IMPLEMENTING A QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Orange Approach

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History

- The OCHD began the quality journey in 2003
  - Quality Manager was entirely focused on form over function
  - Senior Management tried to implement with no structured approach
- In 2006 the new Quality Manager was entirely people focused and Senior Management was still trying to implement a quality culture
- In 2009 the current Quality Manager brought balance to achieve process improvement, Senior Management agreed with the Lean Six Sigma approach and approved training to make it possible.
  - In 2 years we have completed six projects, four are currently in progress, and three are in the queue

Goal

Connect disparate functions into a cohesive and seamless operation where information is freely shared, and acted upon, to facilitate continuous process improvement and eliminate waste to meet ever increasing customer demands.

Quality Method

Lean Six Sigma:

- Systematic approach to identify and eliminate waste and non-value added activities that inhibit flow by improvement in all processes. Maximizes the efficiency and effectiveness of a process, while reducing the resources and effort required.

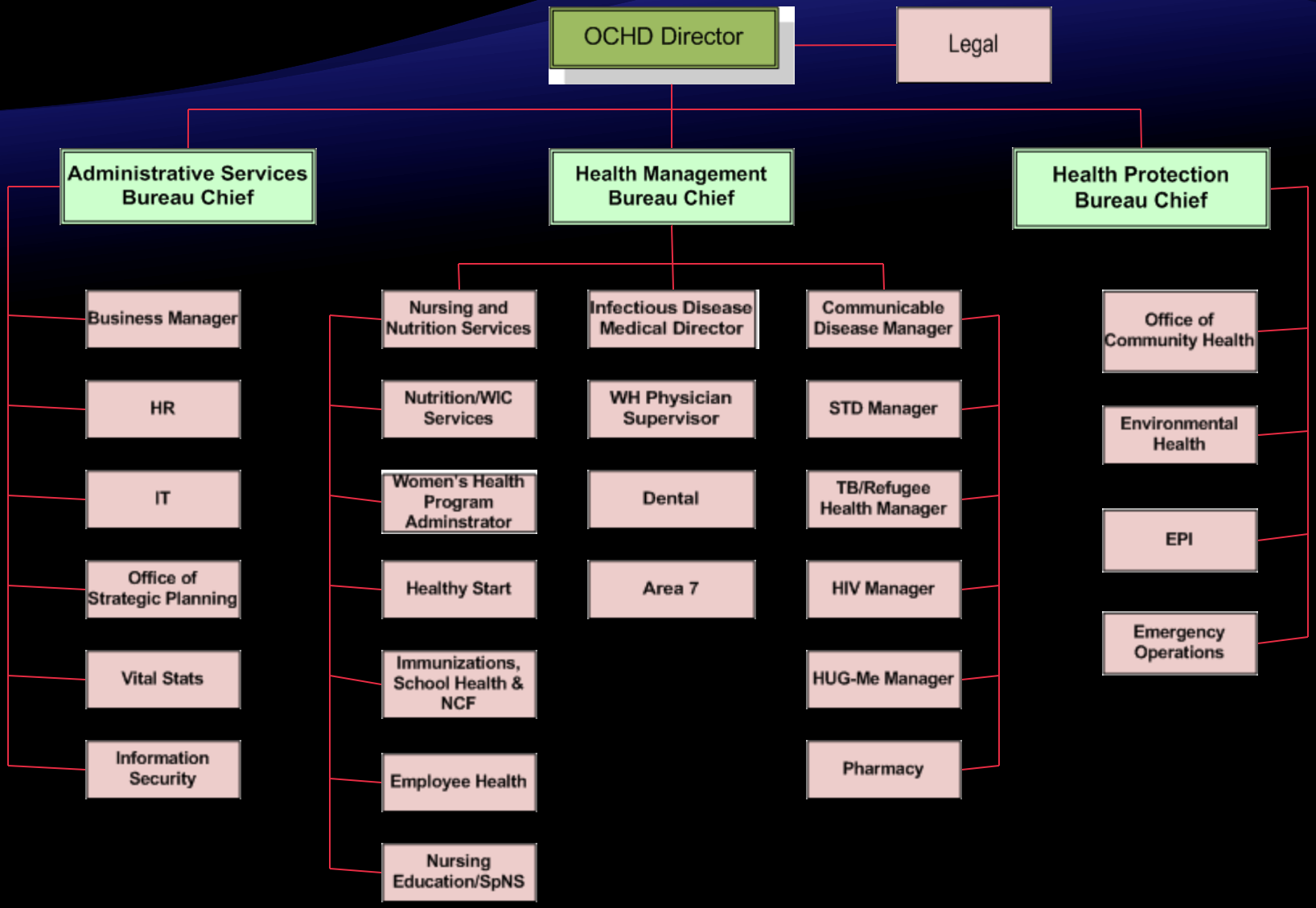
- Six Sigma is a rigorous statistical approach to solving business problems via process and quality improvements which address the corporate bottom line. In short, it uses statistical analysis to reduce process/product variation.

Project Management

- MS Project: Tool to assist project managers develop plans, assign resources to tasks, track progress, manage budgets and analyze workloads.

- SharePoint: A collaborative tool that makes it easier for people to work together. People can set up Web sites to share information with others, manage documents from start to finish, and publish reports to help everyone make better decisions.

OCHD Organization



Quality/Project Principles

- Strategic Plan goals can only be accomplished by instituting a quality management system that is supported by senior leaders and staff
- Lean Six Sigma and Project Management principles are blended
  - Cost (PM)
  - Schedule (PM)
  - Scope (PM)

  Triple Constraint
  - Define (LSS)
  - Measure (LSS)
  - Analyze (LSS)
  - Improve (LSS)
  - Control (LSS)

  Enhanced PDCA Cycle

Quality Training

- In 2009 we recognized that training was needed to advance quality initiatives within the OCHD
  - Retained the services of Grace Duffy to train 14 people in preparation for Green Belt certifications
  - Grace also served as a coach, guiding Alberto through the process to become a certified Black Belt
- In 2010 we discovered that training alone is not sufficient to implement needed quality initiatives
  - A large segment of the OCHD is highly resistant to change of any kind
  - We now employ guided discovery techniques so program managers and staff perceive change and quality improvement activities as their ideas
- In 2011 we challenged all staff to question all processes and submit improvement suggestions

Quality Tools

- Team Tools:
  - Nominal group technique (NGT)
  - Force field analysis
  - Multi-voting

  Decision Making
  - Affinity diagrams
  - Tree diagrams
  - Prioritization Matrix

  Planning
  - Pareto charts
  - Cause and Effect diagrams
  - Process and Value Stream maps
  - Failure Mode Effects Analysis

  Analysis
  - 5S (Sort, Straighten, Sweep, Standardize and Sustain)

Project Teams

- Quality Manager or other trained staff typically serve as facilitators
  - Keep project meetings on schedule
  - Introduce appropriate analysis tools
  - Train team members on proper use
  - Manage the project task list and resources
  - Manage risk
- Team Lead comes from the clinic or office primarily affected
- Team members come from other areas that may be affected (cross-functional)

Quality Management System

- Quality Council sponsors all process improvement projects and assigns champions
- Each project team is required to submit the following to the Quality Council for approval:
  - Project Charter
  - Scope of Work
  - Project Timeline with milestones
  - Change requests or modifications
  - Final Report documenting lessons learned and best practices
- Project teams are required to report progress to the Quality Council at least quarterly

Quality Management System

- The set of procedures for determining and implementing the intentions of the organization regarding quality.
- The QMS is governed by a Quality Manual based on ISO 9001:2008 which specifies six compulsory documents:
  - Control of Documents
  - Control of Records
  - Internal Audits
  - Control of Nonconforming Service
  - Corrective Action
  - Preventive Action

Challenges

- Program managers/supervisors
  - Not involved
  - Think they know the solution but have no data
  - Don’t allow team members to participate, therefore prolonging the process
- Programs implement changes before a baseline is established and metrics have been developed
- Decreased support from senior management and program managers as time passes
- Keeping the goal firmly in sight
- Scope creep

Questions?

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Lean Six Sigma Success Stories

Advancing Quality Improvement
One Project At A Time

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Project Preview

- Onsite Sewage Treatment/Disposal System Permitting Process Action Team II (PPAT)
- HUG-Me Transition Project
- Immunization Data Project
- Billing Project
- Training Project

Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permitting Process Action Team II (PPAT)

Project Manager: Alberto Araujo

Champion: Lesli Ahonkhai

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Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permitting Process Action Team II (PPAT)

- Project Team:

Lesli Ahonkhai	Project Sponsor
David Overfield	Team Champion
Scott Chambers	Team Sponsor
Kim Dove	Team Sponsor

- Team Players:

Alberto Araujo	Drew Burns
Chris Collinge	Dennis Morris
Mary Howard	Melissa Hulse
Yelitza Jiminez	Gary Smith

Objectives and Goals

- Utilize Lean Six Sigma to identify and reduce the most common permitting errors in the OSTDS Program
- Maintain or improve quality of OSTDS permits by applying quality assurance tools to the process
- Meet state requirements and recommended guidelines for permitting time frames
- Continue to increase customer satisfaction
- Document and track the permitting process
- Decrease backlog of pending OSTDS permits by implementing re-check file

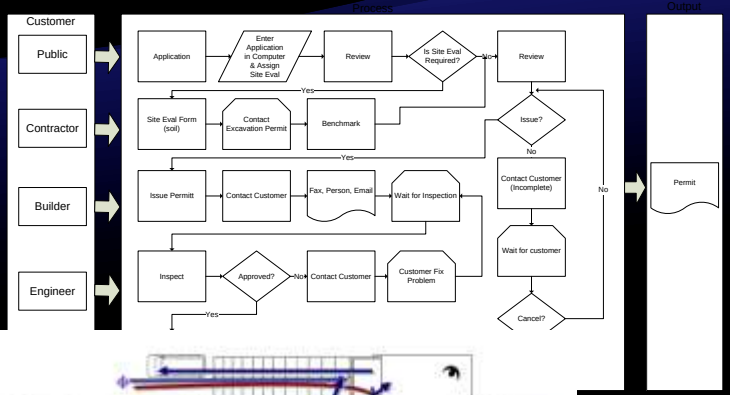
Project Approach

- MS Project was used as the tool for tracking tasks, time and resources.
- MS SharePoint was used for collaboration.
- Different Six Sigma tools were used to find out problems and their root causes.
  - Process and Value Stream maps
  - Fish Bone diagram
  - Pareto charts
  - FMEA and 5S
- Types of Office Waste (Lean)
  - Data and information waste
  - Workflow waste
  - Employee waste
  - Material resource waste

Process

- Identify the Problem:
  - Overall program evaluation score of 76%. Several areas scored less than 76% requiring a corrective action plan.
- Target:
  - Map the process
  - Implement the 5S's
    - Sort
    - Set in order
    - Shine
    - Standardize
    - Sustain

Tools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Process
Output
Public
Contractor
Builder
Engineer
Application
Enter Application in Computer & Assign Site Eval
Review
Is Site Eval Required?
Review
Site Eval Form (soil)
Contact Excavation Permit
Benchmark
Issue?
Issue Permit
Contact Customer
Fax, Person, Email
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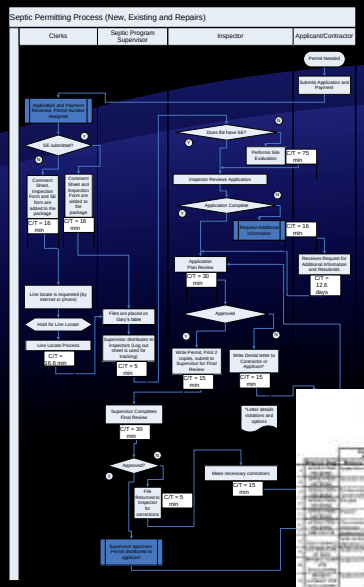
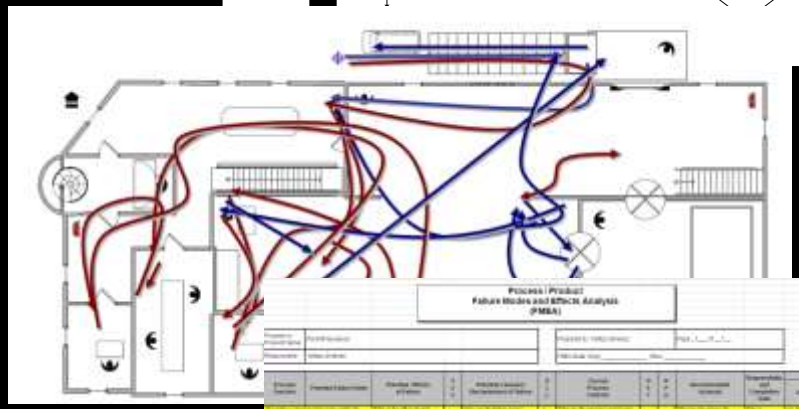
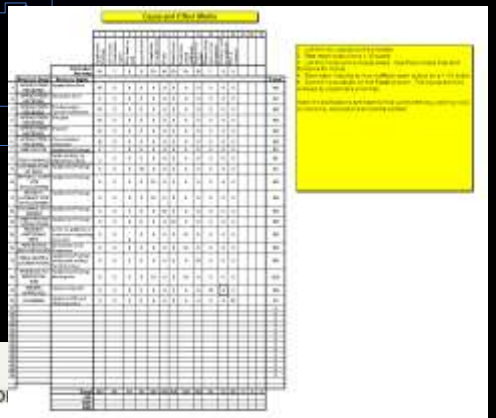
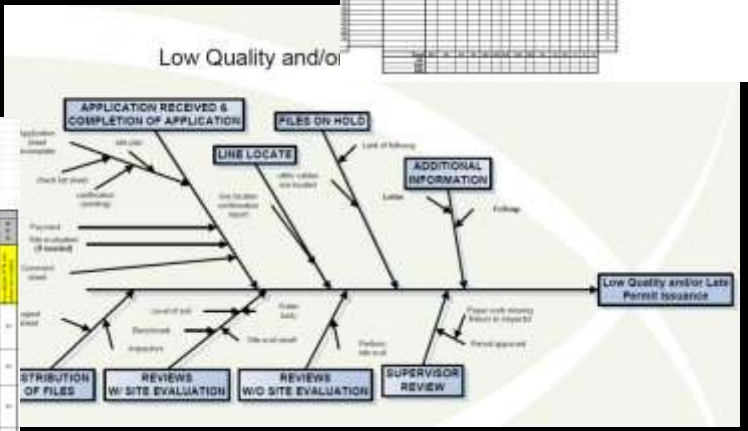
Contact Customer (Incomplete)
Inspect
Approved?
Contact Customer
Customer Fix Problem
Wait for customer
Cancel?
Yes
No
Permit


Septic Permitting Process (New, Existing and Repairs)
Clerks
Septic Program Supervisor
Inspector
Applicant/Contractor
Permit Needed
Submit Application and Payment
Application and Payment Received, Permit Number Assigned
Is it complete?
Does file have SIs?
Perform Site Evaluation
CT = 75 min
Inspector Reviews Application
Application Complete
Request Additional Information
CT = 16 min
Application Plan Review
CT = 30 min
Approved
Write Permit, Print 2 copies, submit to Supervisor for Final Review
CT = 15 min
Write Denial letter to Contractor or Applicant
Supervisor Completes Final Review
CT = 30 min
Approved?
Make necessary corrections
CT = 15 min
Supervisor approves Permit distributes to applicant



