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## Engaging Leadership and Gaining Buy-In

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## Session Outline

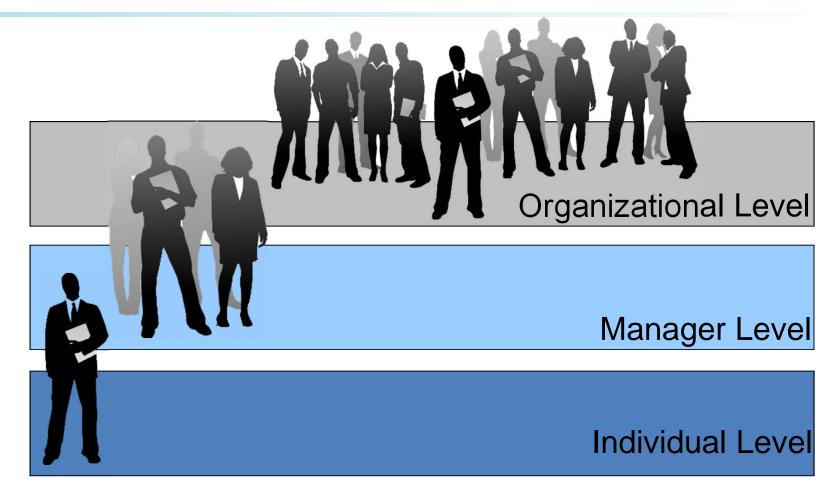
- Perspectives On 'Engaging Leadership and Gaining Buy-In'
- Top Ten Questions: Small Group Work and Sharing





- To develop an understanding of ways in which you can be engaged in 'leading the way'
- To understand how these ideas can be adapted to suit the needs of your health department
- To create a list of possible action-items for implementing or improving ways for engaging leadership

#### **Engaging Leadership and Gaining Buy-In**







## Perspectives On Engaging Leadership and Gaining Buy-In

## Key Issues

- Demands are increasing while funds are decreasing
  - "Emerging" areas of practice in 2001 are now widespread\*
  - Few areas of practice are decreasing\*
  - Economic recession means increased need in population

\* Madamala, Sellers, Beitsch, Pearsol & Jarris (forthcoming). Structure and Functions of State Public Health Agencies, 2007. The American Journal of Public Health.



# Key issues (con'd)

- Categorical funding
  - Social determinants of health
  - Fragile and underfunded infrastructure
  - Aging workforce in need of training
- Sustainable funding
  - Efforts to repeal ACA = uncertainty
  - Federal budgets = uncertainty + cuts
  - State and local budgets = cuts



#### Another "new normal" for public health

A federal, state, and local "budget pandemic"

#### New strategies for a new public health:

- Adjusting PH to Health Reform
- National Prevention Strategy
- Integration, winnable battles, policy models
- Performance, Accountability, and QI
- Regionalization/cross-jurisdictional models
- Health technology data and information
- New partnerships

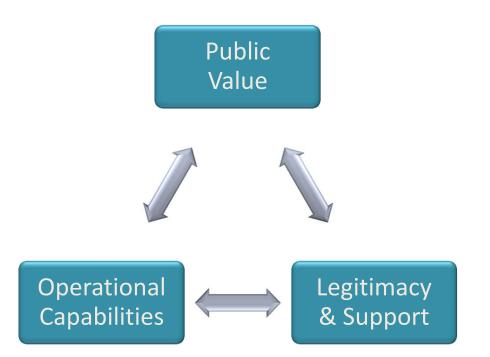


## **Creating Value**

#### The concept of value creation for the public health system.

Any public sector organization must bring its strategies into alignment by meeting three broad tests:

- Does this produce value for the public we serve?
- Is it able to attract support and money from the political system to which we're ultimately accountable?
- Can it feasibly be accomplished given our resource equation?



