment Tool for Program Part B Agencies

Overview of Organizational Assessment Tool

This organizational assessment tool (OA) identifies all essential elements associated with a sustainable quality management (QM) program and is in keeping with the *New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute Ryan White Part B Quality Management Program Standards* and the **Clinical Quality Management Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) 15-02** issued by the HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB). Detailed scoring instructions are provided to identify gaps in the QM program that are used to set improvement priorities. When assigning a score for individual components, select the whole number that most accurately reflects the organizational achievement in that area for the review period. Scoring is designed so that all items in the score must be satisfied to reach any one score for a component. Applied annually, this assessment will help a program to evaluate their conformance to provided guidelines, the organization's progress over time, and guide the development of quality management priorities.

Scoring the Organizational Assessment (OA) Tool

The OA can be implemented in two ways: 1) by an AIDS Institute contract manager or a quality improvement (QI) expert, internal or external to the organization; or 2) as a self-evaluation. The results are ideally used to develop a work plan for each element with specific action steps and timelines guiding the planning process to focus on priorities, setting direction and assuring that resources are allocated for the QM. Regardless of who performs the OA, key leadership and staff should be involved in the assessment process to ensure that key stakeholders have an opportunity to provide important input during the scoring process.

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Please note any events or other information that may have impacted service delivery, positively or negatively, since the last organizational assessment:

OA Completed by:

Name:

Date:

A. <u>Quality Management</u>

GOAL: To assess the overall Part B quality management (QM) program infrastructure to support a systematic process with identified leadership, quality planning and accountability, and dedicated resources.

Leadership

Senior leadership personnel are defined by each Part B program since titles and roles vary among organizations. Leadership support and engagement includes establishment of clear goals and objectives, communication of program/organizational vision, creating and sustaining shared values, active support of ongoing QI activities and provisions of necessary resources for implementation.

Quality Management Committee

A QM committee drives implementation of the written quality management plan and provides high-level comprehensive oversight of the QM program activities. This process involves reviewing improvement activities undertaken by the agency and reviewing performance measures and their results. The membership of the QM committee should be multidisciplinary, cross-functional, and include a client whenever feasible.

Quality Management Plan

QI planning occurs annually. A written QM plan documents programmatic structure, roles and responsibilities of the agency, and annual QI goals. The QM plan should serve as a roadmap to guide improvement efforts and include a corresponding work plan to track activities, monitor progress and signify achievement of milestones.

A.1. To what extent does the agency create an environment that focuses on improving the quality of HIV services?

Getting Started	0	\Box The agency is not actively supplying guidance to staff.
Planning and initiation	1	 □ The agency has no agency-wide plan for improving quality across service categories. □ The agency is inconsistent in use of data to identify opportunities for improvement.
	1	\Box Staff are advised to conduct QI activities, but no real guidance exists.
Beginning Implementation (Not optimally engaged)	2	 <u>The agency:</u> Is engaged in quality improvement with focus on use of data to identify opportunities for improvement. Inconsistently supports improvement efforts. Provides language on staff responsibilities but does not provide oversight. Inconsistently coordinates QM meetings. Supplies some resources for QI activities but not enough to advise the development of a robust QM program.
Implementation	3	 <u>The agency</u>: Provides routine leadership to support the QM program. Provides guidance to staff and encourages open communication related to quality activities. Clearly communicates to all staff quality goals and objectives that are contractually expected of Part B-funded service providers. Promotes client-centered care and client involvement in QI activities. Periodically reviews performance measures and outcomes by service category to inform staff of program priorities and uses data to determine areas of focus for improvement and for improvement ideas.
Progress toward systematic approach to quality	4	 <u>The agency:</u> Supports development of a culture of QI with staff, including provision of resources for participation in QI learning opportunities. Engages routinely in QI planning and evaluation in cooperation with internal and external advisory bodies. Provides technical assistance to staff on their improvement efforts. Promotes and documents efforts to foster collaboration with other agencies.
Full systematic approach to quality management in place	5	 <u>The agency:</u> □ Encourages innovation through QI awards or incentives. □ Directly links QI activities to the agency's strategic plans and initiatives. □ Considers the quality improvement at the agency level when making programmatic or financial funding decisions.