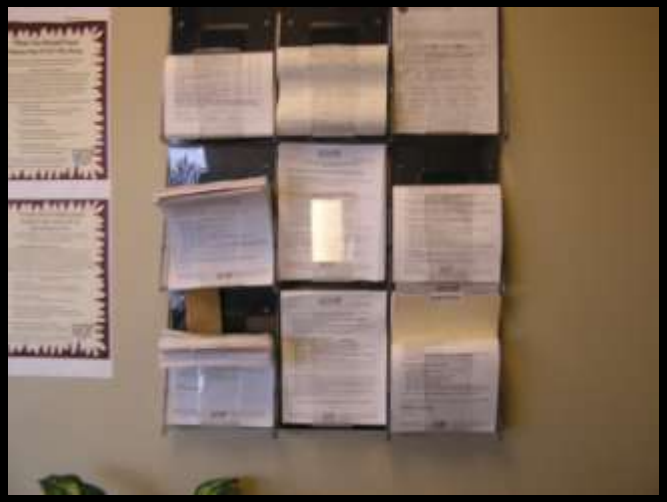


Process / Product
Failure Modes and Effects Analysis
(PM&A)


Low Quality and/or
APPLICATION RECEIVED & COMPLETION OF APPLICATION
FILES ON HOLD
LINE LOCATE
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Low Quality and/or Late Permit Issuance
REVIEWS W/ SITE EVALUATION
REVIEWS W/O SITE EVALUATION
SUPERVISOR REVIEW

Before 5S's

5 S's In Action



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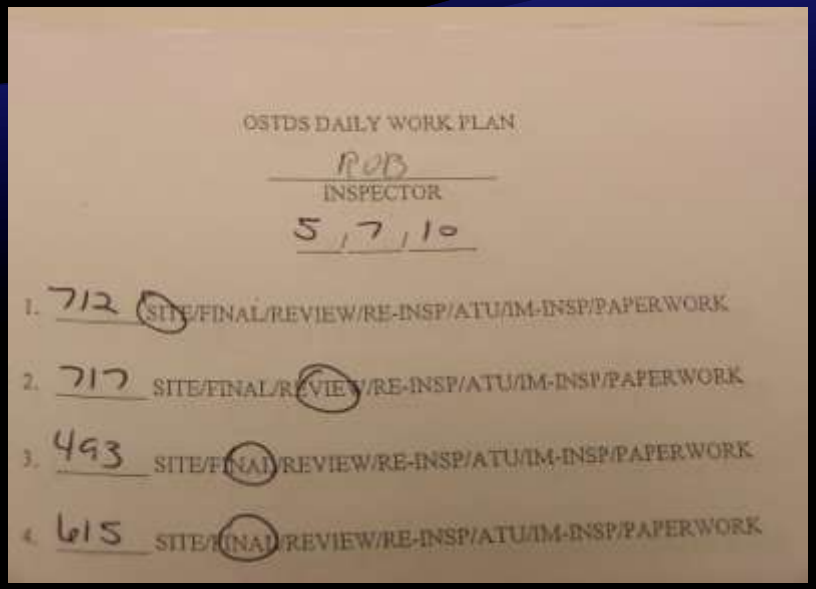
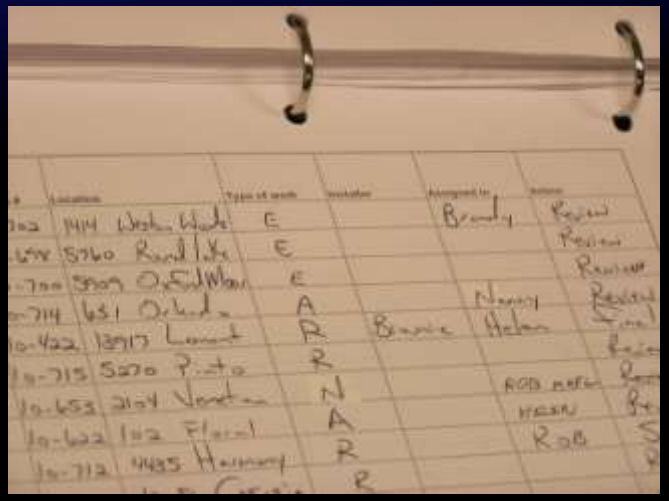
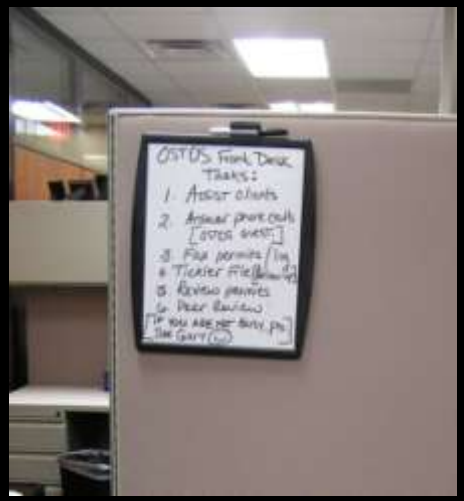

OSTDS DAILY WORK PLAN

ROB
INSPECTOR

5, 7, 10

1. 712 SITE/FINAL/REVIEW/RE-INSP/ATU/IM-INSP/PAPERWORK
2. 717 SITE/FINAL/REVIEW/RE-INSP/ATU/IM-INSP/PAPERWORK
3. 493 SITE/FINAL/REVIEW/RE-INSP/ATU/IM-INSP/PAPERWORK
4. 615 SITE/FINAL/REVIEW/RE-INSP/ATU/IM-INSP/PAPERWORK





Process

- Utilize the State Health Office OSTDS Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement tool to evaluate 7 new permit applications, 7 repair permit applications ~ baseline
  - Identify the 3 most common errors ~ OSTDS permitting process
    - Application - Not indicating water supply/sewer availability
    - Site Evaluation – Loading rate, excavation, drain field configuration
    - Site Evaluation - Available unobstructed area / ESHWT indicators and observed water

Process

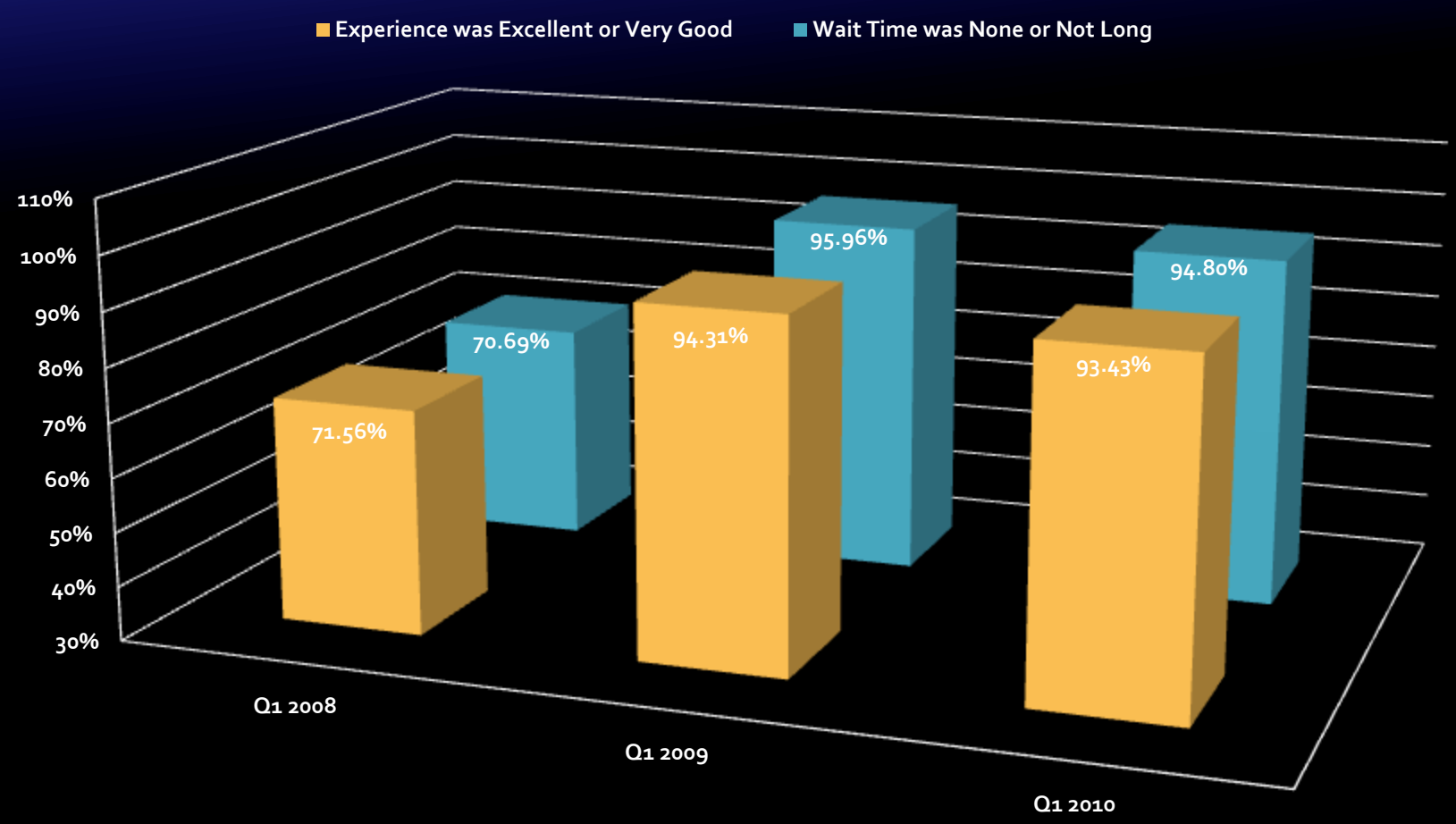
- Improved quality by creating/implementing quality assurance tools
- Permitting Worksheets
- Peer/Supervisory Review
- Standardization
- Staff training and development
- Equipment Inventory
- Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Consistent Staff and Contractor Meetings
- Staffing

Results

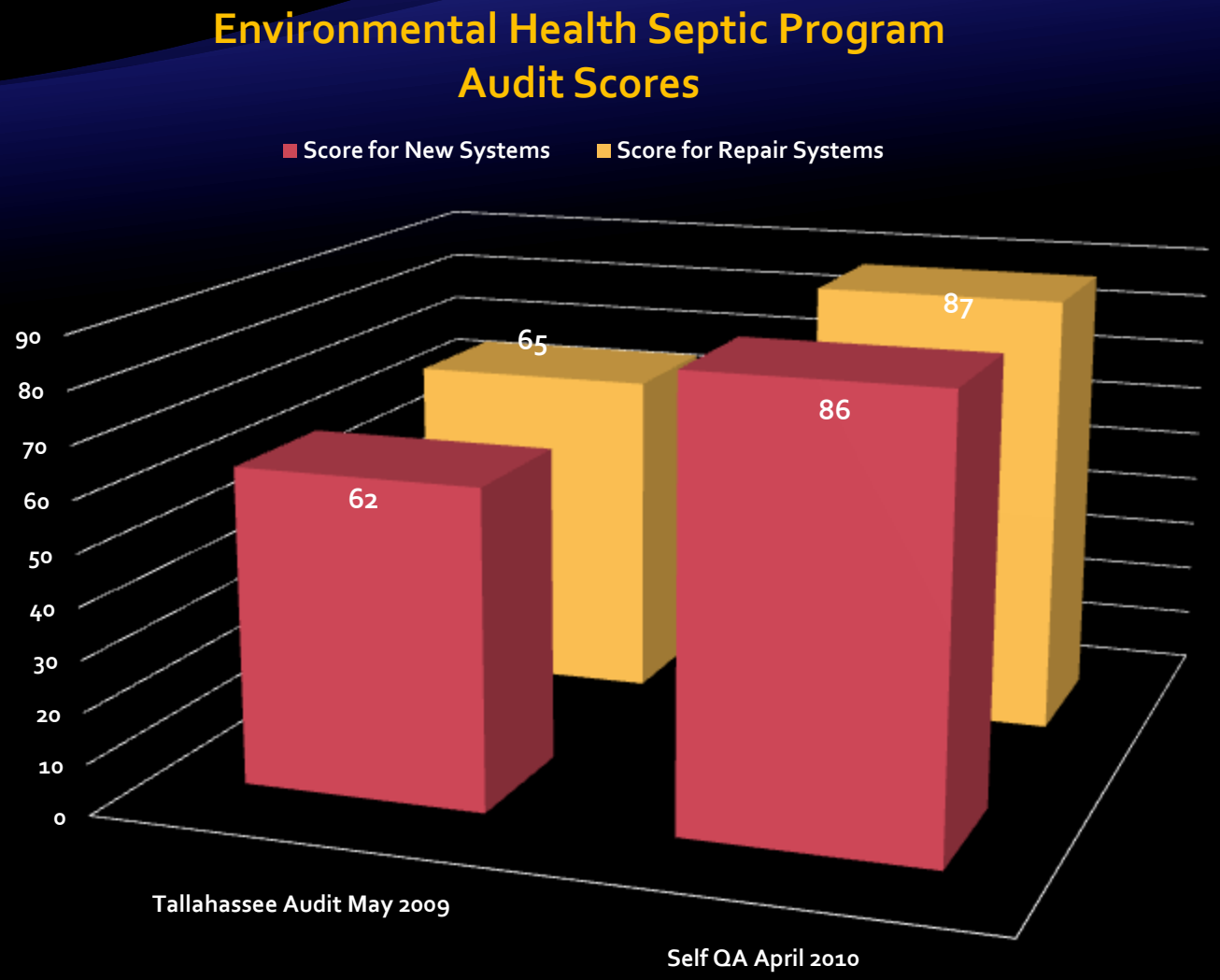
- Measure performance:
  - Conduct a review of 7 New and 7 Repair permit applications after implementing tools ~ measure progress
  - Conduct baseline customer satisfaction survey ~ septic tank contractors
- A 24% reduction of the most common errors found for new permits.
- A 18% reduction of the most common errors found for repair permits.

