# Virtua Health: Sustainability

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# Virtua Health....Today

- ☆ Four hospital system in Southern New Jersey
- ★ Two Long Term Care Facilities
- ★ Two Home Health Agencies
- ☆ Two Free Standing Surgical Centers (JVs)
- ☆ Two Medical Staffs (currently merging)
- ☆ Ambulatory Care Camden
- ☆ Fitness Center
- ★ 8000 employees + 2000 physicians
- ☆ 7,752 deliveries
- \*\* 8% Operating Margin #1 in the state of NJ
- **☆ STAR Culture**



# The Virtua STAR: How Virtua Makes a Difference



# Value Proposition: Quantitative Value Six Sigma Benefit

- ☆ 14 Waves
- ☆ 60 Six Sigma Projects
- ★ \$15,974,245 Gross new revenue
- ★ Does not include financial benefit from WorkOut
- ☆ Oct 2000-July 2006

★ Yellow Belts: 342

☆ Green Belts: 56

☆ Black Belts: 22

★ Master Black Belts: 5

☆ Star Coaches 201

## Virtua Experience

- ★ 2000: We were mediocre/undistinguishable
- ☆ Quality Awards
  - VHA
  - Governor's Award (multi-industry)
- ☆ International Site Visits
- ☆ Statistically significant change in Operating Margin
- ☆ We've had a change in DNA
  - Change in Systems and Structures
- ★ Systems and Structure make the difference
  - Internal to Six Sigma
  - At a system level

# The Tools Help but.... It's the Internal Systems and Structures

- ☆ Scoping of Projects
  - Racking and Stacking
- **☆ FMEAs**
- ☆ Project Binders
- ☆ Project Close Out
- ☆ Director of Finance per project
- ☆ Monthly Six Sigma Report Outs
  - 6 months and 1 year after project closes
- Standardization of Report Out Mechanism

Control

**Project Title: Medicare "B" Billing for LTC** 

Division (s): Mt. Holly and Berlin

#### **Project Description and Goal Statement:**

To accurately capture and document medical surgical supplies and services in order to maximize reimbursement and ensure the best quality of service to our residents

Sponsor (s): Sheila Cohen

**Process Owner (s): Suzanne Wright and Judy** 

**Gundersheim, Cindy Mackalonis** 

Team Members: Sue Boenning, Letricia Laboy,

Sandy Barnstead,

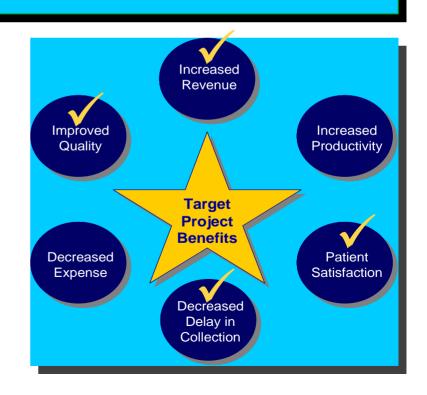
Finance Approver: Jennifer Romond, Stu Schiffman