The "Strategic Triangle Test" for Creating Public Value Mark Moore, Creating Public Value





## Accreditation

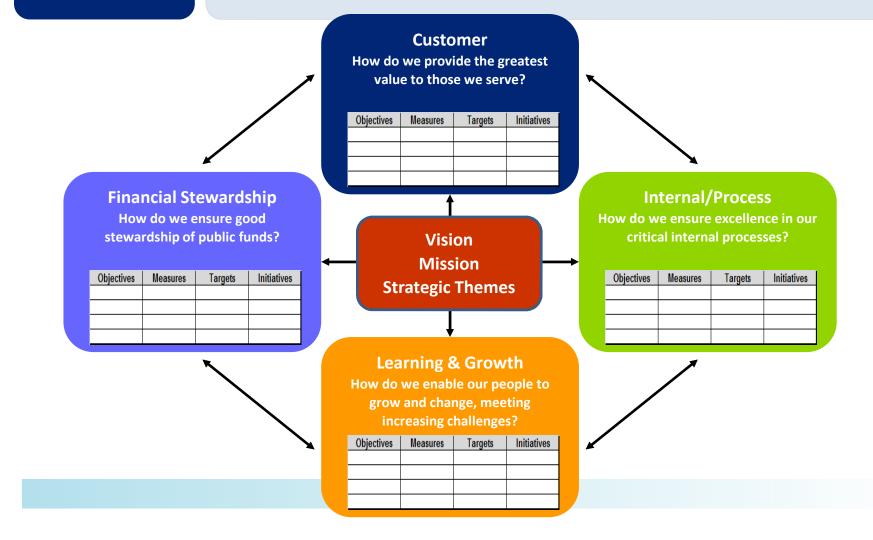
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#### Key Concepts: Perspectives

Perspectives

## Lenses used to help an organization view and assess its performance in a balanced way





# Organizational Structure \*\*\* think think





Where Do You Fit In Your Organization?

## Key elements of success

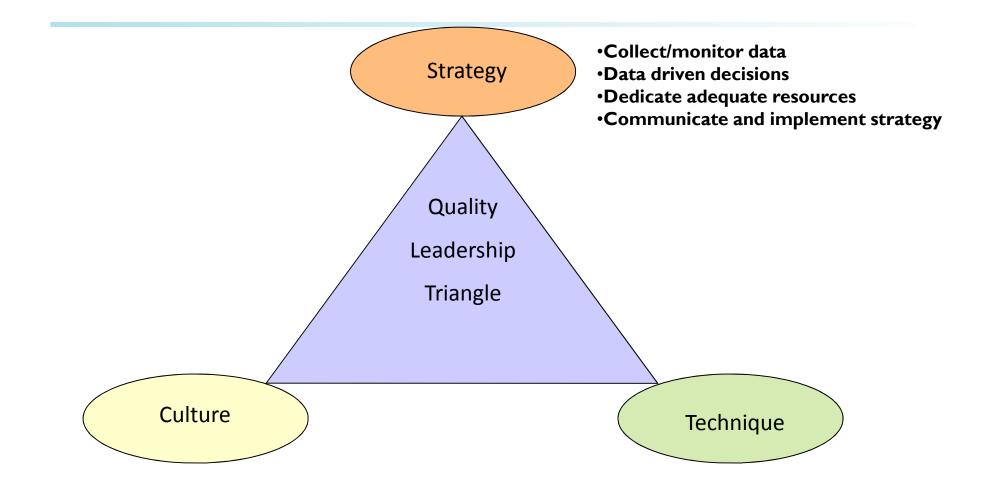
- Demonstrate visible *leadership* by agency senior staff
- Define QI as <u>scalable</u> (PDCA applies at all levels of an agency).
- Create agency, division, unit, and staff <u>"line of sight"</u> for QI.
- Identify <u>champions</u> at every level of agency (leadership is not defined by job title)
- Link to <u>accreditation readiness</u>: Use QI process to close gaps in documentation for accreditation