Customer Satisfaction Results

OCHD Customer Feedback for Environmental Health Program
First Quarter Comparison - 2008, 2009 and 2010

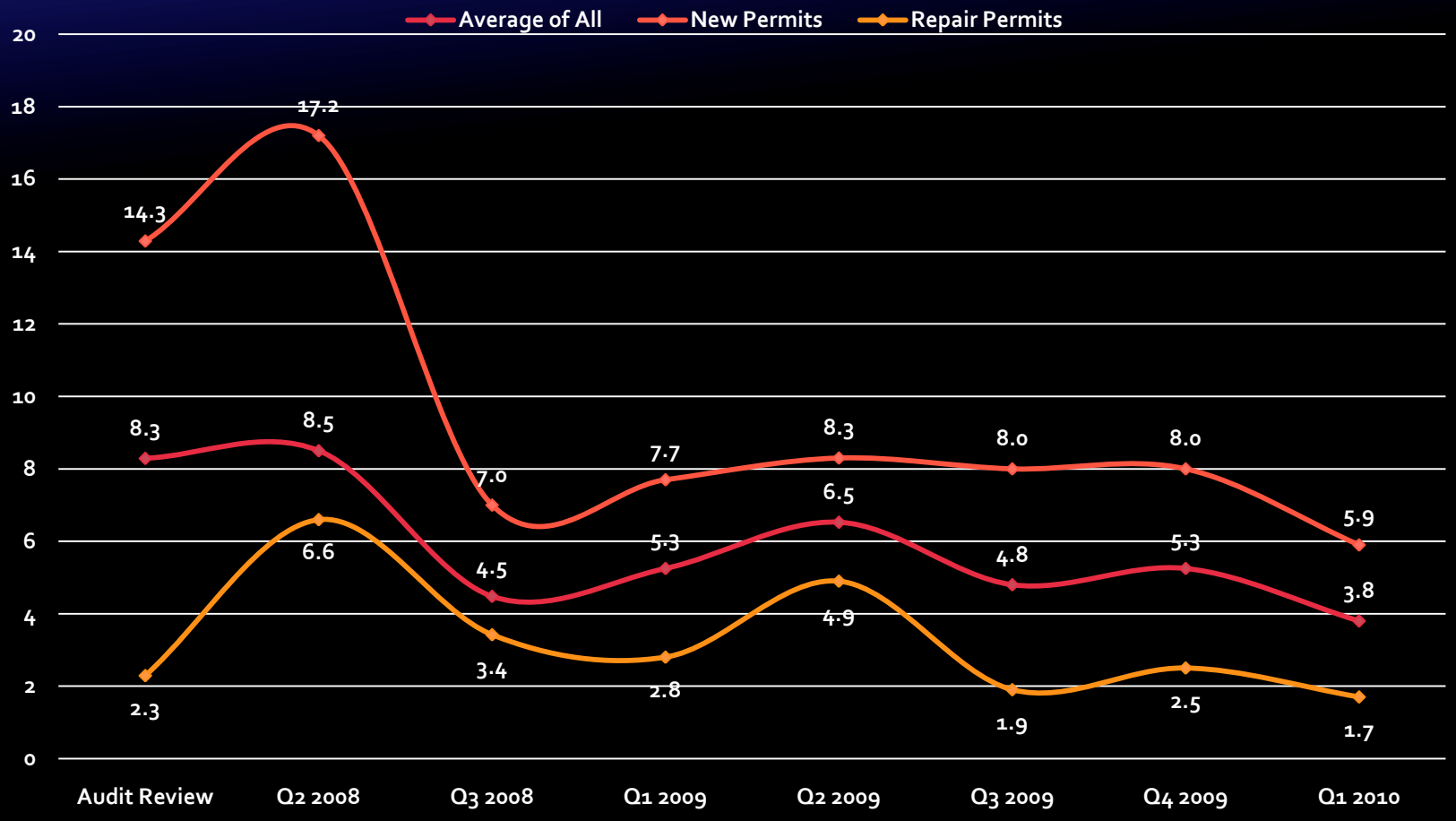


QA Audit Chart



Quarterly Review

Septic Permitting - Actual Number of Days from Permit Payment to Permit Issuance*



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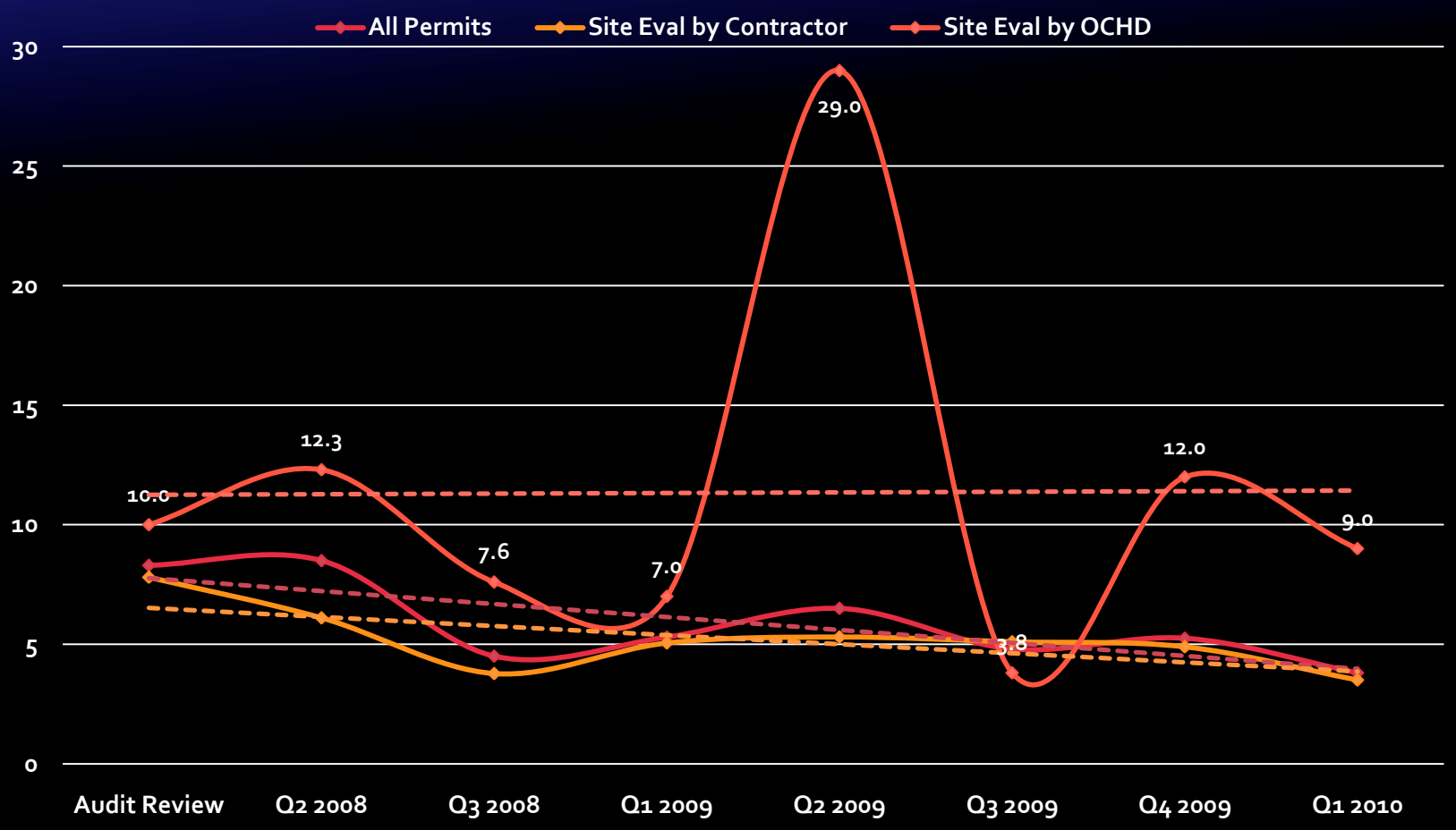
Septic Permitting - Actual Numbers of Days for Permit Issuance by Site Evaluation Type



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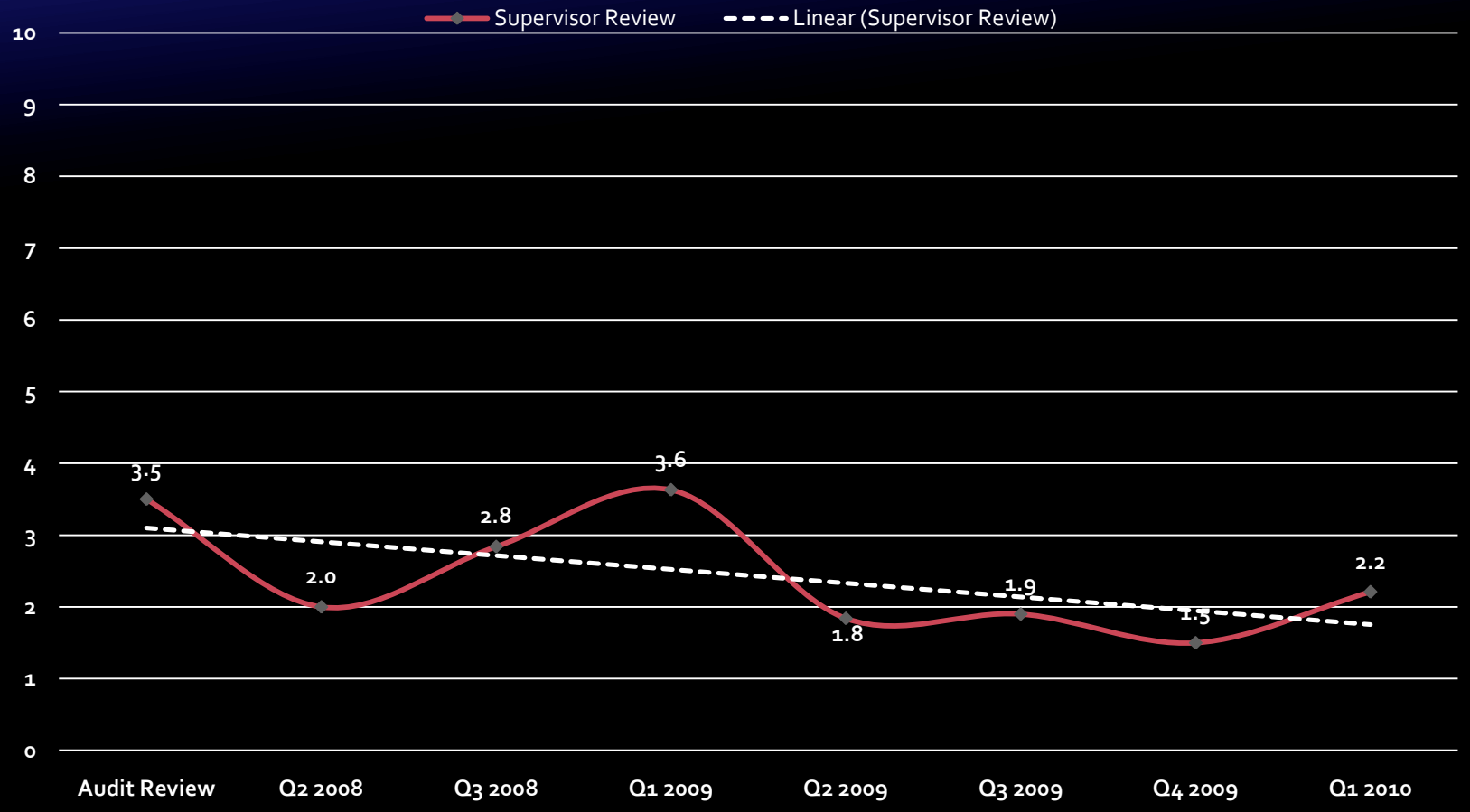
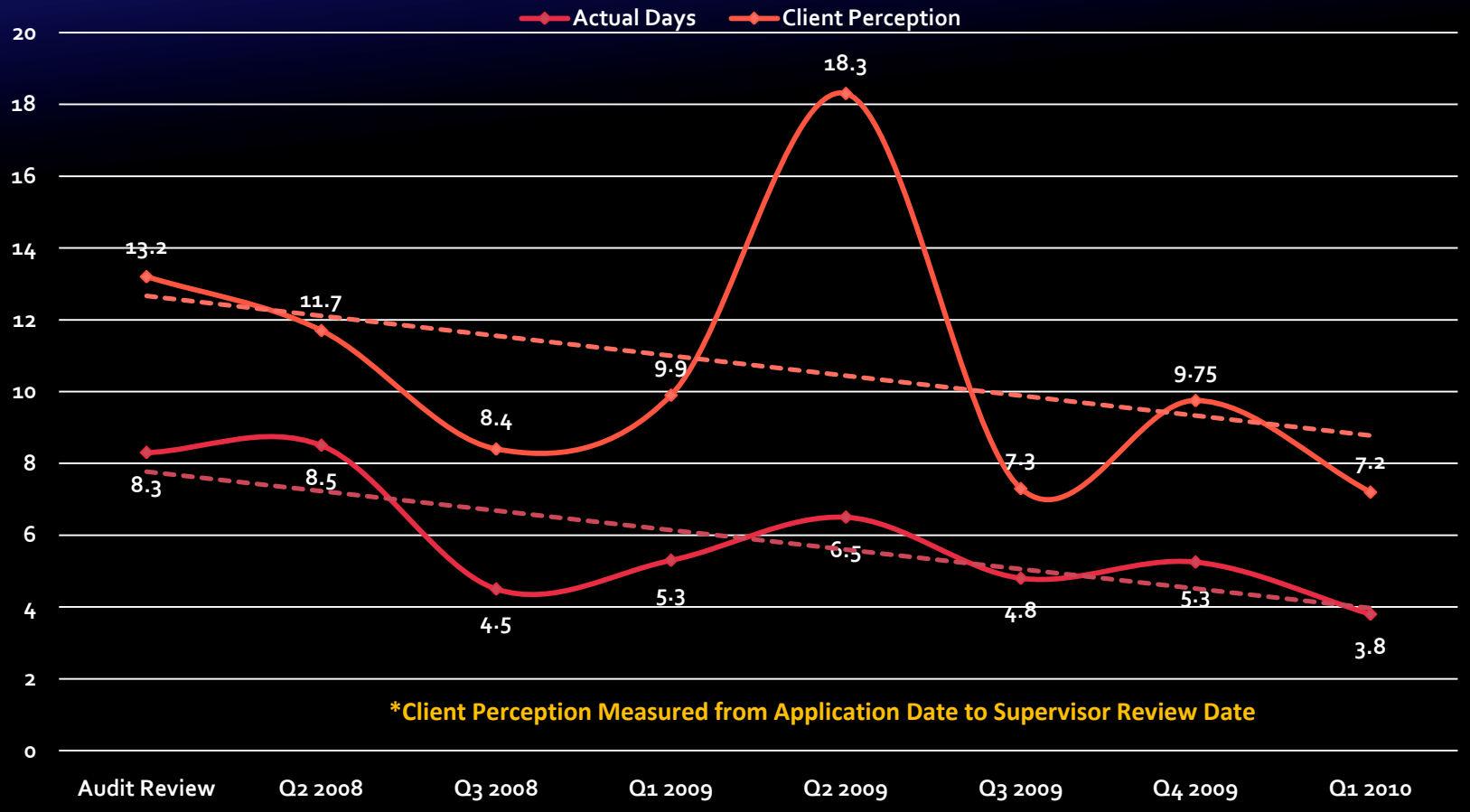
Septic Permitting
Number of Days for Supervisor Review



Quarterly Review

Septic Permitting - Permit Issuance (All Types)
Actual Days versus Client Perception