**HR Approver: Lisa Batzar** 

Green Belt(s): Sheila Cohen and Suzanne Wright

Master Black Belt: Adrienne Elberfeld

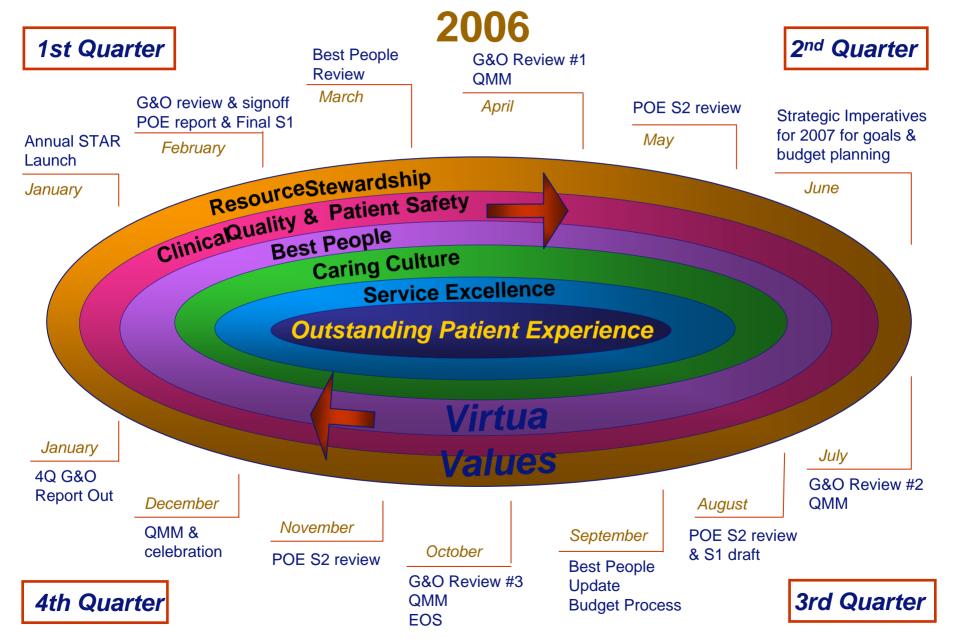
**Black Belt: Jeannie Ritzius** 



# The Tools Help but.... It's also the Organizational Systems and Structures

- Race Track Calendar of events
- ☆ Friday Briefing
- ☆ Goals and Objectives
  - MICP
- ☆ Best People Review
- ☆ S1-S2 Business Planning
- ★ The Use of Tools in the Organization and constant pursuit to improve
- ☆ Six Sigma/Tool Box is not part of the Quality Department

## Virtua Health STAR Management System



# **Best People Review**



#### Best People Review 2005 Part A





TALENT ATRIX	Significant Strength	Some Development Needed	Significant Development Needed
Top Performer	Promote/ Expand	Coach/ Vabies	Values Change Required
Middle Performer	Coach Performance	Coach Performance & Values	At Risk
Bottom	Performance Improvement	At Risk	Removal
Performer	Needed		

Employee Information			Previous	Current	
1)	Name:	Linda Matthews		BP Rating	BP Rating
2)	Title:	VP Operations		1	1
3)	Job Code:	1375			
4)	Department:	Administration			
5)	Reports to:	Steve Kolesk		2	2
6)	Location:	Memorial		3 4	3⊠ 4□
7)	Employee ID:	12848			
8)	Date of Hire:	4/90			
9)	Start Date of Current Position:	11/04			

#### Strategy #1: Grow Total Joint Replacement Program

## **S2**

**Objective** 

Defend against loss of market share and volume shift to physician owned surgery centers and out-migration to Philadelphia.

Current Status	On-track				
☆ Discussions on going for JV/Partnership with physician owned centers.					
★ Marketing and communications plan finalized. Ads being developed.					
★ Application to obtain JCAHO certification: submitted					
☆ Contract signed for New Medical Director for Arthritis Center to align arthritis program with TJR program.					
Additional equipment approved for purchase to increase OR efficiencies and improve physician support.					
☆ Anatomical lab: Memorial location in development					
Follow Up	Who	When			
	B. Powel/A.Kirby	2005			
☆ Recruit more total joint specialists	J.Dower/ K. O'Leary/A.Kirby	12/05			
☆ Accreditation site visit by JCAHO: TBA.	J. Dower	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter			
★ Monitor volume increase: (over plan +6 1 <sup>st</sup> ½ 2005)	J. Dower	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4th qrt.			
★ Monitor referrals associated with arthritis	J.Dower	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> qrt			

# Kaizen Impact - Building Capacity

#### **Operation**

Fast Track Patient Flow

#### **Problem**

Fast Track delayed due to acute patient overflow

#### **Actions Taken**

- Created dedicated Fast Track space
- Added 2 acute beds!
- Pokeyoked beds for Fast Track patients
- 5S rooms to create standard inventory of supplies
- PA dedicated to Fast Track

#### **Results**

- Clearer focus on the Fast Track patient and business
- Faster cycle time for Fast Track patients
- Fewer delays
- More space for Acute patients

#### **Before Kaizen**



#### After Kaizen



## Summary

- Quality is only as good as its sustainability
- ☆ Sustainability allows for issues to be identified, addressed, and fixed
  - Plans for measurement
  - Plans for 'slippage'
  - Less people dependent more process dependent
- ☆ Allows the organization to 'move on' and continue to 'fix more stuff'!

### Thank You!

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