## Leadership Competencies In Organizational Improvement...

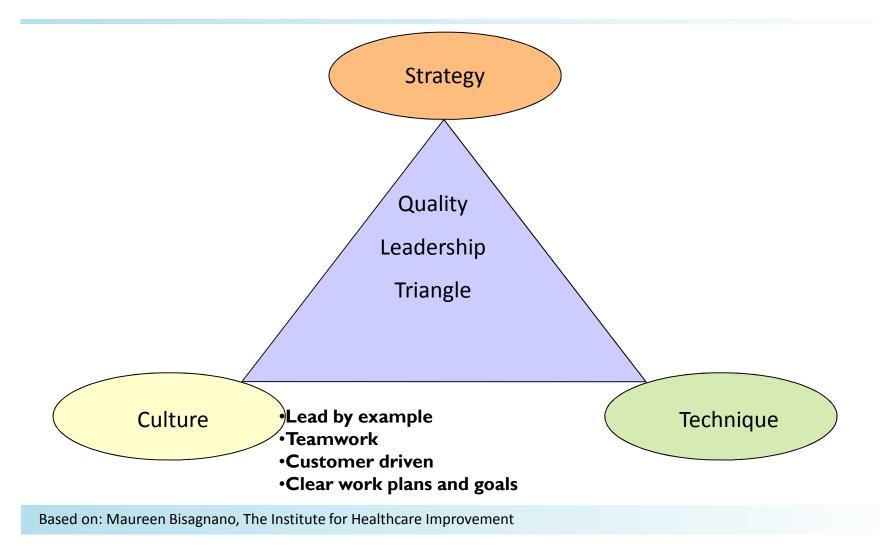
- Ability to apply the principles of Deming's "System of Profound Knowledge"
  - Systems thinking
  - Variability in work processes
  - Theory of knowledge
- Create an urgency to change establish momentum
- Ability to build organization strategy, culture, and techniques for sustained performance management and quality improvement

#### The Quality Leadership Triangle

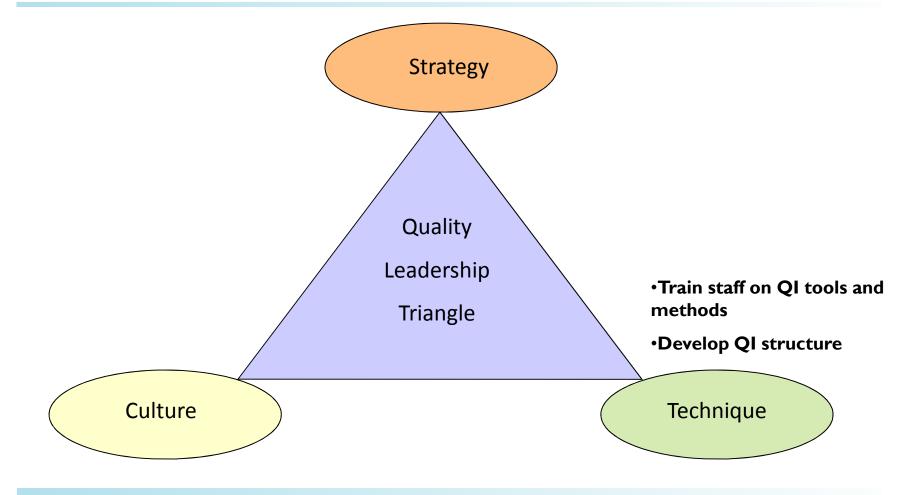


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Context of Performance Management and Quality Improvement

> The Macro Vision Macro refers to the executive level of the agency.

The Micro Vision Micro refers to all of the managers, faculty, and staff.





Engagement and Buy-In: 'Top Ten' Questions From Leadership

## 'Top Ten' Questions From Leadership

- I) Why Does Leadership Engagement and Buy-In Matter?
- 2) Who Is Your Leadership?
- 3) Why This? Why Now?
- 4) Why Do It At All?
- 5) What Does PM/QI Do?

## 'Top Ten' Questions From Leadership

- 6) How are PM/QI different than evaluation? I thought we were doing program planning and evaluation already. Isn't that enough?
- 7) What's In It For Me?
- 8) How Do We Make This a Success?
- 9) What Do You Need From Me?
- 10)What's Next?