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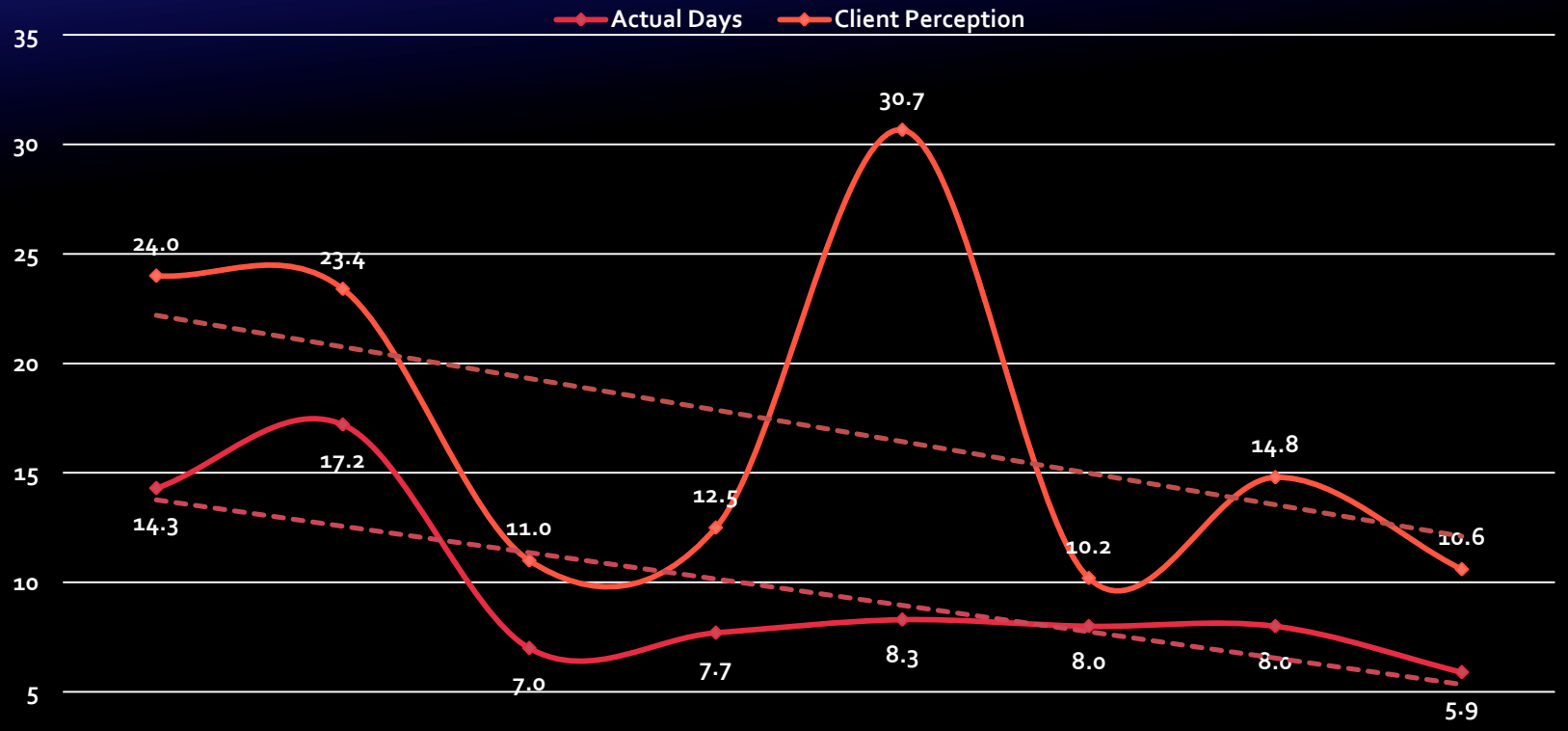
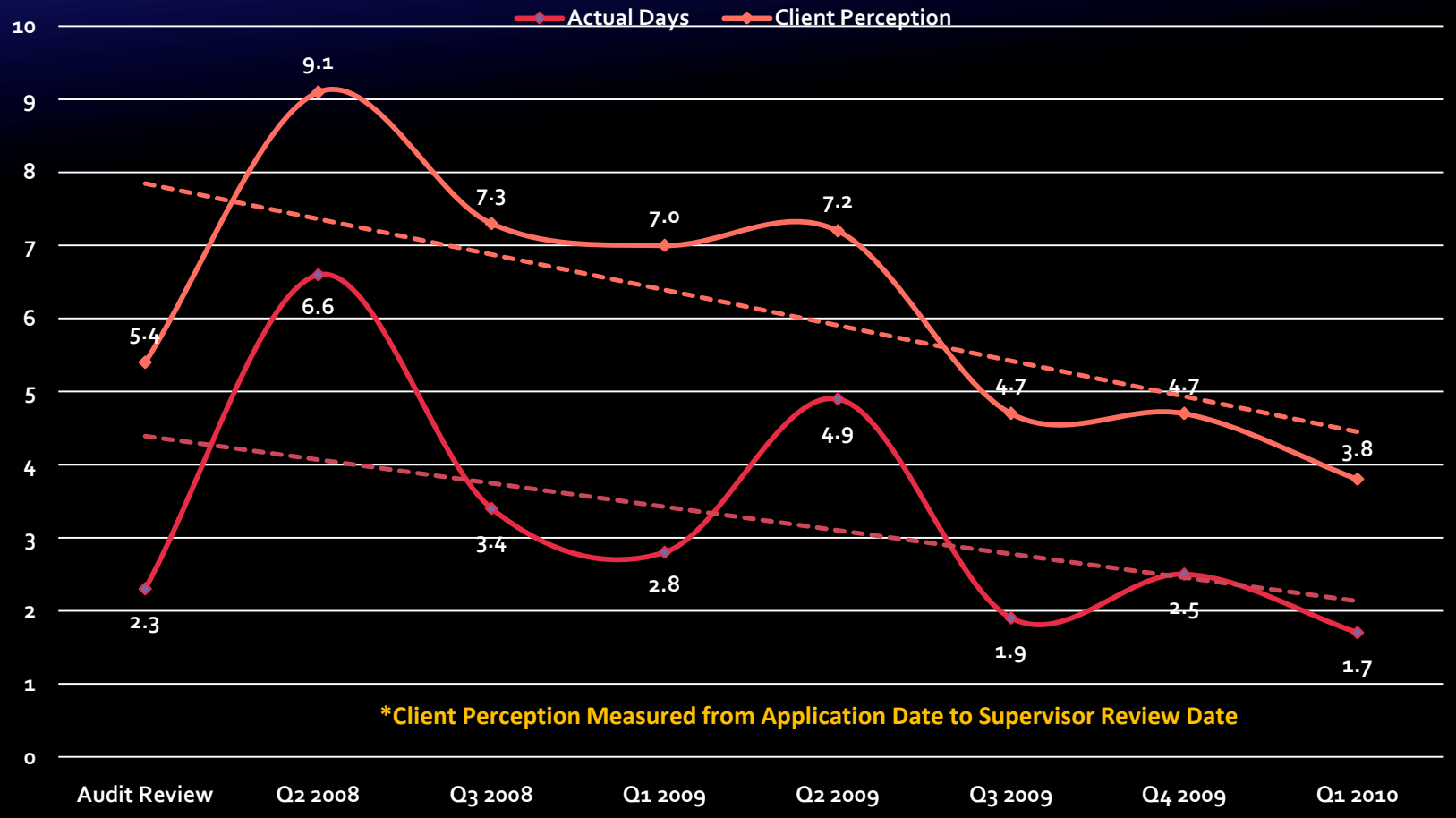
Septic Permitting - New Permit Issuance
Actual Days versus Client Perception



*Client Perception Measured from Application Date to Supervisor Review Date

Quarterly Review

Septic Permitting - Repair Permit Issuance
Actual Days versus Client Perception



Future Goals

- Identify 3 new most common errors
- Continue regular QA/Audit/CAP
- Continue to identify training needs
- Continue 5S's
- Policy

HUG Me Transition Project

Project Manager: Susannah Mena

Champion: Dr. Steven Hale

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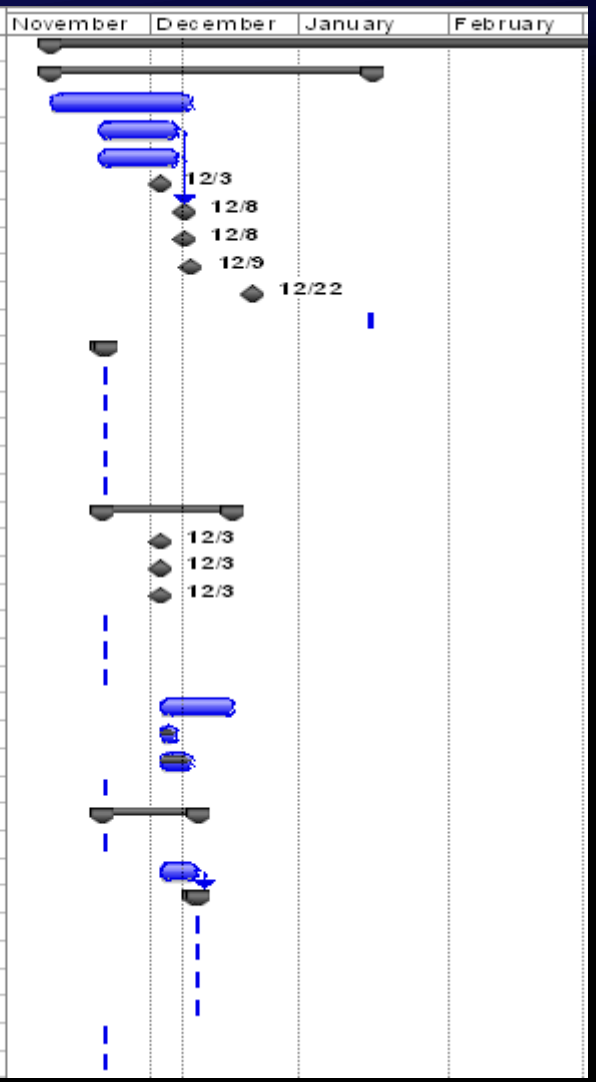
Project Approach

- MS Project was used as the tool for tracking tasks, time and resources.
- MS SharePoint was used for collaboration.
- Different Six Sigma tools were used to find out problems and their root causes.
  - Cost Benefit Analysis
  - Risk Analysis
  - Financial Analysis
  - Heavily oriented toward Project Management
- Types of Office Waste
  - Not applicable

Project Schedule

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
1	**HUG-Me Transition**	**162 days?**	**Mon 11/10/08**	**Tue 6/30/09**
2	**Planning Phase**	**45 days?**	**Mon 11/10/08**	**Thu 1/15/09**
3	Data review	19 days?	Mon 11/10/0	Mon 12/8/0
4	Review of Charter - Sponsor	10 days?	Thu 11/20/0	Fri 12/5/0
5	Review of Charter - Management	10 days?	Thu 11/20/0	Fri 12/5/0
6	ORH pre-kick off mtg	0 days	Wed 12/3/0	Wed 12/3/0
7	Charter sign-off	0 days	Mon 12/8/0	Mon 12/8/0
8	CounterPart matching	0 days	Mon 12/8/0	Mon 12/8/0
9	Kickoff Meeting	0 days	Tue 12/9/0	Tue 12/9/0
10	Tasks & Schedule Completed	0 days	Mon 12/22/0	Mon 12/22/0
11	Team Meeting	1 day?	Thu 1/15/0	Thu 1/15/0
12	**HR**	**1 day?**	**Fri 11/21/08**	**Fri 11/21/08**
13	Job descriptions	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0
14	Job Titles	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0
15	Salaries	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0
16	Employee Legacy Issues	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0
17	HR Communications Matrix	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0
18	**IT**	**17 days?**	**Fri 11/21/08**	**Wed 12/17/0**
19	Review of Equipment	0 days	Wed 12/3/0	Wed 12/3/0
20	Review of data connection	0 days	Wed 12/3/0	Wed 12/3/0
21	Review of facilities	0 days	Wed 12/3/0	Wed 12/3/0
22	Review of Software	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0
23	Review of security	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0
24	Review of ORH policies & procedures	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0
25	Equipment Inventory	11 days?	Wed 12/3/0	Wed 12/17/0
26	New Equipment Costs	3 days?	Wed 12/3/0	Fri 12/5/0
27	ORH phone system	4 days?	Wed 12/3/0	Mon 12/8/0
28	Data conversation	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0
29	**Contracts**	**12 days?**	**Fri 11/21/08**	**Wed 12/10/0**
30	MOA Execution	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0
31	Receive Copies of Contracts, Leases, se	5 days	Wed 12/3/0	Tue 12/9/0
32	**Review of all existing contracts**	**1 day?**	**Wed 12/10/0**	**Wed 12/10/0**
33	Facilities	1 day?	Wed 12/10/0	Wed 12/10/0
34	Services	1 day?	Wed 12/10/0	Wed 12/10/0
35	Staffing	1 day?	Wed 12/10/0	Wed 12/10/0
36	Miscellaneous	1 day?	Wed 12/10/0	Wed 12/10/0
37	Review of policies & procedures	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0
38	Review of any outstanding legal issues	1 day?	Fri 11/21/0	Fri 11/21/0



Target Board
HUG-Me Program Transition

Opportunity Statement

Transition of the Orlando Regional Health's HUG-Me program due to a change in ORH's financial commitment.

Goal/Objective

Create a "new" HUG-Me program within OCHD transitioning all clients, and their families. The high level of health care that has made HUG-Me a nationally recognized program will be maintained.