A.2. To what extent do quality of HIV services		e agency have an effective QM infrastructure to oversee, guide, assess, and improve the	
Getting Started	0	 A QM committee has not yet been developed or formalized to provide effective guidance to the staff on effective quality improvement activities. No formal data collection mechanism exists. 	
Planning and initiation	1	The agency: Reviews data triggered by an emerging issue or generated by regulatory requirements. Has minimally integrated QI principles and practice into other existing meetings. A QM committee is formed but is not currently meeting regularly.	
Beginning Implementation	2	 <u>The agency</u>: <u>Has identified roles and responsibilities for individuals who participate in the agency's QI efforts.</u> <u>Has not yet implemented a structured process to routinely review data for improvement.</u> <u>Has minimally involved internal or external input in quality management planning.</u> 	
Implementation	3	 <u>The agency</u>: Has a formally established QM program led by a designated staff member tasked with active oversight of the work of the QM committee. Has an annual schedule of meeting dates and meeting notes for its QM committee which meets at least quarterly. Actively utilizes a work plan to establish a timeline for agency QI activities. Has established a performance review process to regularly evaluate measures and uses results to set priorities for agency program activities. Has a process in place to regularly collect and review data from all staff for each service category for which they are funded. 	
Progress toward systematic approach to quality	4	 <u>The agency:</u> Has an active QM committee that meets with the members of the agency's planning body. Provides progress reports to the staff by service categories along with individual guidance to improve performance. Has a process in place to effectively communicate activities, annual goals, performance results and progress on improvement initiatives to staff and clients. Supports prioritization of improvement goals based on data. 	
Full systematic approach to quality management in place	5	The agency: □ Has established working relationships with other agency-wide QM committees (if applicable). □ Is responsive to changes in external/national priorities. □ Has fully engaged agency senior leadership and they lead or participate in discussions. □ Engages clients as active participants who are actively represented in QM program activities.	
A.3. To what degree does the agency have a comprehensive quality management (QM) plan that is actively utilized to guide QI activities?			
Getting Started	0	□ There is no written QM plan.	
Planning and initiation	1	 The QM plan does not incorporate any necessary elements considered essential to a sound, written QM plan [see level 3 below]. The agency may have a written QM plan but does not include language that defines the responsibilities of the QM expectations for staff. 	
Beginning Implementation	2	 The QM plan is a formalized document and contains essential elements for staff, and some of the essential components found in level 3. The agency has a mechanism to submit the written QM plan to senior leadership for approval. 	

Implementation	3	 The QM plan: □ Reflects an effective Part B-specific QM program with all essential QM components including: Quality Statement Annual Improvement Goals Quality Infrastructure Performance Measurement Quality Improvement Evaluation of the Program Work Plan □ Is routinely communicated to staff and agency leadership. □ Includes regularly updated annual goals that have been identified by the QM committee using data on performance measures and external requirements. 	
Progress toward systematic approach to quality	4	 The QM plan: Has been implemented and regularly used by the QM committee to guide the quality program. Includes a work plan/timeline outlining key activities and is modified as needed to achieve annual improvement goals. Is evaluated annually by the QM committee to ensure that the needs of all stakeholders are met and that external changes are assessed to ensure that the services meet the changing needs of clients. Staff: Are active participants in providing input to establish performance measures and annual goals. Have input into the development of the written QM plan. Have codified responsibilities for conducting QI activities and work with the agency. 	
Full systematic approach to quality management in place	5	 There is a mechanism for the agency-wide planning to provide feedback on the changing needs of HIV clients. The QM plan reflects a methodology to engage other agencies and promote cross-agency collaboration. 	

Comments:

B. Workforce Engagement in the Quality Management Program

GOAL: To assess awareness, interest, and engagement of staff in QI activities.

Staff engagement in improvement activities at all organizational levels is central to the success of the quality program. It builds a sense of ownership and deeper involvement. Staff should be provided the opportunities to enhance their QI knowledge to build sustainable QM programs and technical assistance is available to them.

