

# **Ending Organizational Dysfunction**



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Heads up - Teams who are living in Dysfunctional Systems often feel overwhelmed. Because of this, when the components of dysfunction are addressed it can feel like an attack as we call out what is not working. That is not the goal today, our goal is to inspire, to empower, and to give you strategies to make things better for you and your team.



#### The Challenges we Face are Real.....





#### [Insert Title Here]....

The Value of Care Reality.....

The Quality of Care Reality.....

The Costing Reality.....

Staff Burnout is Real.....

The Commodity Dilemma.....

The Impact of System Noise.....

How do I get Staff to Listen?.....



#### A Loaded Question -

#### Who is Running Your Organization!?

- Leaders
- Consumers
- Staff
- All of the Above

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#### "I Feel Overwhelmed..."

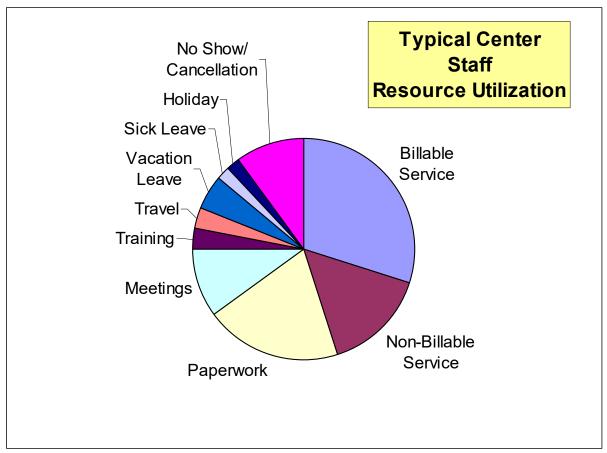
#### Busy

- Burdensome Paperwork Outside of Session
- Practice Variance (Over or Under Target)
- Service Density (Over or Under Target)
- High Level of No Shows/Follow Ups
- Overwhelmed with Meetings
- **Excessive Travel Time**

#### **Billable**

- Paperwork that is an appropriate length and works to engage the consumer
- Practice Variance and Services Density in line with treatment design.
- Engaged Consumers Who Show Up.
- **Productive Meetings**
- Travel Planned Out to Minimize Drive Time





Substitute Process is Key!



#### Substitute Process.....

#### **Identifying the Source of System Noise –**

Anything that keeps staff from being able to do the job they want to do:

Helping consumers in need!

More Importantly, what do you do about it!?



#### "Value" of Care Equation

- Services provided Timely access to clinical and medical services, service array, duration and density of services through Level of Care/Benefit Design Criteria and/or EBPs that focuses on population based service needs
- Cost of services Based on current service delivery processes by CPT/HCPCS code and staff type
- **3.** Outcomes achieved How do we demonstrate that people are getting "better" utilizing outcome tools like the DLA-20 Activities of Daily Living.
- 4. Value is determined based whether your organization can achieve the same or better outcomes with a change of services delivered or change in service process costs which makes the outcomes under the new clinical model a better value for the payer.





#### **Does This Sound Familiar?**

#### <u> Without Data</u> –

Staff – "I'm busy/overwhelmed" Leader — "No you're not/I don't think you are THAT busy."

> You – "Are consumers showing improvement?" Staff – "They are doing great!"

Consultant – "So how are your no show rates?" Team — "Much better than they used to be!"









#### 2 State Sample - Codes with Top Denial Rates

Code	Sum of Total Hours Per Code	Average of NET Revenue per Code Per Hour	Average of Denial Rate Per Code	Lost Revenue
PsychDA	78.01	\$173.65	100.00%	\$13,546.14
MedAdmin	4.67	\$180.59	83.71%	\$705.97
PRI	4517.64	\$122.37	80.73%	\$446,295.10
1707	107.00	\$71.57	79.55%	\$6,092.05
H0032 HA	50.24	\$103.33	76.69%	\$3,981.07
99205	965.03	\$110.98	73.98%	\$79,229.30
90846	418.50	\$33.14	72.17%	\$10,009.34
96102	60.00	\$28.22	71.78%	\$1,215.29
90841	466.99	\$82.75	67.32%	\$26,013.13
1661	9.00	\$100.00	66.67%	\$600.00
FAM Support	139.30	\$27.07	66.20%	\$2,496.65
99367	76.42	\$9.94	65.00%	\$493.71
1404	102.00	\$114.26	63.73%	\$7,427.21
T1023	5958.94	\$18.78	61.69%	\$69,050.61
99404	80.00	\$36.37	61.18%	\$1,779.87
99215	1851.95	\$97.47	57.32%	\$103,460.28
10010	516.27	\$45.62	57.22%	\$13,476.62
99203	2478.90	\$83.88	53.42%	\$111,084.41
			Total:	\$896,956.74

