

Analyze Needs Assessment Data to Determine Appropriate Care Delivery Model

Once all the data from the needs assessment has been gathered, the interprofessional health care team, working in consultation with stakeholders, is ready to analyze the information collected to determine the appropriate care delivery model. The analysis process involves considering:

- What are the strengths and weakness of the current care delivery model based on the needs assessment? In what ways does it meet the needs of the patient population? In what ways does it fall short?
- Does the magnitude of the short comings of the current care delivery model indicate that a new care delivery model of interprofessional team-based care is necessary?

Definition of Care Delivery Model

The way in which health services are delivered including which health care providers are involved, and how they work together to address patient needs.

Summarize Health Needs

Start with summarizing the health needs identified in the needs assessment and rank these needs in terms of priority in optimizing wellness in your community. In creating a prioritized needs list, you will be able to focus your efforts and resources on meeting the more urgent needs.

Questions to Consider in Analyzing Needs Assessment Data (CNA, 2006; Lowe & O'Hara, 2000)

- What are the current and future strengths of the community you serve based on basic demographic information such as: income, education, employment, cultural background, service use, environment, and geography? What are its current and future needs?



- What is the larger context in which these needs are held; what factors serve to magnify or minimize these needs?
- How does the data compare to perceptions of health care providers? Is there consistency or divergence? Why?
- What concerns have you heard from your stakeholders regarding how services are currently delivered?

After the needs have been ranked, examine your current care delivery model and assess how it meets the needs that have been identified: what are the gaps, and how can these gaps best be filled? With this information, the interprofessional team is in a position to determine if the needs of the community can best be met with the current model of care as is, a modification of the current model, or the development of a new model of care (CNA, 2006).