B.1. To what extent are agency staff routinely engaged in QI activities and provided training to enhance knowledge, skills and methodology needed to fully implement QI on an ongoing basis?

Getting Started	0	□ Core agency staff are not routinely engaged in QI activities and are not provided QI training to enhance skills, knowledge, theory, or encouragement to identify opportunities for improvement and develop effective solutions.
Planning and initiation	1	 Core agency staff training is under development. QI training of staff is limited. Staff are provided minimum competency requirements by the agency.
Beginning Implementation	2	 Staff training occurs but it is not clear who attends. Staff are invited to attend QM committee meetings as observers. Staff have had at least one training opportunity on QI methodologies but was not fully utilized.
Implementation	3	Staff: Are aware of the written QM plan and priorities for improvement. Roles and responsibilities related to QI are clearly delineated. Are involved in QI projects, project selection, development, and participation in an established QM committee. Have been provided at least one, hour-long training in QI principles and practice in the past 12 months to assist them in meeting their QI responsibilities. Are given specific guidance on QI topics with which staff should be familiar.

Progress toward systematic approach to quality	4	 A culture of quality is in evidence by nature of diverse QI projects that are posted in common areas for review. Staff engagement in quality is described in the QM plan, and includes staff training, and roles and responsibilities regarding staff involvement in QI activities. QI teams are provided opportunities to present successful projects to staff and leadership. Staff participate in all required workshops and are provided opportunities for training. 	
Full systematic approach to quality management in place	5	 Staff participates in identifying QI issues, developing strategies for improvement, and implementing strategies. Staff are engaged at every staff level in performing QI projects and sharing their results with clients and peers. There is a training curriculum for staff that provides continuous QI education and training in QI principles and practice. Leadership encourages teamwork and an atmosphere of staff empowerment exists (e.g., open communication to senior managers, rewarding innovation). Leadership encourages all staff to make needed changes and improve systems for sustainable improvement. Includes opportunities for abstract development and submission to relevant professional conferences and authorship of related publications about development and implementation of QM programs. The agency recognizes the staff who have excelled in improving services by a formal process (e.g., awards, certificates). 	
Comments:			
C. Measurement. An	alvs	is and Use of Data to Improve HIV Services	
		Part B-funded agency uses performance data to identify opportunities for improvement.	
This section assesses how the Part B-funded agency selects, gathers, analyzes, and uses data to improve performance. This includes how the agency conducts performance reviews to ensure that actions are taken and who is responsible to support data collection, analysis, and reporting at the agency level.			
C.1. To what extent do	es th	e agency routinely measure performance and use data for improvement?	
Getting Started	0	\Box Performance measures have not been identified by the agency.	
Planning and initiation	1	 <u>Performance measures</u>: □ Have been identified to evaluate some components of the overall Part B program. <u>Performance data</u>: □ Data collection is specified in a written QM plan, but it is not fully implemented. 	
Beginning Implementation	2	Performance measures: □ The agency has a few performance measures in place that are used throughout the service categories. □ Results are not reported outside the agency's organization. Performance data: □ Validation, analysis, and interpretation of results on measures are in early stages of development and use. □ Annual goals are not consistently identified or outlined. □ Results are occasionally shared with staff and planning bodies	