Team

Project Sponsor: Deanna AmRhein

Project Management Lead: Jim Pate

Project Manager: Susannah Mena

Subject Matter Experts: Michael Dey & Debbie Tucci

Team Members: Melissa Hulse; Alma Vargas; Sandy Frazier; Chris Collinge; Milly Caraballo; Robin Muhammad; Tammy Nicholas; Carlos Marin-Rosa; Patrick Westerfield; Alelia Munroe

Scope

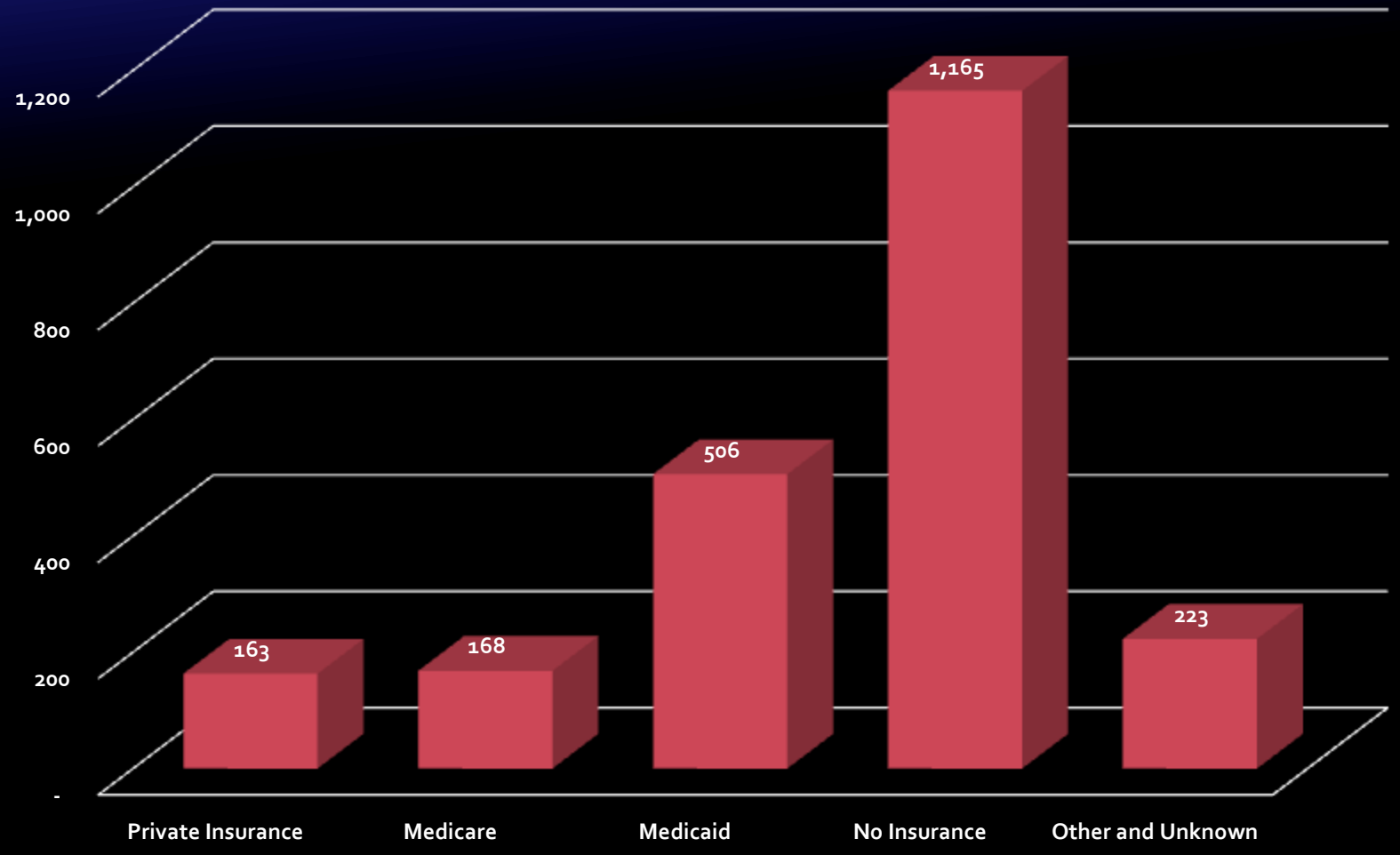
Creation of a "new" HUG-Me program within OCHD that closely mirrors the ORH HUG-Me program. Minimal client service disruption – transparent. Maintaining the proper staff to accommodate the unique program and clients' specialized needs.

Deliverables

1) Transition of all clients & their families
2) Donation of all HUG-Me related assets
3) Hire staff to meet clients' needs
4) Transfer of all grants – federal, state & local

Cost Benefit Analysis

HUG Me Client Distribution by Insurance Type
2,225 Clients Total



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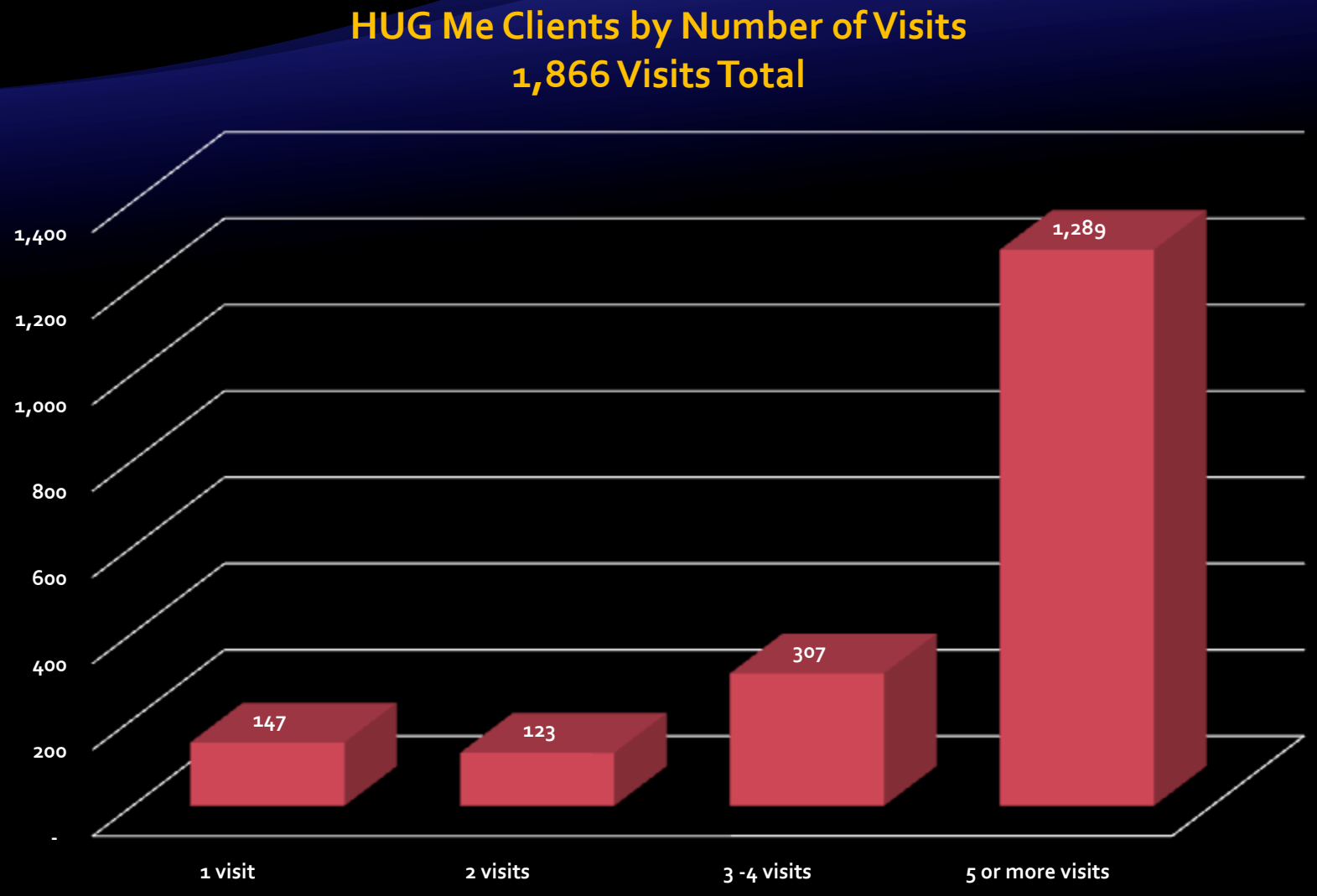
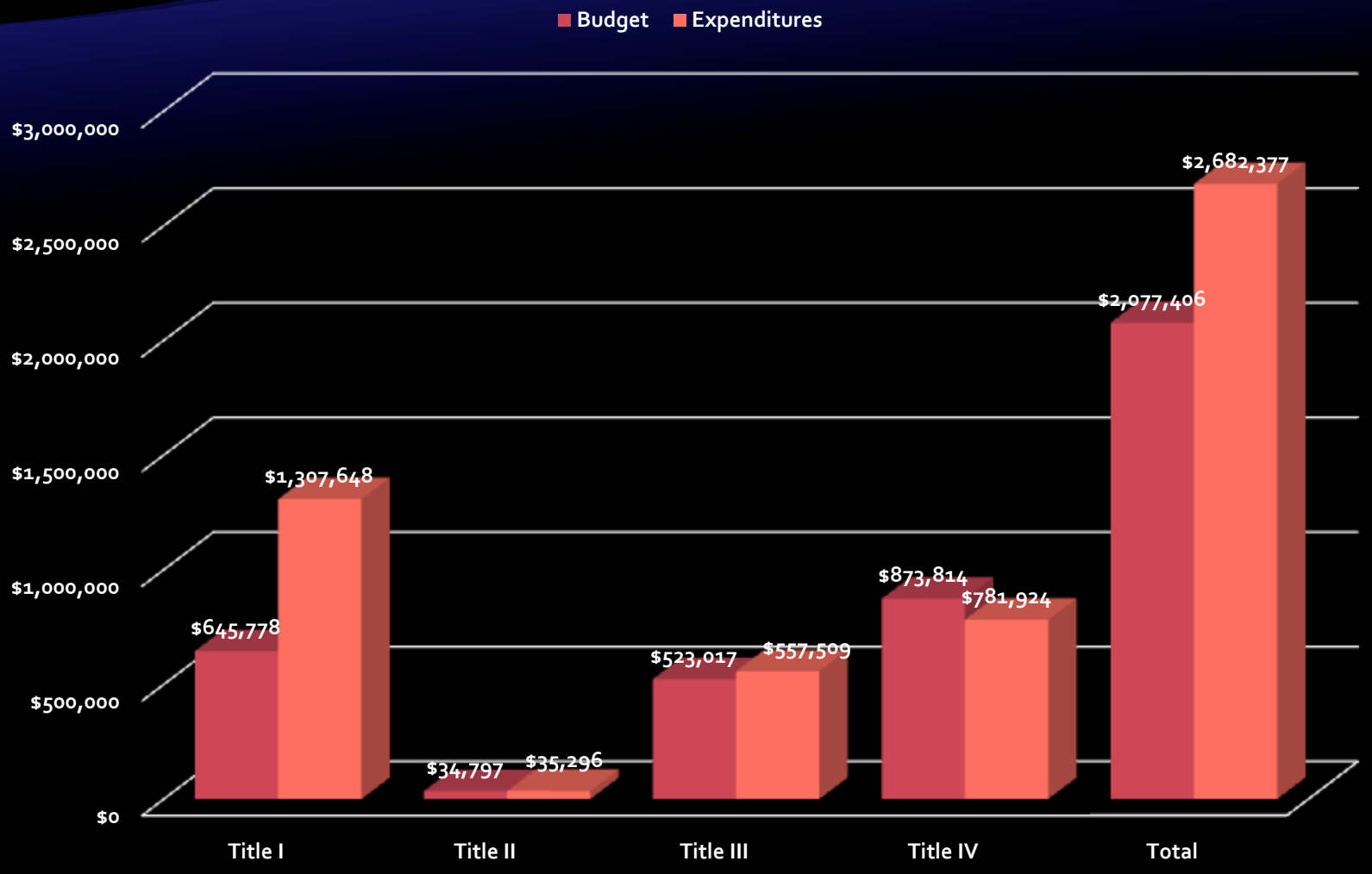


Cost Benefit Analysis

HUG Me Ryan White Grant Budget and Expenditures



Revenue Opportunities

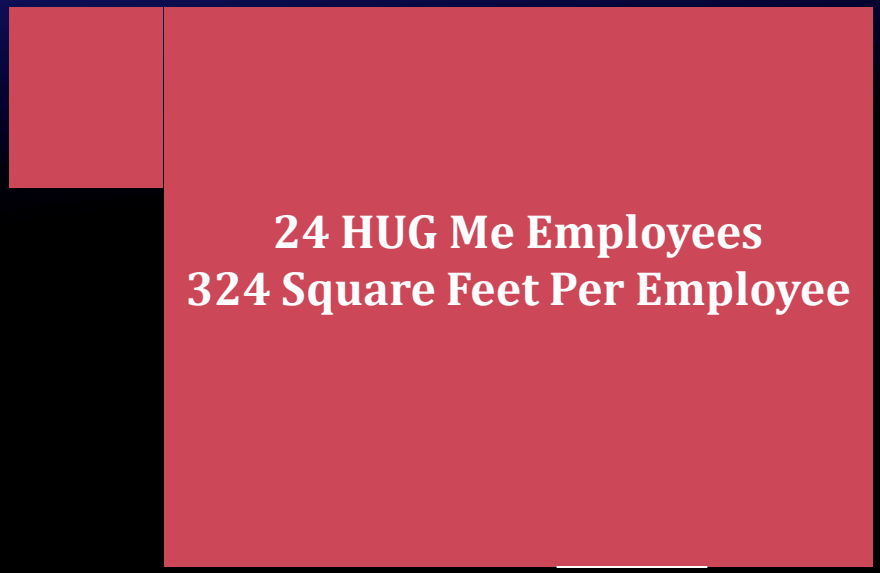
215 clients - 5 or more visits	$455,000.00
Using $260 Cost Based Reimbursement Rate	$73,710.00
46 clients - 1 or 2 visits	$29,250.00
Potential Medicaid Reimbursement	$557,960.00

Total Anticipated Revenue

Anticipated Grant Revenue	$2,077,406
Anticipated Medicaid Revenue	$557,960
Total Anticipated Revenue	**$2,635,366**
Projected Expenditures	$2,141,950
Difference	**$493,416**

Space Utilization

HUG Me Staff Only $12,125 Per Employee Per Year



HUG Me, WIC & Immunology $5,402 Per Employee Per Year

Target Board
HUG-Me Program Transition

Project Charter

Deliverables:

- Employee transfers/or new hires for vacant positions
- Seamless services provided to all clients through the transfer process
- Due diligence and take over of all feasible contracts for services, facilities, etc.
- Security of data through IT and legal avenues
- Billing/funding issues, compliance & requirements

Conclusion

The HUG-Me program was started at OCHD on 1 October 2009. Most of the key elements were successfully transitioned. There are some outstanding issues that will impact OCHD and the HUG-Me program.

Issues

•Pediatric clients are being removed from the HUG-Me program and will receive services from CMS

•CMS funding for the pediatric clients and the required Infectious Disease Specialist have been withdrawn from the HUG-Me program – these withdrawn funds also impact staff funding

•Sub-Lease between ORH and OCHD has not been completed.

•Lease between Orange County and the landlord is ready to be presented to the County Commissioners for approval – Jan/Feb 2010

•Orange County lease will expire in 2011 – at which point the program will most likely relocate to a more economically viable space

•Sub-Lease between Orange County & OCHD has been reviewed – revisions and comments have been submitted to Orange County

•Two state grants – SNS and TOPWA will expire in 2011 and most likely will not be renewed thereby impacting staff funding ultimately staff may need to be released

Immunization Data Project

Project Manager: Shelly Persaud

Champion: Dr. Steven Hale

Orange County Health Department
Office of Strategic Planning

Purpose and Scope

Purpose: Develop a process to ensure all state-provided vaccines are captured accurately in HMS and FLSHOTS, resulting in increased revenue and decreased error rate.

