Aligning Volunteer Programs with the Changing Landscape of Healthcare

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Aligning Volunteer Service's Programs

Learning Objectives

Program Readiness Needs

Participants will learn the concept of program assessment, alignment, and building strategic goals for the future by first:

- Organizing, through assessment, their program definitions, reach, and effectiveness.
- Comparing volunteer service's mission and vision to that of their health system, and enhancing program structures to their organization's goals.
- Implementing a dedicated strategy for momentum within their department.

Use Case Learning

Participants will hear from The Mayo Clinic regarding their journey performing similar learning steps outlined in this presentation.

Erin Pittman, Director of Volunteer Services has been in her role with The Mayo Clinic for just over a year. She has embraced the changes needed within her organization to ensure volunteer services thrives as collaborators and subject matter experts.

Practical Tools for Assessment

Participants will receive two tools to help catalog/inventory their current programs, and assess future programs for efficacy against their department's strategic plan for the future.

- Department program inventory sheet – cataloging programs for review.
- 2. Program intake/request form aligning requests and reach to your strategic vision.
- 3. Strategic plan outline to get you started in the right direction.

HELLO!

"Every story starts with an idea, but it is the characters that move this idea forward." Michael Scott, The Alchemyst



Program Readiness Needs The shift and what it means

Volunteer Program Impact



The focus has shifted evolved from "volunteers are critical" to "volunteer program impact is critical" ¹



More emphasis on healthcare volunteerism as an academic and medically recognized necessity. ²



Classification of applicable volunteer care is measured and reported. ³

Goal-Driven Volunteer Programs

Traditional Hopsital Volunteer Programs

Goal-Driven Health System Programs Traditional Healthcare Volunteer Impact

Information Desk
Wayfinding
Gift Shop
Unit Floor Assist

Patient Experience
Sociodemographic Impact
Governance
Enhanced Engagement
Expanded Outcomes of Care

Patient Stories
Auxiliaries
Caring Stories
Fundraising
Volunteer Satisfaction 4

The Process How we pivot



How do we shift to program readiness and strategic planning?





Review your definition of your department – What Is Volunteer Services?

Check yourself – Do you know what your organizational goals & needs are? Catalog your inventory – Capture your programs and their impact. Look at what you ask of your volunteers.









Define your mission and connections – What does Volunteer Service aim to be?



Identify your reach –
Does your current
state of affairs tie back
to organizational
goals?



Make the tough call –
After careful
consideration, start letting
go of inefficiencies.

START MOVING

Test-Drive

Once you have your new baseline, take it out for a spin. Make internal presentations to executive stakeholders regarding your reach, resources, and how you align with organizational goals.

Join

Now that you have program readiness in place, join the conversation. Many volunteer leaders now sit on organization boards & calls to action system-wide.

Grow

Collect experiences and metrics that sustain, enrich, and grow your programs. Add programs and initiatives that support your original mission and vision.



In Action

The Mayo Clinic – Volunteer Services

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The Approach

Assess

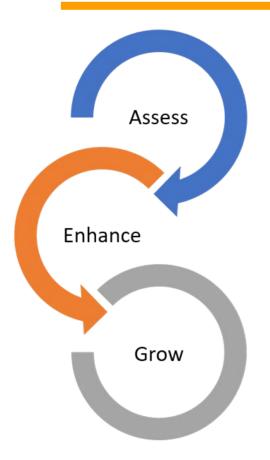
- Review current policies, processes, and practices
- Identify areas of opportunity

Enhance

- Establish best practices
- Ensure consistency
- Eliminate inefficient processes

Grow

- Strategize on future of program
- Cultivate new volunteers
- Create innovative opportunities



The Outcome

- Benchmark for the first 12months achieved
- Moving to strategic planning for the future
- Redefined role and impact of volunteer services reported
- Aligned volunteer performance
- Program effectiveness is fully reported
- Volunteer Services interdepartmental impact







The Tools

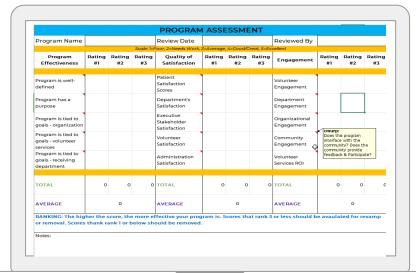
Program Inventory, Program Request, and Business Strategy

Assessment Tool

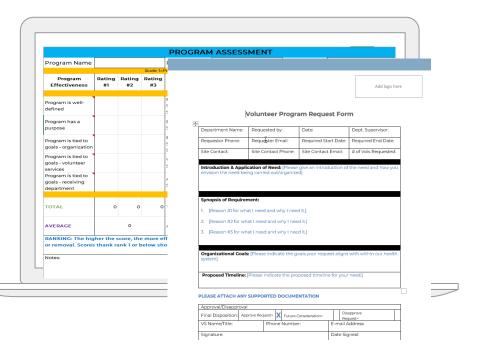
Access our assessment tool to rank your programs



Microsoft Excel Worksheet



Vol. Program Request



Access our volunteer program request form. This is used to properly vet new requests for volunteer programs.



Microsoft Word Document



Key Elements of Strategy



Mission

Utilizing your new defition of volunteer services, craft your mission statement and vision for the future.



Goals

List your top 5 goals for volunteer services – these remain tied to the goals of your organization.



Objectives

List the objectives you will accomplish to meet your goals. Effectively, these are you action steps.



Strategies

List the mechanisms you will deploy to achieve your objectives. This is your microscale deployment plan.



Timeline & Evaluation

Set manageble deadlines and have a tool to evaluate how you are hitting your milestones. Pivot if necessary.



Performance

Show your performance – report often on how your strategic plan is going, the effectiveness of your reach, and lessons learned.

SAMPLE TIMELINE



QUESTIONS.

Thank you.

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