Bonus Question: What Strategies Are Helpful During Leadership Transition?



#I Why Does Leadership Engagement and Buy-In Matter?

- Sets vision
- Mechanism for support (time/resources)
- Ongoing communication/promotion
- Custom content
- Leadership buy-in Description



- Leaders don't have to be doing something with it every day.
- Want them to understand why it's important to the organization.
- Can contribute to spread throughout the organization as a spokesperson that supports it.
- Influence of Leadership on Followership



## # 2 Who Is Your Leadership?

- Define your leadership
- Essential individuals
  - Health Officers
  - Deputy Health Officers
  - Administrator
  - CFO
  - COO
  - Program Managers



- Consider formal and informal leadership
- Create opportunities
- Create teams
- Engage all employee classifications



## # 3 Why This? Why Now?







- Providing them with the information and the tools they need
- An organization pursuing quality directs and focuses its energies.
- Benefits of:
  - Accreditation
  - PM
  - QI



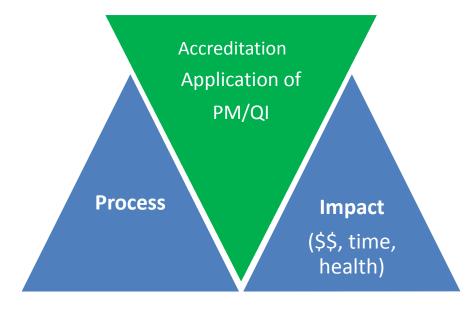
## #4 Why Do It At All?

- Quality: cornerstone of any business
- Impact
- Need
- Accreditation
- Efficiency
- Core Values and Mission



- PM/QI not about the tools it's about what we can do to improve the public's health.
- It's about customer needs. What does the public need from public health in your state or community?
- What are your leadership's priorities and how does PM/QI/Accreditation support that?
- What is your organization about and how does PM/QI/Accreditation support that?
- An organization achieves quality by mastering the methodology of improvement.

### #5 What Does PM/QI Do?





- Focus is on processes, not people
- Building culture for PM/QI is key
- Don't go too deep (3 to 4 key points)
- Provide a couple of real examples
- ASTHO

- NACCHO

Website Resources

- RWJF



#6 How is PM/QI different than evaluation? I thought we were doing program planning and evaluation already. Isn't that enough?





#### #7 What's In It For Me?

- Alignment with leadership priorities
- Alignment with state health priorities
- Return on investment
- Quality affects leadership's bottom line
- Cost of quality
- Organizational culture



- Be prepared
- Use facts
- Ensure content is specifically related to their context every leaders has a vision
- Short list of how plan aligns with leadership priorities
- Examples of cost savings from QI efforts



#### #8 How Do We Make This a Success?

- Cost
- Time
- Expectations
- Who needs to be involved
- What the roll out looks like



- Budget projection
- Time required of leadership and staff
- Present a best case/worst case scenario
- Results will be a work in progress
- Have list ready of who should be involved



#### #9 What Do You Need From Me?

- Approval
- Established start date
- Messaging to the organization



- Need approval for strategic planning group, QI teams, etc. – be specific
- Have a timeline prepared with recommended start date
- Timing is everything tie the initiative into something else that makes sense for the organization
- Top five enablers of PM/QI
  - Time
  - Resources
  - Education/Training
  - Evidence of Improvement
  - Support from Leadership/Management



#### #10 What's Next?

- Leave your leadership with only 2-3 action items
- Assure them you can handle the rest



## Bonus Question: Strategies During Leadership Transition



## Resources

ASTHO Accreditation and Performance/Quality Improvement Resources: <u>http://www.astho.org/Programs/Accreditation-and-Performance/Quality-Improvement/</u>

#### NACCHO Accreditation Preparation and QI

http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/accreditation/index.cfm

Quality Improvement and Accreditation Readiness in State Public Health Agencies <u>http://www.rwjf.org/publichealth/product.jsp?id=73797</u>

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