Scope:

- Correct discrepancies between HMS/FLSHOTS for services provided between 10/1/08 and 12/31/08. (2/27/09)
- Develop Pareto chart for discrepancies in HMS/FLSHOTS.
- Develop a process map for Immunization, School Health and Immunization Billing. (5/22/09)
- Analyze current process to determine root-causes of discrepancies in HMS/FLSHOTS and decreased revenue.
- Develop policy and procedure manual for the Immunization Program. (6/30/09)
- Train staff according to Standard Operating Procedures. (6/26/09)
- Research and bill all Immunization and School Health clients based on client's Medicaid eligibility in FMMIS. (4/10/09)
- Pass audit by FDOH Office of Immunizations (3/24/09)

Project Approach

- MS Project was used as the tool for tracking tasks, time and resources.
- MS SharePoint was used for collaboration.
- Different Six Sigma tools were used to find out problems and their root causes.
  - Pareto Charts
  - Process Mapping
  - Root Cause Analysis
  - Brainstorming
- Types of Office Waste
  - HMS duplicate entries

Corrective Action Plan

Action	Target Date	Status	Responsible
Designate and train an Immunization employee to perform billing for IAP only	3/1/2009	Completed	Tammy Gay
Develop Vaccine Accountability Nurse Contract for IAP and SH nurses	4/7/2009	Completed	Regina Hayward and Tammy Gay
Develop Policy and Procedure manual	5/31/2009	Draft Completed	Patricia Stuart and Tammy Gay
Hire and train an employee to maintain accurate vaccine inventory data base	6/12/2009	Completed	Terrolyn Huckaby
Provide FLSHOTS and HMS Training to all SH, IAP and NCF nurses and clerks	6/30/2009	Completed	Tammy Gay

FLSHOTS/HMS Training Update

- There were 3 scheduled trainings for all School Health, Neighborhood Center for Families and Immunization Action Plan (IAP) nurses and clerks.
  - Training dates: June 12th, 19th and 24th.
- Competency Test
  - 25 IAP staff were tested on June 26th 2009 and employees that did not pass were retested on 07/01/09.
- Topics :
  - Client Registration in FLSHOTS and HMS.
  - Merging duplicates in FLSHOTS.
  - Importing vaccinations from FLSHOTS to HMS
  - Reconciliation process to ensure all vaccines are captured accurately in HMS and FLSHOTS

Training Recommendations

Team recommendations for future training:

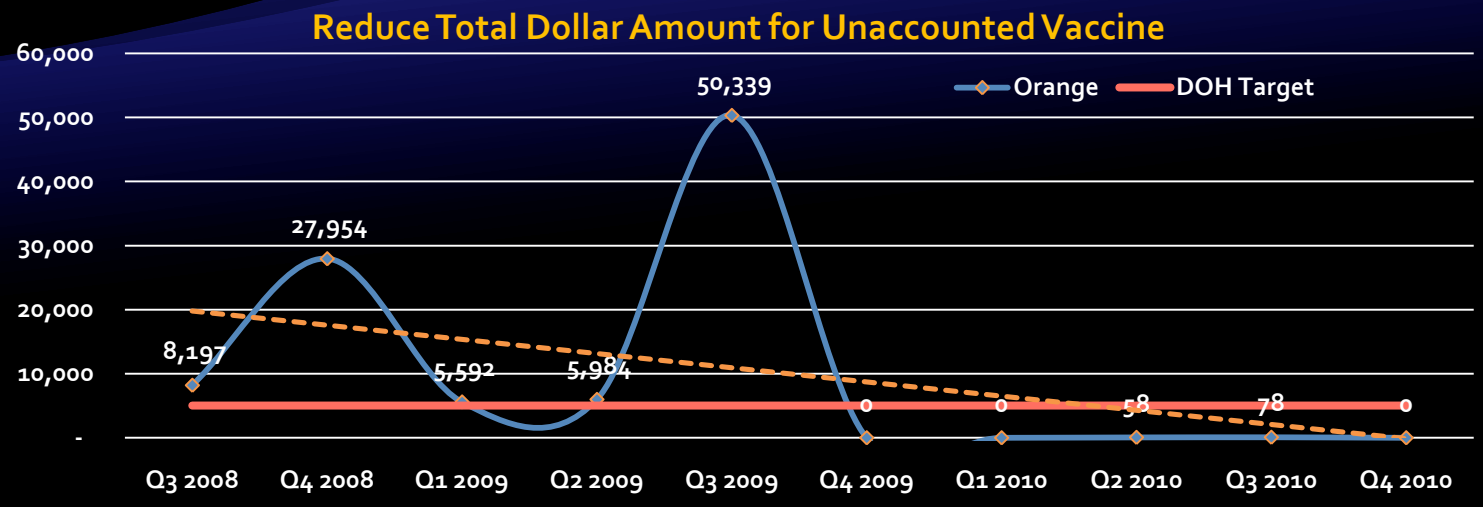
- Review test results and identify areas for improvement.
- Work with HR to develop an online test for the Immunization program.
- All staff should take computerized test and receive a certificate of completion every 6 months.
- Document in performance standards of each employee

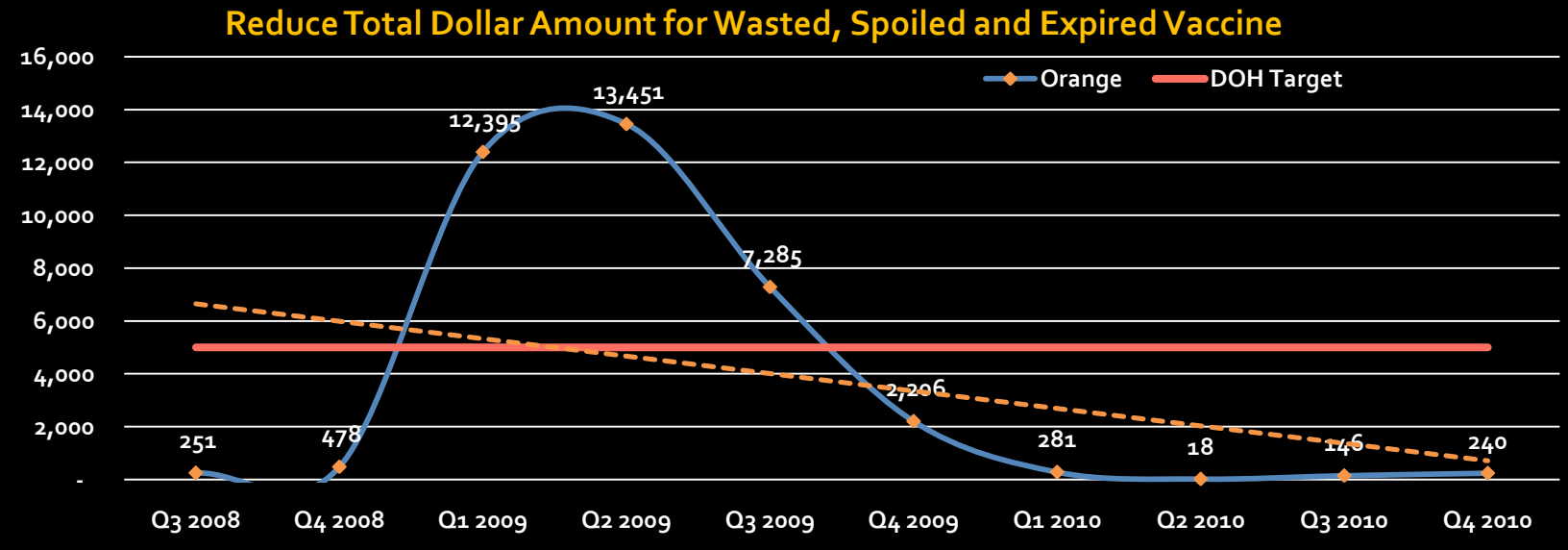
Internal Review of State-Provided Vaccines 2009

Vaccines Not Imported for April 1, 2009 - June 30, 2009	Number Missed	CDC Cost	Total Vaccine Not Imported CDC Fee
DTAP	2	$ 13.50	$ 27.00
HEP A	2	$ 12.88	$ 25.76
HEP B	10	$ 9.88	$ 98.80
HIB PRPOMP	1	$ 11.29	$ 11.29
HPV	2	$ 105.58	$ 211.16
INFLUENZA	1	$ 9.97	$ 9.97
IPV	2	$ 11.51	$ 23.02
MENACTRA	6	$ 80.13	$ 480.78
MMR	2	$ 18.30	$ 36.60
PENTACEL	1	$ 51.49	$ 51.49
PNUE-CONJU	2	$ 71.04	$ 142.08
ROTATEQ	1	$ 57.20	$ 57.20
TD DECAVAC	4	$ 18.17	$ 72.68
TDAP	6	$ 30.75	$ 184.50
VZV	4	$ 64.53	$ 258.12
Total	**46**		**$ 1,690.45**

	Initial Review for State-Provided Vaccines	Final Review for State-Provided Vaccines
Service Date:	10/1/2008 - 12/31/2008	04/01/2009 - 06/30/2009
Total Vaccines not Imported in HMS	102	46

External Review of State-Provided Vaccines 2010





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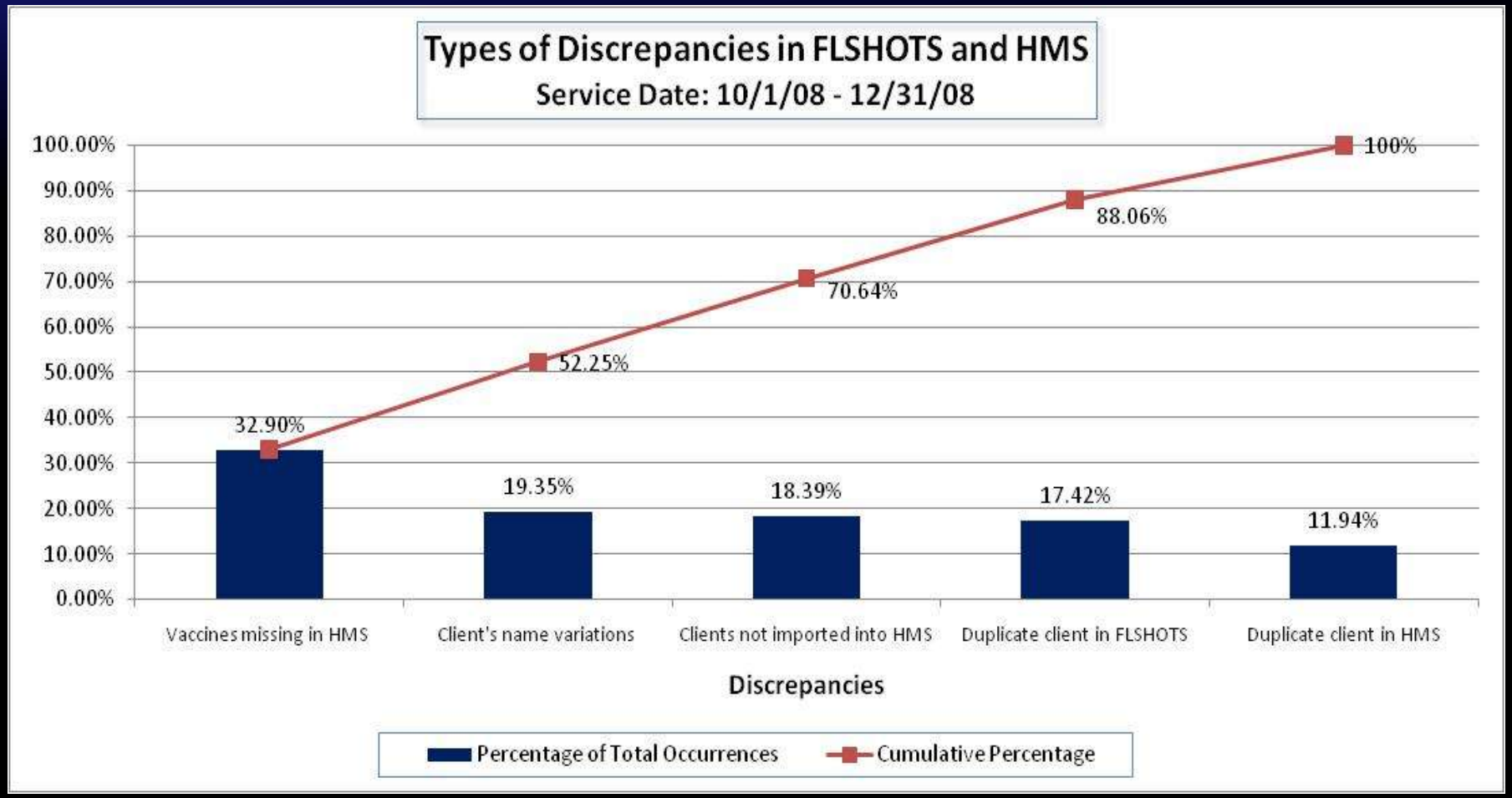

