

The Tracker

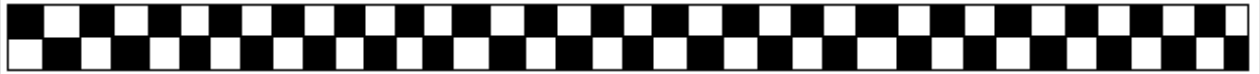
September
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Edition 4



Reporting from the green flag to the checker!



The Race Teams:



Team AM

--Crew: Emily, John, Kip,
Amanda & Vince

Team HR

--Crew: Melanie, John, Myles,
Miranda, & Alicia

Team PQI

--Crew: Shoan, Jennifer, Vince,
Kay, Emily, Kip, Melanie, Julie,
& Bill

Team ASE

--Crew: Marlene, Kathy, Roger,
McKenzie, Aaron & Drew

Team CR

--Crew: Jennifer, Marlene,
Kathy, Julie, Cristal & Jen

Team RPM

--(Risk Prevention &
Management)
--Shoan, Jennifer, Ryan,

Team BSM

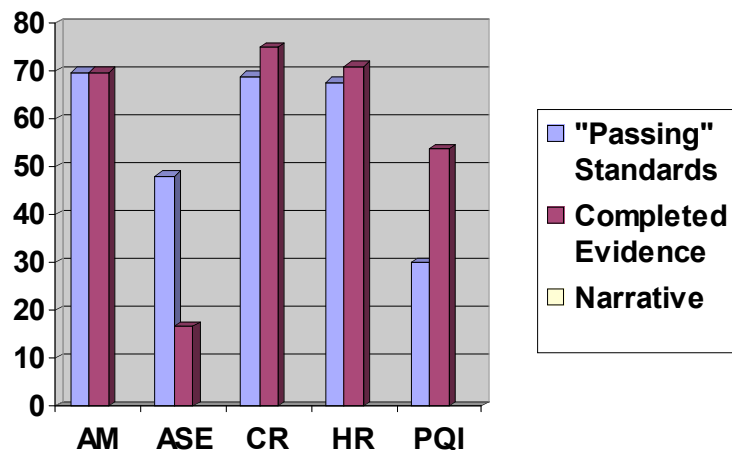
--(Behavioral Support &
Management)
--Jennifer, Emily, Amanda,
Vince,

Note from the Editor:

September was a very productive month as many of the groups made significant progress and have begun submitting completed information. The CORE team greatly appreciates the efforts put forth by all!

Updates:

Self-Study updates have been completed for those groups submitting material and based on the published 8th edition. Below is a graph of the progress each group has made.



* Numbers represent percentage on 100 point scale.

Mark Your Calendars:

Friday, October 27, will be the first COA In-Service at CSB. All staff should plan to attend.

Friday, November 17, will be the next COA Tailgate Party. This will be a game filled event with hunting as the theme.

October 2007 will be our site visit! Which means development must be complete by April 2007.



COA Information:

Make sure to check out the published 8th edition standards at www.coastandards.org.

Training:

Beginning in October, we will have bi-monthly in-services to train staff on changes and new developments resulting from COA. These will be held in the months without a tailgate party. These in-services will be structured as a two level training. The first part will be an overview of the information, which will be for all staff. The second part will be how to implement and use these programs and will be geared toward specific staff persons responsible for these measures.

Shoan and Jennifer will also begin in-services for foster and adoptive parents and the Board, as we continue to develop our compliance measures. The first presentation to the foster/adoptive parents will be at the October FATE meeting. A presentation will also be made to the Board in January.

COA Policy Reviews:

In order to meet several COA standards, policy needs written or revised. As this occurs it will need to go through the policy review process. The reviews will be conducted in a three tier process.

The first tier will be line staff reviewing the policies to see if it is clear and understandable and if it meets the COA standard requirement. The second tier will be a CORE team review to ensure that it meets the purpose of the overarching standard. The third step will be for management to review the policies for accuracy in relation to The Agency and feasibility of implementation. After this, it will be sent to the Board for approval.

Julie Kurtz will be facilitating most of the first tier reviews, with Kathy serving as a back up facilitator. Marlene will be assisting with formatting and publication.

If you are interested in participating in these reviews, please let Julie know.



Join us Friday, September 29, 2006 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm as we celebrate those teams who are rounding the bases and heading for home with their COA standards projects. Don't miss the fun, games, food, and prizes!

Come dressed to support your favorite baseball team or player.

Note:

COA is committed to three core values, Credibility, Integrity and Achievement. As an Agency seeking accreditation, it is essential that we also adopt these three values in our COA process and in our daily operations. These three measures, in part, are what sets accredited agencies apart from the rest!

The COA CORE team will continue to keep these values in focus, as we progress. It is also important to see how these three values can be integrated with the overall Agency and unit missions and vision.