Implementation	3	 Performance measures: All externally expected measures (e.g., AIDS Institute) are in place with the intent to meet external regulatory requirements. Are used for the respective service categories; highly utilized and prioritized service categories have two performance measures assigned. Data are collected at least quarterly for all measures. Performance data: Are collected for each service category for which they are funded Are reviewed at least quarterly. Are actively used to drive improvement activities and the AIDS Institute-issues benchmark report is used. 	
Progress toward systematic approach to quality	4	Performance measures: □ Are selected beyond externally required performance measures. □ Are evaluated regularly to ensure that the program can respond effectively to internal and external changes quickly. Performance data: □ Are used to prioritize improvement activities with timelines to achieve the agency's improvement goal. □ Are used by the leadership to provide feedback along with improvement recommendations. □ Results and associated measures are systematically shared with all agency staff to elicit their input through various venues. □ Are used to recognize significant accomplishments by selected staff that have achieved outstanding improvements in prioritized service categories. □ Are used by the leadership of the agency as part of a structured review process to review the staff attainment of its goals.	
Full systematic approach to quality management in place	5	 Performance data: Results and associated measures are frequently shared with agency staff to elicit their input and engage them in improvement processes aligned with organizational goals. Results are reported to the agency's board of directors and feedback is provided to the agency's executive director. Are shared with clients to elicit their input and engage them in improvement processes aligned with organizational goals. 	
Comments:			
D. <u>Quality Improvement Initiatives</u> GOAL: To evaluate how the HIV program applies robust process improvement methodology to achieve program goals and maintain high levels of performance over long periods of time.			
This section examines how leadership and workforce use these methods and tools to conduct improvement initiatives with emphasis on identification of the exact causes of problems and designing effective solutions; determining program specific best practices and sustaining improvement over long periods of time.			
The agency is responsible for QM for the agency. This includes ensuring that staff are conducting QI activities that are consistent with sound QI practice, by providing them with guidance in conformance with HAB Policy Clarification Notice 15-02.			
		e Part B program identify and conduct QI initiatives using robust process improvement levels of performance over long periods of time?	
Getting Started	0	□ Formal QI projects have not yet been initiated.	
Planning and initiation	1	 No assessment of the agency's organizational performance or system level analysis of Part B program data performed. QI Initiatives are not team-based and do not use specific tools or methodology Reviews are primarily used for quality assurance. 	

	\Box Are not formally in place at agency.

 \Box Agency does not give staff specific QI guidance.

Beginning Implementation	2	 <u>QI initiatives:</u> □ Are prioritized by the agency based on program goals, analysis of performance measurement data, and input from clients. □ Involve team leaders and team members who are assigned by the agency's QM committee or other leadership. □ Begin to use specific tools or methodology to understand causes and make effective changes. □ Are being performed at some staff but are inconsistent across service categories.
Implementation	3	QI initiatives: □ Are ongoing based on analysis of performance data results and other program information, including external reviews and assessments. □ Are regularly documented and updates are provided to the agency's QM committee. □ Are regularly communicated to the staff, QM committee, agency staff and clients. □ Are conducted by staff based on performance results and the direction of the agency. □ Are reported to the agency and the agency shares the result with the QM committee. □ That have been undertaken are shared with the external planning bodies by service category. □ The Part B program has a documented public advisory planning process and incorporates this input into service planning. □ Incorporate client input and have clients as part of the data review process at the agency and at each agency.
Progress toward systematic approach to quality	4	QI initiatives: □ Can be identified by any member of the program team, including clients involved in the QM program through direct communication with program leadership. □ Routinely and consistently reinforce and promote a culture of QI throughout the program through shared accountability and responsibility of identified improvement priorities. □ Are supported by data collection with results routinely reported to QI project teams and to staff (by service category). □ Agency directs QI projects to the staff after analysis of their data. □ Are guided by a team leader or sponsor, and include all relevant staff depending on specific project needs. □ Are cross departmental/cross functional depending on specific project needs.
Full systematic approach to quality management in place	5	QI initiatives: □ Staff receive technical support for QI when the need is identified. □ Consistently and routinely utilize robust process improvement and multidisciplinary teams to identify actual causes of variation and apply effective sustainable solutions. □ Are presented in storyboard context or other formats and reported to the larger organization and/or placed in public areas for staff to review. □ Involve recognition of successful teamwork by senior leadership. □ Are supported by development and implementation of sustainability plans. □ At the agency level are recognized and acknowledged by the agency.
Comments:		
E. <u>Client Involvemen</u>	_	t to which alignets and formally intermeted into OM anoranan activities
		t to which clients are formally integrated into QM program activities.
Their involvement is enconcerns and are integra	coura ted i orogr	o partner with those individuals who receive Part B services to improve the quality of HIV services. aged in the current version of PCN 15-02. Ideally, clients have a venue to identify improvement nto the process to find solutions and develop improvement strategies. Overall, clients are considered ram, where client perspectives are solicited, information is used for performance improvement and tts.
E.1. To what extent are	e clie	ents effectively engaged and involved in the Part B QM program?
Getting Started	0	□ There is currently no process to involve clients in QM program activities.
Planning and Initiation	1	□ Clients are peripherally involved in the QM program.