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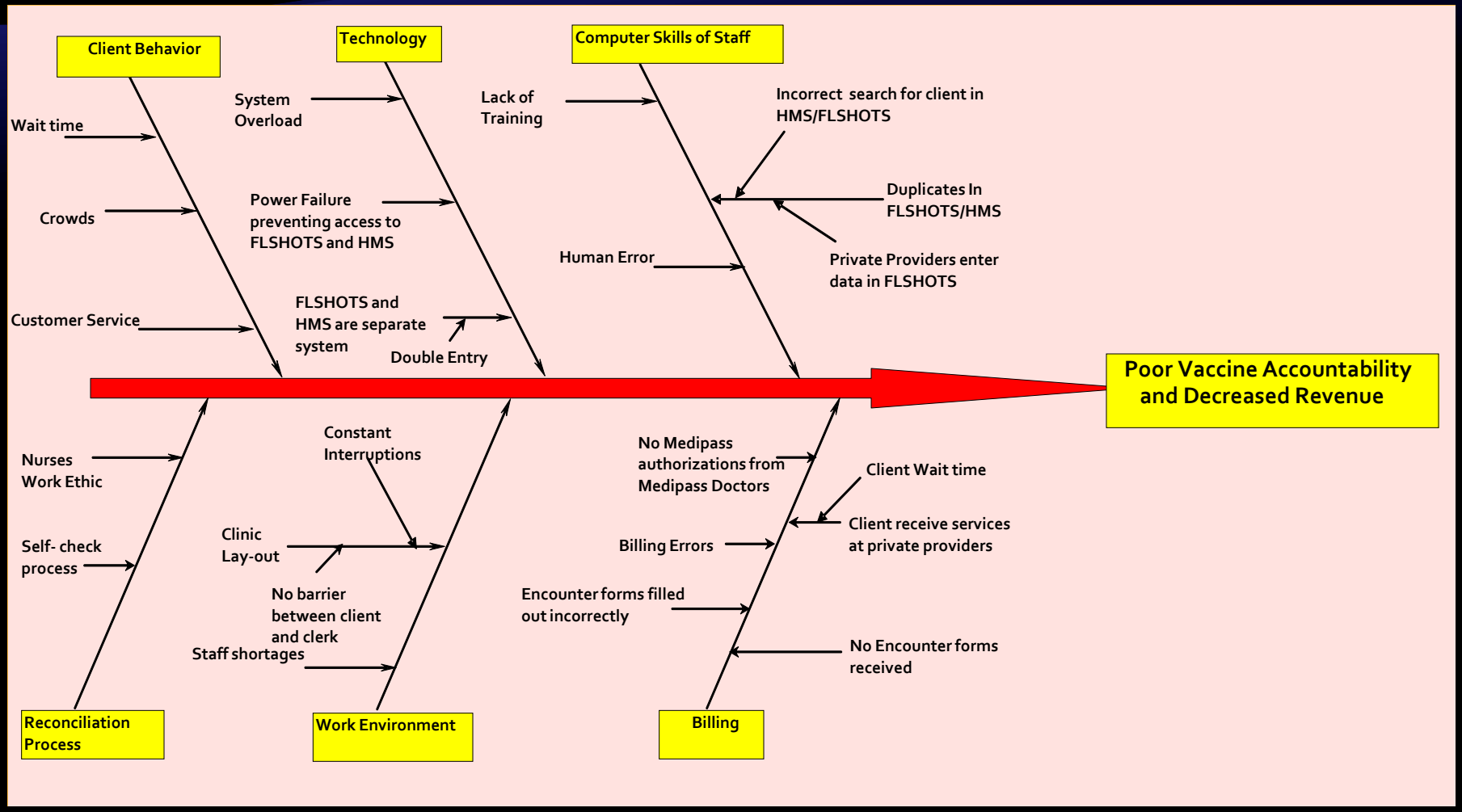
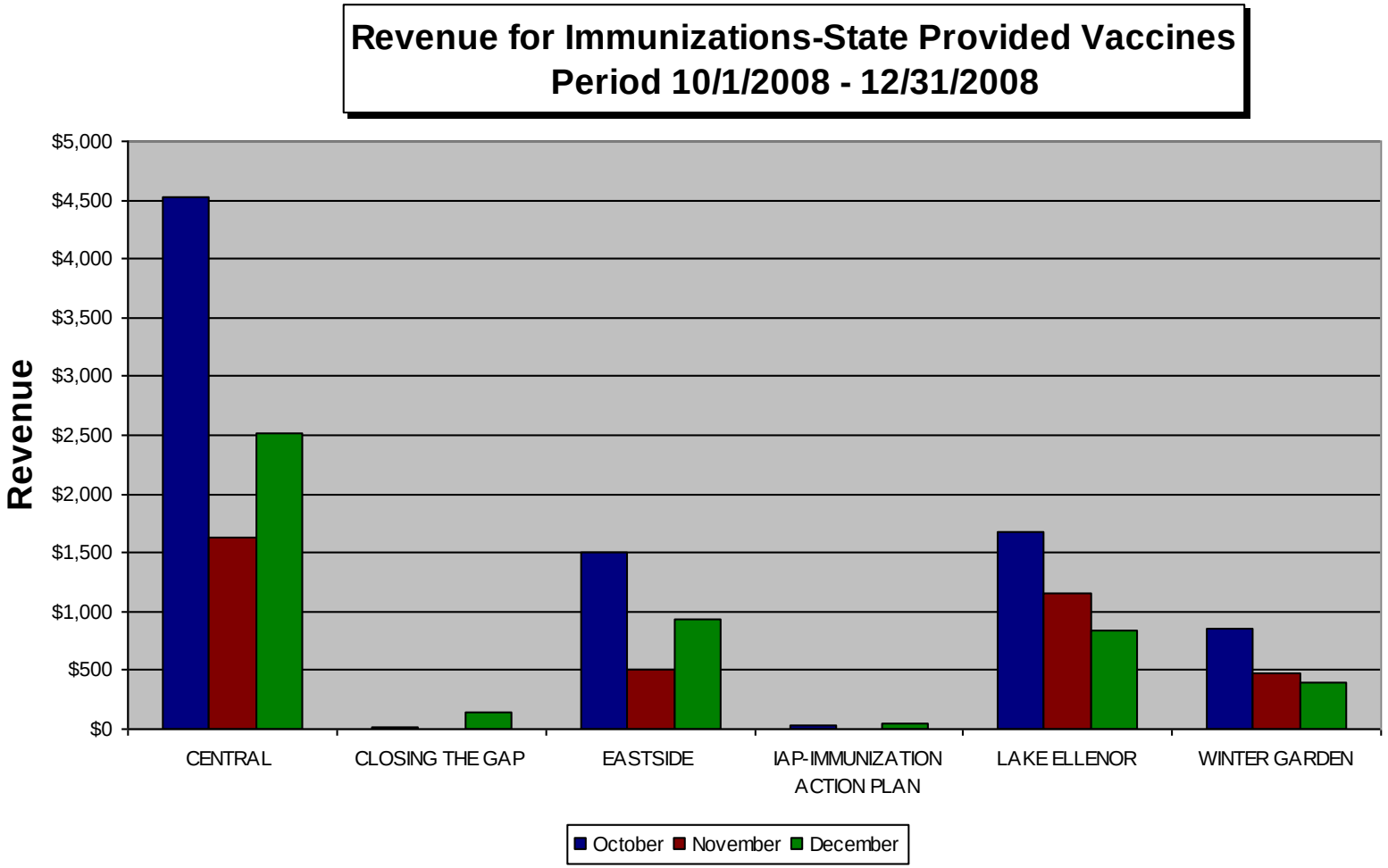


Billing Update



Completed Tasks

ID		Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	% Complete
1		Immunization Data Project	141 days	Tue 12/16/08	Tue 6/30/09	73%
2	✓	Initial Team Leader Meeting	18 days	Tue 12/16/08	Thu 1/8/09	100%
3	✓	Meet with Team Leader to select team members	1 day	Tue 12/16/0	Tue 12/16/0	100%
4	✓	Prepare for Project Kick-off Meeting	16 days	Wed 12/17/0	Wed 1/7/0	100%
5	✓	Project Kick-off Meeting	1 day	Thu 1/8/0	Thu 1/8/0	100%
6	✓	Internal Review of data entry in OCHD clinical database	57 days	Wed 12/31/0	Thu 3/19/0	100%
7	✓	HMS and FLSHOTS Reports Issued	1 day	Wed 12/31/0	Wed 12/31/0	100%
8	✓	Review HMS Service history report	15 days	Thu 1/1/0	Wed 1/21/0	100%
9	✓	Review vaccine utilization report in FLSHOTS	15 days	Wed 1/21/0	Tue 2/10/0	100%
10	✓	Correct Discrepancies between HMS and FLSHOTS	13 days	Wed 2/11/0	Fri 2/27/0	100%
11	✓	Correct discrepancies between HMS and FLSHOTS -Complete	0 days	Fri 2/27/0	Fri 2/27/0	100%
12	✓	Develop spreadsheet with error rate of discrepancies and create pareto chart	14 days	Mon 3/2/0	Thu 3/19/0	100%
13	✓	Billing	30 days	Mon 3/2/09	Fri 4/10/0	100%
14	✓	Research and bill all SH and IAP clients based on client's Medicaid eligibility in FMMIS	30 days	Mon 3/2/09	Fri 4/10/0	100%
15	✓	Bill all vaccines provided during 10/1/08 -12/31/08	30 days	Mon 3/2/0	Fri 4/10/0	100%
16	✓	Bill all vaccines provided during 10/1/08 -12/31/08 Complete	0 days	Fri 4/10/0	Fri 4/10/0	100%
17	✓	State Audit	0 days	Tue 3/24/09	Tue 3/24/09	100%
18	✓	Pass audit by FDOH Bureau of Immunizations	0 days	Tue 3/24/0	Tue 3/24/0	100%
19		Quality Improvement	76 days	Tue 2/17/09	Tue 6/2/09	63%
20	✓	Clinic walk-through	9 days	Tue 2/17/09	Fri 2/27/0	100%
21	✓	IAP Clinic	1 day	Tue 2/17/0	Tue 2/17/0	100%
22	✓	SH Visit	1 day	Fri 2/27/0	Fri 2/27/0	100%
23		Develop "As Is" Process Map	38 days	Fri 3/20/0	Tue 5/12/09	89%
24	✓	IAP Program	18 days	Fri 3/20/0	Tue 4/14/0	100%
25	✓	School Health Program	5 days	Wed 4/15/0	Tue 4/21/0	100%

The Billing Project

Project Manager: Melissa Hulse

Champion: Deanna AmRhein

Orange County Health Department

Office of Strategic Planning

Purpose and Scope

Purpose: Collect, interpret and present data necessary for SMT to make objective, informed decisions on the effectiveness of the Billing Process.

Scope:

- Map the billing process
- Determine data needs and/or availability
- Develop methods to capture data
- Analyze data collected and identify most frequent issues/problems
- Develop recommendations for process improvement

Project Approach

- MS Project was used as the tool for tracking tasks, time and resources.
- MS SharePoint was used for collaboration.
- Different Six Sigma tools were used to find out problems and their root causes.
  - Process Mapping
  - Gap Analysis
  - Pareto Charts on problem frequency
- Types of Office Waste
  - Not applicable

Complications

- Maternity Package implementation
- Medicaid Reimbursement Rates frequently changed
- Unreliable Billing and Service Reports from HMS
- H1N1 and HUG Me activities
- Programs resisted participation in process mapping

Assumptions

- It is assumed that service coding, insurance and eligibility information in HMS is correct.
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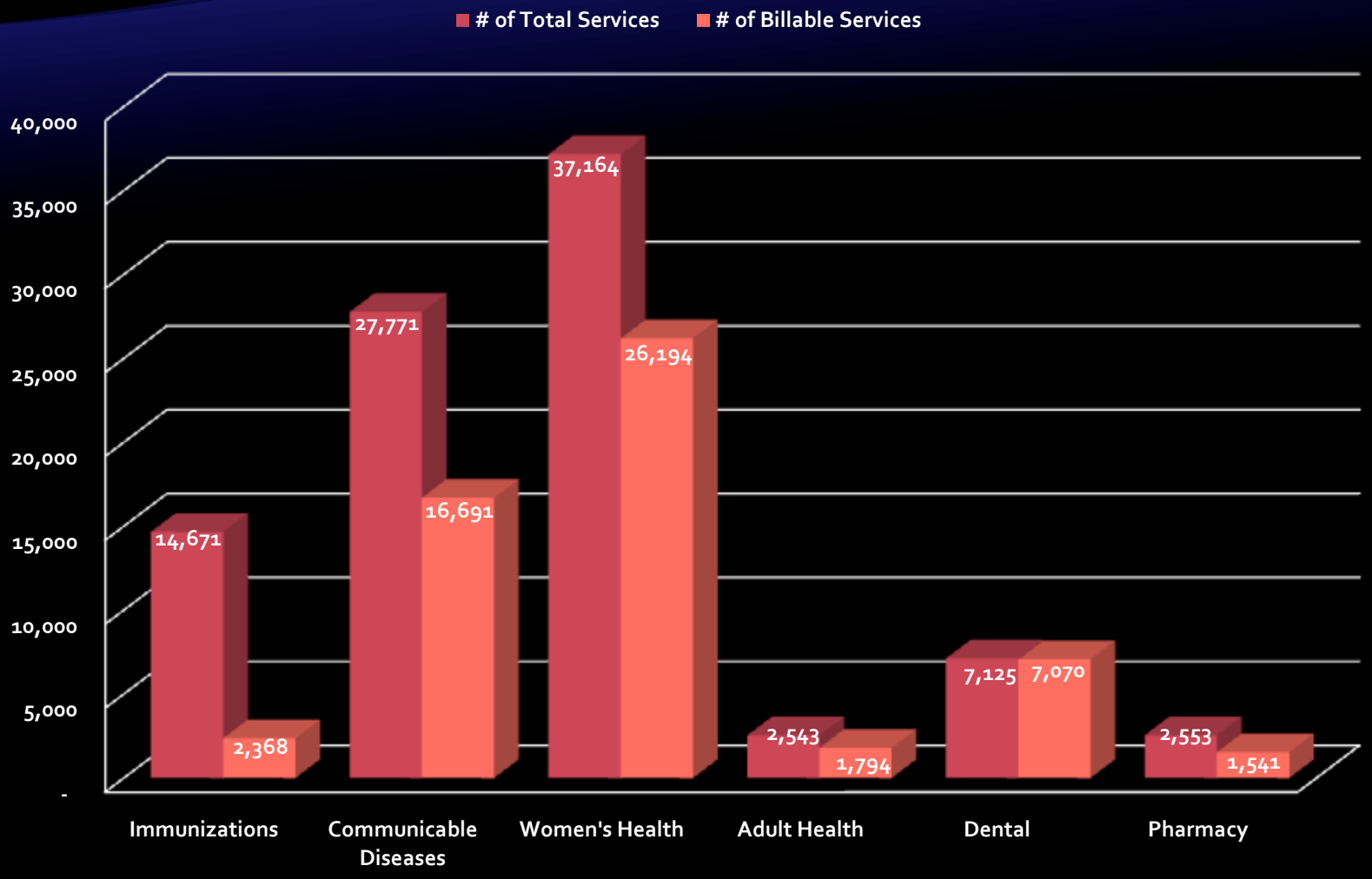
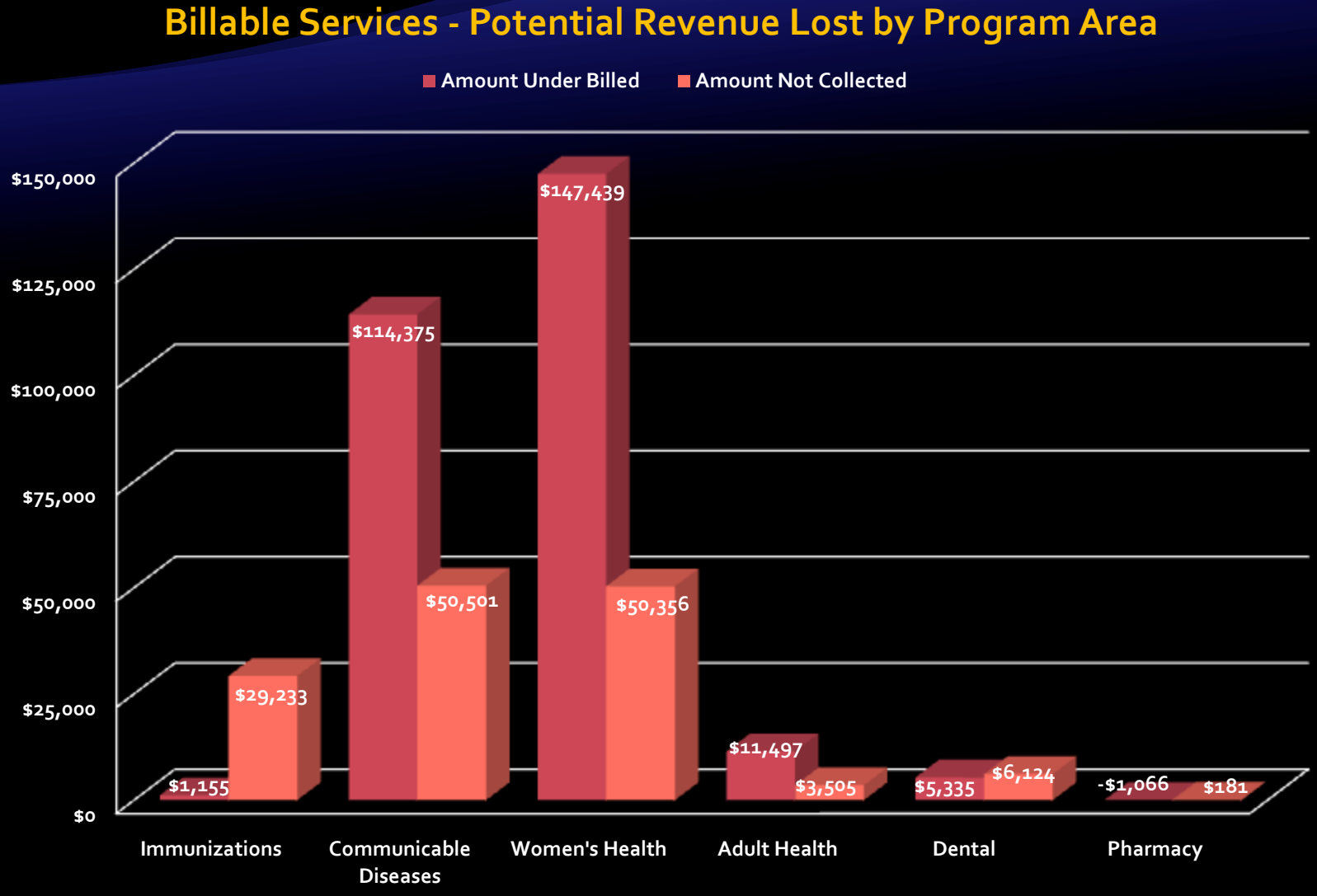
- It is assumed that clients with no eligibility determination should pay 100%.
- In the first quarter of 2009, Orange County Health Department provided 91,287 total services and 55,658 billable services