# Looking at expected revenue instead of actual revenue



#### "Value" of Care Equation

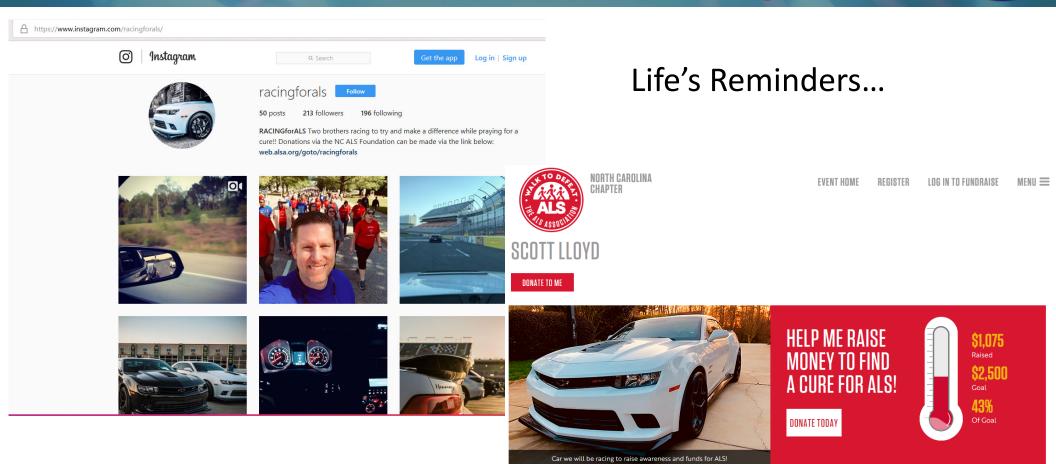
Has led to enhanced competition for funding and the addition of multiple MCOs within the same state to manage/foster that competition.



#### Does it Make Sense!?







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### Does it Make Sense!?

- Average Access Entry Time is 31 / 48 Days (48 is if you include Psychiatric Evaluations as a possible first appointment).
- 98% of the organizations we work with are understaffed in their support departments (Can't get a live person on the phone).
- Teams are still utilizing assessments that take hours of time to complete including in session and post session time.
- Teams are utilizing EMRs that don't work.
- Teams have staff members continually not attaining their productivity standards.
- Consumers continue to miss appointments, while we have caseloads that are too full to take on new clients....



### Does it Make Sense!?

Standard Answer, "We've Talked About That!"

Talking About it is No Longer Good Enough....

It Never Really Was...

The Question for you is - "More of the same, or make a change?"





# Why we Just Talk...

- Staff are Exhausted!
- 2. Staff will get upset!
- 3. We don't want staff to leave!
- 4. We don't have the data to know for sure.
- 5. We have always done it this way!
- 6. It is our system's/state's/MCO's/consultant's/Trump's fault!
- 7. Our Managers/I am exhausted.....





# Why we Just Talk...

Do your staff have time for hobbies?







Average National Turnover rate for our Industry is 40%

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# Dysfunction in Practice – Staff Roles

- The "We Tried This Before" Staff
- The "I Think / I Feel / I Don't Like This" Staff
- The "Everything is Wrong" Staff
- The "I'm So Angry" Staff
- The "Do You Know How Tired We Are?" Staff
- The "I Told Them This Would Happen" Staff
- The "We Can't Afford That/Next Budget Cycle" Staff
- The "Let Me Tell You Who Will Be Upset" Staff
- The "They Can't Handle It" Staff
- The "Wild Card (No Idea How they Will Respond)" Staff
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Fictional character

Debbie Downer is a name of a fictional Saturday Night Live character who debuted in 2004, and who was portrayed by Rachel Dratch.

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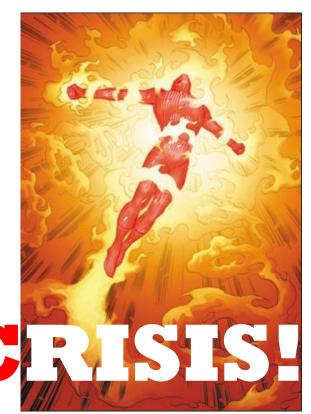




# Dysfunction in Practice – Staff Roles



CAPTAIN CRISIS!









# **Dysfunctionality Defined -**

Dysfunction in the CBHO arena can be seen when organizations start to become stymied in their change processes. Occasionally teams can even find themselves completely incapable of making operational decisions due to the behavior of staff that keeps them from moving forward. This behavior is normally emotionally driven, pattern based, and therefore predictable. Despite how predictable it is, over time we accommodate it, which allows it to become ingrained and very challenging to move beyond it.



