Resistance to Change
Staff Session Three in the Managing Change Series
Empowering CHCs to Succeed

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Target Audience:
Community Health Center staff and Board of Directors members

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Through participation in this webcast, participants will:

- Appreciate why resistance to change is natural and unavoidable
- Understand positive vs. negative perceptions of change, and the impact of those perceptions on how resistance manifests itself
- Learn steps to effectively manage the inevitable resistance that surfaces during major change

This event supports strong program management at Region VIII Community, Migrant, and Homeless Health Centers (CHCs) by addressing the following HRSA Health Center Program Requirements: Services – Required and Additional Services, Staffing Requirement; Management and Finance – Key Management Staff.

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The Three Sessions

- Change as a Process – August 25th
- Roles in the Change Process – October 6th
- Resistance to Change – December 1st

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- Which of the previous “Managing Change” series staff sessions have you attended (either live or as an archive)?
  - Staff Session #1 (Change as a Process)
  - Staff Session #2 (Roles within the Change Process)
  - Both staff sessions
  - Neither staff session

Today’s Objectives:

As a result of session three participants will:

- Appreciate why resistance to change is natural and unavoidable
- Understand positive vs. negative perceptions of change, and the impact of those perceptions on how resistance manifests itself
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Two Kinds of Resistance

Culture
Why Do People Resist Change?

Question #1
- When you have resisted change, what has been your reason for resistance?

Please type in your responses (one or two reasons) in the Ask a Question box below and push Submit.

Reasons for Resistance
- Fear Danger
- Doubt Opportunities
- Too Much Ambiguity

Resistance
- What is resistance?
  - Resistance is any opposition to a shift in the status quo.

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Change as a Process

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Resistance

Why does resistance occur?
When expectations are disrupted, people’s ability to control their lives is minimized and resistance is the result.

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Is resistance a symptom that something is wrong? Can it be avoided?
No. Resistance indicates that people are no longer able to operate as they expected to and they are uncomfortable.

What effect does a positive or negative reaction to change have on the amount of resistance that occurs?
“Disruption”, not positive or negative reaction is the focal point for understanding resistance. When people resist change, they are resisting the loss of control caused by their expectations being disrupted. As disruption increases so does resistance. Strong resistance is frequently the companion of major change.

Do you prefer resistance to be expressed overtly or covertly?

Levels of Disruption

Low Disruption

Major Disruption

• Anchors
• Compensation
• Explanation

Maximum Disruption

Positive Response to Change

I. Uninformed Optimism (Certainty)
II. Informed Pessimism (Doubt)
III. Hopeful Realism (Hope)
IV. Informed Optimism (Confidence)
V. Completion (Satisfaction)

(Finally can indicate an increase in learning or information)

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## Empowering CHCs to Succeed

### Resistance to Change

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### Negative Response to Change

**EMOTIONAL RESPONSE**

- Active
- Anger
- Bargaining
- Acceptance

**TIME**

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### People May Experience Loss of:

- Attachments
- Influence
- Structure
- Meaning

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### Loss Summary

- Can feel loss in all areas
- Not mutually exclusive
- Keep people stuck in transition
- Until feelings are dealt with, focus on loss will continue
- Natural reaction to change
- Identifying and recognizing feelings of loss is necessary for moving into new beginnings

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### Culture

Corporate culture is the basic pattern of shared beliefs, behaviors and assumptions acquired over time by members of the organization.

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### Definition of Culture

**Beliefs**

The consistent set of integrated values and expectations that provide a framework for shaping what people hold to be true or false, relevant or irrelevant, and good or bad about their environment. Belief statements are generally messages about what people intend to do or think they should do. These statements may be oral or written.

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### Definition of Culture

**Behaviors**

Observable actions that constitute the way people operate on a day-to-day basis.
**Definition of Culture**

**Assumptions**
The unconscious rationale for continuing to apply certain beliefs or specific behaviors. When people develop belief and behavior patterns that are successful, they tend to rely on these patterns whenever similar circumstances arise. If many such situations occur over time, the use of these patterns becomes less and less consciously acknowledged, and people begin to apply the patterns unknowingly. When this occurs, these patterns are referred to as unconscious “assumptions.”

**Culture**
- “Culture eats change for breakfast”
- “Whenever there’s a distinction between a change and the culture, culture always wins”
- Choices
  - Change the change
  - Change the culture
  - Prepare to fail

**Question #3**

As you consider the changes your organization is going through, do you anticipate resistance to come more from individuals or from the organization’s culture?

**In Summary**
- Resistance is inevitable with major change
- Resistance surfaces as “expectations are disrupted”
- Our efforts should not be toward eliminating resistance, our efforts should be toward minimizing and managing the inevitable resistance
- Choosing the most appropriate strategy or tactic for managing the resistance starts with listening and understanding

**And Finally...**
Definition

Our definition of successful change implementation is:

The stated human and technical objectives of the change are achieved on time, and within budget.

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The Challenge of Change

- Increasing at an Exponential Rate
- Has both Dangers and Opportunities
- Assimilate Change at Micro, Organizational, and Macro Levels
- Increasingly people are hitting their “Future Shock” threshold

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Goal

Confronted with the Challenge of Change our Goal is:
- Education
- Increase Resilience During Change
- Implement change more effectively

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Resilience - definition

- An ability to recover from or adjust to change or misfortune
  *Merriam Webster Dictionary*
- The process through which positive outcomes are achieved in the context of adversity
  *Masten 2001*
- ...Not as a reduction or absence of bad outcomes, but as good outcomes in spite of adversity
  *Peterson and Seligman 2004*

Resilience Characteristics….

- Positive
  - sense of optimism
- Focused
  - vision of what is to be achieved
- Flexible
  - pliable when responding to uncertainty
- Organized
  - applies structure to help manage ambiguity
- Proactive
  - engages change vs. evading

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