Services by Program Area

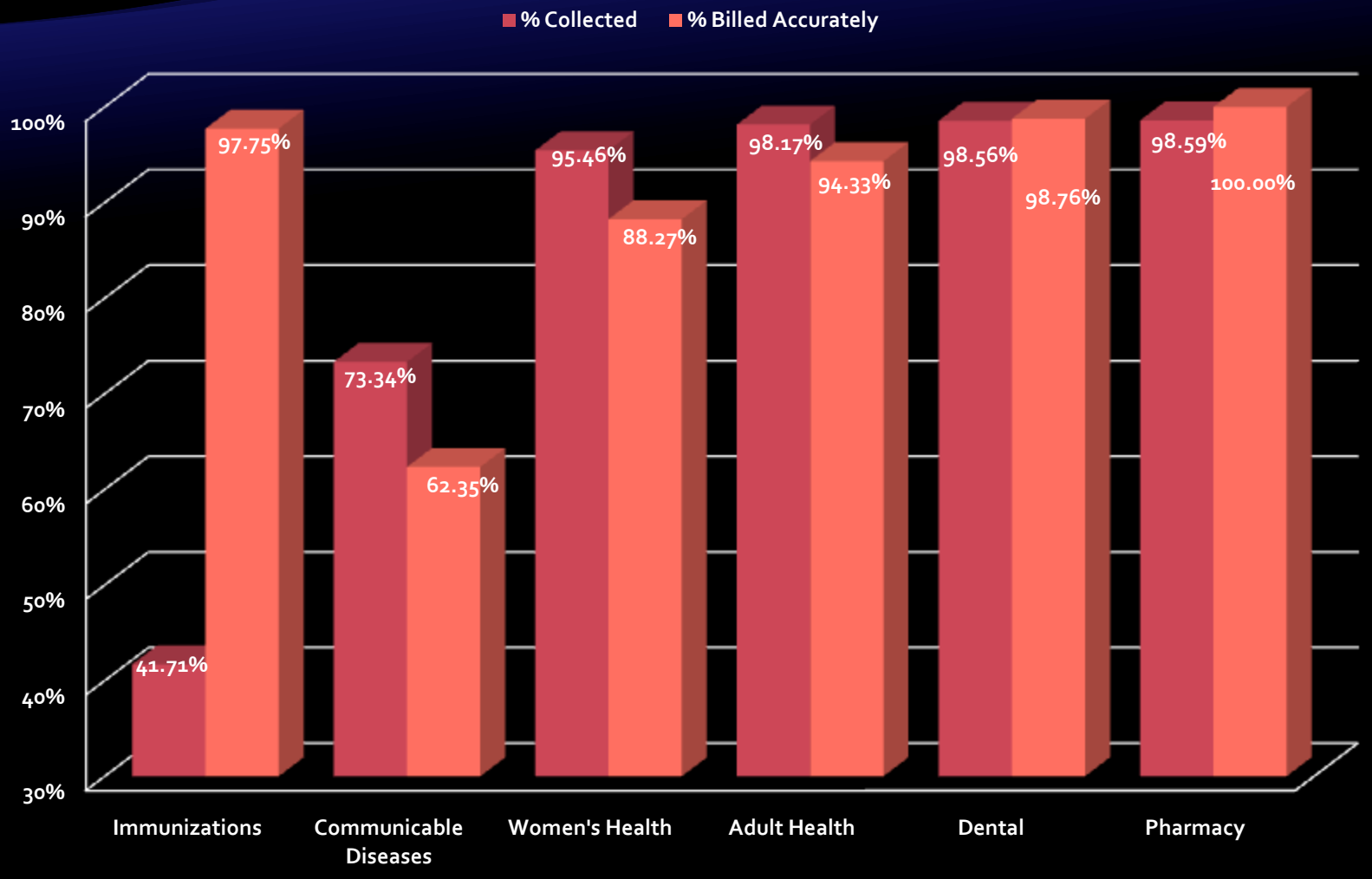


Potential Loss by Program



Billing Analysis by Program

Billing Project - Billable Services Analysis by Program Area



Program Losses

- Immunizations
  - $30,388 in potential revenue was lost the first quarter of 2009
  - $1,155 in billings were not collected
  - $29,233 was under billed
  - The most ***potential*** revenue lost in Immunizations was in Rabies vaccinations, accounting for $24,566 of the $30,388 total potential revenue.
- Communicable Disease
  - $164,877 in potential revenue was lost the first quarter of 2009
  - $50,501 in billings were not collected
  - $114,375 was under billed
  - The most ***potential*** revenue lost in Communicable Diseases was in Office Visits, accounting for $125,538 of the $164,877 total potential revenue.

Program Losses

- Women's Health
  - $197,795 in potential revenue was lost in the first quarter of 2009
  - $50,356 in billings were not collected
  - $147,439 was under billed
  - The most ***potential*** revenue lost in Women's Health was in several areas: Return Visits, High Risk Visits, Family Planning Counseling and services performed by a single nurse, accounting for $139,702 of the $197,795 total potential revenue.

Potential Not Realized

- The Billing Project Team calculated the *Potential Billing* - what the Amount Billed should have been, given a client's insurance coverage and Eligibility Determination.

- $418,636 in potential revenue was lost in the first quarter of 2009

- $139,901 in billings were not collected

- $278,736 was under billed

The Training Project

Project Manager: Anne Strickland
Champion: Deanna AmRhein
Orange County Health Department
Office of Strategic Planning

Purpose and Scope

Purpose: To determine mandatory and recommended training for all OCHD employees, to include discipline specific training.

Scope:

- Determine mandatory training requirements
- Determine recommended training
- Determine time required and method of instruction.
- Develop easy to understand training matrix.
- Develop system to determine completion percentage

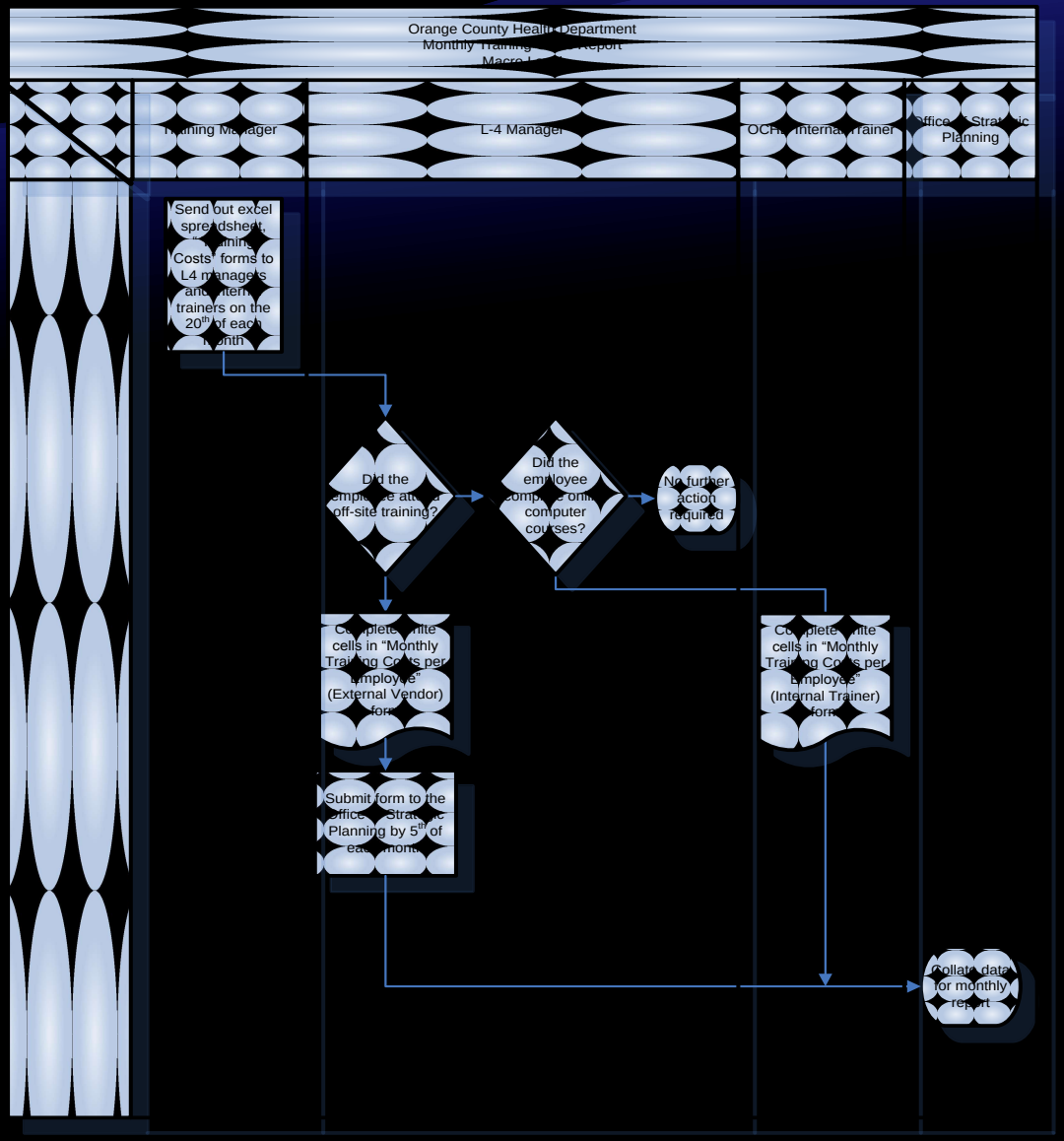
Deliverables:

- Training matrix
- Reporting system

Project Approach

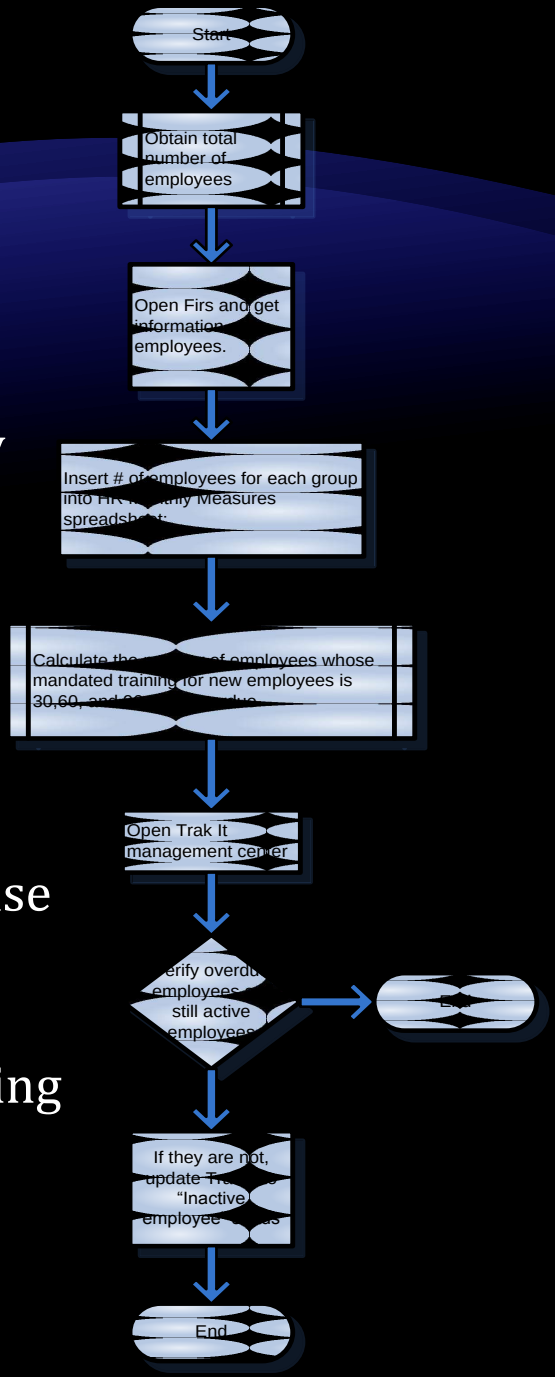
- MS Project was used as the tool for tracking tasks, time and resources.
- MS SharePoint was used for collaboration.
- Different Six Sigma tools were used to find out problems and their root causes.
  - Brainstorming
  - Process Mapping
  - Voice of the Customer
- Types of Office Waste
  - Double entry into duplicate systems
  - Time wasted due to inability to track course completion

Process Flow Chart



Process Flow Chart

- The training system has been in flux for the past few years
  - Started with locally developed system to register/track course completion
  - FDOH instituted Trak-It in 2005
  - Trak-It revised in 2008, not backward compatible
- FDOH reporting requirement difficult to meet because of constantly changing systems
- New process allows for an orderly migration to the revised Trak-It and subsequent tracking and reporting



OUTCOMES

- Training Matrix developed for all areas of the health dept
  - Each area defined mandated and recommended training requirements
  - Matrix included: Licensure/Certification rqmts, Time frame for rqmts, Statutory References, Training Venue information
- Training Policy developed
  - Orange County Health Department training rqmts in addition to Department of Health Training rqmts
- Orange County Health Department Training Catalog
- Training Center site updated
- Trak-It Learning Management Center used for mandated training
- Three month pilot project to track monthly training and associated costs initiated

How We Measure Success

- All of the major components defined in the charter were met.
- The training policy was approved and implemented.
- SharePoint site was developed by IT
- The training manager is responsible for measuring continued progress.
- The Office of Strategic Planning will collate the data for monthly training costs and percentage of training completed.

Presentation Summary

- We had a go at some wildly divergent issues, with mixed results
- HUG-Me was an absolute nightmare but lessons learned have spawned new projects
- Use the proper tools depending on the objective and the process to be changed
- It helped to have Grace coach us through the rough spots
- Do not discount the power of change management principles, it would have saved us a lot of angst
  - Time taken to explain why, in terms they understand, is well worth the investment
- Keep plugging away and eventually the majority will join the effort

Current/Projected Projects

- Human Resources process improvement in recruitment and termination activities
- Healthy Start work flow analysis and improvement
- Employee Satisfaction focus groups and improvement
- Health Management System standardization
- Electronic Health Record pilot project
- OCHD staffing matrix
- Cost analysis of all OCHD provided services

Questions?

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