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#### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand the role of evaluation and data in the sustainability strategy
- Identify MAI-CoC performance indicators of interest to key stakeholders and partners
- Determine what MAI-CoC data to select and present when seeking to gain support and enhance sustainability efforts

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### **Program Sustainability**

A process, beginning with the inception of an idea, utilizing data and other evidence to ensure maintenance of the program beyond the initial funding.

The key to program sustainability is the collection and report of DATA.





## Program Sustainability and Evaluation

- Evaluation must view continued funding as an outcome of sustainability strategy, not an input or a means.
- Evaluation plays a critical role in the sustainability strategy by:
  - Demonstrating the program's effectiveness in meeting its objectives
  - Demonstrating the effectiveness of the program in creating progress toward its long-term goals
  - > Showing evidence of meeting community needs
  - Making a case to stakeholders

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## The Sustainability Building Blocks



#### The Stakeholders

Identification of the stakeholders is an essential first step because it:

- Assists in selecting performance indicators so you can make your case
- > Sets the stage for deciding what and how to report

#### THEY ARE KEY TO SUSTAINABILITY

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## **Selecting Performance Indicators**

Stakeholder interests will guide your selection of performance indicators. These factors influence the indicators:

- The agency mission
- State and County strategic plans
- Legislative interests
- The funding agency's goals and expectations
- Community needs
- Consumer needs and expectations

## Potential MAI-CoC Performance Indicators

MAI-CoC Tools	Potential Performance Indicators
TRAC NOMs Client Level Measures for Discretionary Programs – Services Tool	30 day indicators: drug/alcohol use, housing, arrests, violence/trauma, functioning, social connectedness, perception of care; military status; education enrollment; employment status; services received
MAI-CoC Program-Specific Questions	New HIV diagnoses; prescribed ART; linked to HIV medical care; retention in HIV medical care; viral load
MAI Rapid HIV/Hepatitis Testing Clinical Information Form	30 day sexual and substance use risk behaviors; HIV/hepatitis screen and confirmatory test; received test results; linked to care services; linked to prevention services
MAI-CoC Infrastructure, Health Promotion, and Prevention (IPP) Measures	Mental health and MAI-CoC project-related workforce trained; # of individuals screened for mental and substance use disorder interventions; # individuals received HIV and substance use prevention service

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## The Evaluation Report

- Although evaluations provide information for performance improvement and about client outcomes, an additional primary goal can be to support <u>sustainability</u>.
- The evaluation report serves sustainability by:
  - ➤ Showcasing the program
  - > Highlighting client outcomes
  - > Providing high visibility for the program
  - > Fostering stakeholder support

## **Designing the Evaluation Report**

#### Primary questions in designing the report:

- ➤ Who is my audience?
- ➤ What are their primary interests?
- ➤ How can I best present the data?

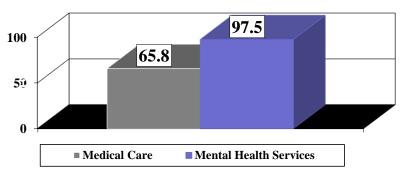
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## **Evaluation Report for Internal Stakeholders: Board of Directors**

- Executive Summary
  - ➤ Brief description of program, services, and overall goals and objectives
  - ➤ Service needs
  - ➤ Utilization information
  - > Progress on goals and objectives
  - >A client 'story' or 'agency' story about change

# **Using Data: Example 1 - Board of Directors**

**Services Received (TRAC NOMS)** 



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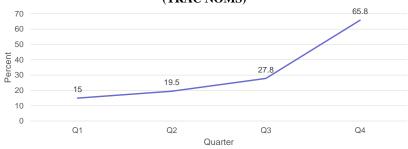




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# **Using Data: Example 2 - Board of Directors**

## Clients Receiving Medical Care by Quarter (TRAC NOMS)



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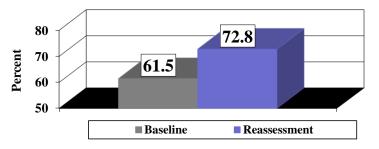
# **Evaluation Report for Internal Stakeholders: Executive Management**

- <u>Expanded Executive Summary</u> that includes the aforementioned information plus:
  - ➤ Intake/Discharge results
  - ➤ Retention rates
  - >Treatment progress
  - ➤ Perception of care
  - ▶Impact on agency

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# **Using Data: Example 3 - Executive Management**

#### Clients Prescribed ART (MAI CoC Specific Questions)



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#### **Other Internal Stakeholders**

#### **Current Staff**

- Remember to reengage and present program data to all staff members
  - ➤ Allow staff to see strategically selected points of success and opportunities for growth
  - Engage staff in developing the evaluation report
  - Offer on-site trainings (available through MAI-CoC grant) to improve staff relations with the agency and staff investment in your organization





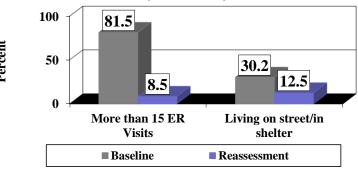
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# **Evaluation Report for External Stakeholders: Legislature, State, and/or County**

- An abbreviated Evaluation Report
  - ➤ Brief description of agency
  - ▶Brief description of program, services, and target population
  - ➤ Client outcomes
  - ➤ Impact on community
  - >A client 'story' or 'agency' story about change

# **Using Data: Example 5 - Legislature, State, and County**

Clients' Housing Stability and Use of ER (TRAC NOMS)



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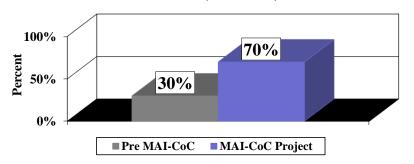
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# **Evaluation Report for External Stakeholders: Foundations and Referral Sources**

- Program Highlight Report
  - ▶Brief description of program, services, and target population
  - ➤ Retention rates
  - Client outcomes (Key ones only)
  - ➤ Client Perception
  - ➤ A client 'story' or a change in the agency

# **Using Data: Example 7 - Referral Source Agency**

#### Clients who are HIV Positive - Linked to Care Services (RHHT Form)



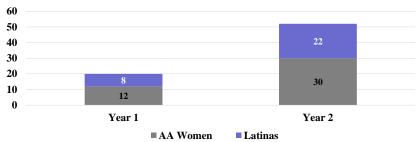
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# **Using Data: Example 8 - Foundation**

## Clients Receiving Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Services (IPP)



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#### **Other External Stakeholders**

- DO NOT forget that the <u>CONSUMER/</u> CLIENT and family are KEY stakeholders
- Involve consumers and peers in evaluation development, discussion, sharing findings
- Use brochures & newsletters that not only highlight the program and its services but also its successes
- Use client perception data for performance improvement initiatives – it shows you care and that they make a difference

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#### **Other External Stakeholders**

- Consider making satisfaction or comment cards readily available in client areas with a box where cards can be submitted
- Select engaged clients to join an advisory panel
- Cultivate positive rapport with invested clients to generate champions of the program

#### **MAI-CoC Data Resources**

<u>SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions:</u>
<u>MAI-CoC Data Resources</u>

- RHHT
- TRAC NOMS
- IPP

#### TRAC General Info and Training

- · Tools, Codebooks and Indicators
- Training Guides and Presentations
- · Program Specific Guidance

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