Beginning		
Implementation	2	\Box Clients are solicited to understand their perspectives and experiences related to quality of care.
Implementation	3	 Clients are formally part of Part B QM program activities, either on the QM committee or part of a QI team. Participation in QM program activities is documented and/or assessed.
Progress toward		\Box Performance data are shared with clients.
systematic approach	4	□ Clients involved in Part B QM program activities are trained on QI principles and
to quality		methodologies.
Full systematic		\Box Clients are active members on the QM committee or part of a QI team.
approach to quality	5	□ Involves an annual review of successes and challenges of client involvement in QM program activities to foster and enhance collaboration between clients and providers engaged in QI.
nanagement in place		\Box The client advisory committee is coordinated with the quality management committee.
Comments:		
F. <u>QM Program Ev</u>		
GOAL: To examine ho QI planning, priorities,		e Part B agency evaluates the extent to which it is meeting the identified program goals related to implementation.
quality goals outlined in assesses whether these l	the ed to	should occur annually at a minimum. The process of evaluation should be linked closely to the written QM plan. The evaluation examines the methodology, infrastructure, and processes, and expected improvements and desired outcomes. Evaluation should include what worked and what provement needs, and guide planning for the upcoming year.
		evaluate the QM program's infrastructure, performance measures, and QI activities?
Getting Started	0	\Box No formal process is established to evaluate the QM program.
Planning and	1	Evaluation is conducted but does not include all elements: infrastructure, performance measures
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Initiation		and QI.
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G. Achievement of Outcomes

GOAL: To evaluate Part B-funded agency capability for achieving excellent results and outcomes in areas that are central to providing high quality HIV services.

To determine whether the Part B-funded agency is achieving excellence in HIV services, a system for monitoring and assessing outcomes should be in place. This system should include analysis of an appropriate set of measures, trending results over time, stratifying data by high-prevalence populations and comparison of results for programmatic target setting.

G.1. To what extent does the agency measure disparities in HIV services and in outcomes, and use performance data to improve care to eliminate or mitigate discernible disparities?

Getting Started	0	□ No performance results are routinely reviewed or used to address disparities.
		□ Staff receive no direction or guidance on stratifying data.
Planning and	1	□ Systems are in place to stratify data for analysis of disparities by gender, age, risk factor,
initiation	1	geography, etc.
Beginning		Data are stratified for analysis of disparities by race, ethnicity, gender, age, socioeconomic
8 8	2	status, risk factor, geography, etc.
Implementation		□ Agency data are reported to the agency, but no further action is taken.
		Performance measures/data:
Implementation	3	□ Are stratified for analysis of disparities by race, ethnicity, gender, age, risk factor, geography,
Implementation	3	etc.
		□ Staff report their data and implement targeted improvement projects.
Drogross toward		\Box The agency also analyzes the data by service category and directs targeted improvement
Progress toward	4	activities as necessitated by the data results.
systematic approach	4	\Box Clear goals are given to the staff to eliminate disparities.
to quality		□ Disparity data are widely reported.
		□ Disparity data are widely shared with stakeholders and feedback is encouraged.
Full systematic		□ The agency emphasizes eliminating disparities across all their services
Full systematic approach to quality	5	□ Staff are recognized that have sustained improvement in reducing disparities and collecting and
	5	disseminating best practices in disparity elimination.
management in place		□ Data are used continuously to mitigate disparities, decrease outcomes gaps between client
		populations and to promote health equity.
Comments:		

Summary of Results

What are the major findings from the Organizational Assessment?

What are the key recommendations and suggestions? What specific areas should be improved? What are specific improvement goals for the upcoming year?

Comments By: _____

Date: _____