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### What to Do About it...

Staff are Exhausted, upset, and want to leave...

### **But Why?!**

- 1. Because we make changes!
  - OR -
- 2. Because the system is not efficient/Working against them!

#### Have you ever dealt with a teen?!



#### Dysfunctionality Defined – Leadership Styles

- Authoritarian Leadership Dictums with no/little basis
- **Default Leadership** "We really didn't decide, but we understand that we now just have to do this!"
- Reactive/Knee-Jerk/Crisis Based Leadership Decision-making to move on that does not typically take into account the long term needs
- **Apologetic Leadership** Slow to no decision making which results in elongated process decision making going back and forth between staff/unit and organization
- Assertive/Consistent Leadership Data based objective decision makers
- **Inconsistent Leadership** Sometimes Assertive and sometimes Apologetic.





# The Dysfunction Solution -

General Anxiety	Specific/ Detailed Anxiety	Measure- ment to Quantify Scope of Anxiety	Solution Plans Designed and Implemented Based on Reality of issues identified





# The Dysfunction Solution -

**Problem Identification** 

Empowered 85% Decision-Making Model

#### **Evaluation:**

Assess decision to determine if outcomes are satisfactory

#### **Discussion:**

Establish the Source Identify solution options

#### **Implementation**:

Implement option selected

#### **Decision-Making:**

Recommend option chosen Supervisor confirms option or chooses new/modified option





### What to Do About it...

Staff are Exhausted, upset, and want to leave because the system is not efficient/Working against them!

#### Top Change Concepts that Get Results -

- 1. Collaborative Documentation / Documentation Redesign
- 2. Same Day Access / JIT
- 3. Centralized Scheduling

#### Other Top Change Concepts –

- 1. Engagement, No Show management and Episodes of Care.
- 2. IT Audit/Review to address the right strategic enhancements.
- 3. E&M Coding Reviews.
- 4. DLA 20 Training to attain solid outcome measurement.
- 5. Back Office Management / Billing Cycle Review and reset.





### What to Do About it...

# Staff are Exhausted, upset, and want to leave because the system is not efficient!

**Collaborative Documentation / Documentation Redesign –** 

- 1. Saves 250-500 hours of staff time per year.
- 2. Decreases sick time usage by 40% on average.
- 3. Increases Show Rates by 15% on average.
- 4. Increases Med Adherence.
- 5. Generates additional revenue.

So why do teams not implement this change?

Row Labels	Count of Form Field	%	
(blank)		0%	Original Elements
Delete	1028	63%	1960
dd		0%	
Initial Contact	11	1%	Final Elements
Registration	113	7%	596
Evaluation	388	24%	
ACS Intake	52	3%	<b>Entry Count Reduction</b>
SUD Intake	32	2%	69.59%
Grand Total	1624		





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#### Same Day Access / JIT -

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- 3. Better Customer Service.
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Wait Time # 1

Wait Time # 2

Treatment Planning Appointment

Wait Time # 3

Client Arrives for an Open Session





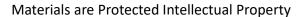
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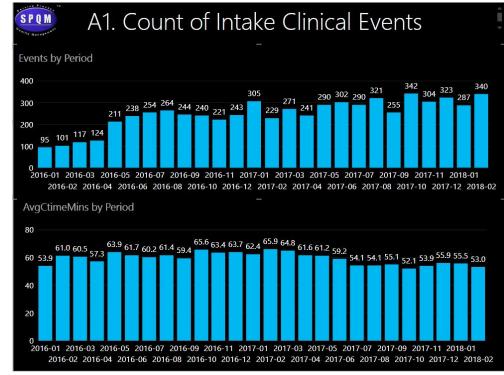
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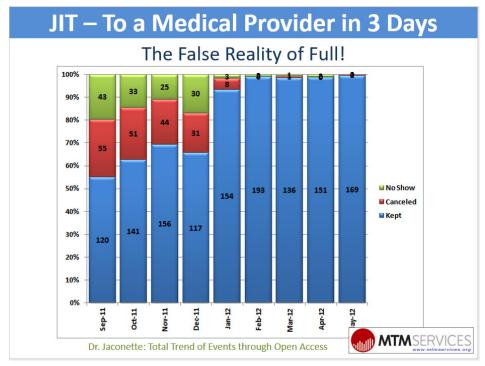
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#### **Centralized Scheduling –**

- 1. Staff save 100 hours per year outside of the session.
- 2. Better data capture.
- 3. Is/Always should have been a support staff function.
- 4. Generates additional revenue.

Why do we not make this change?





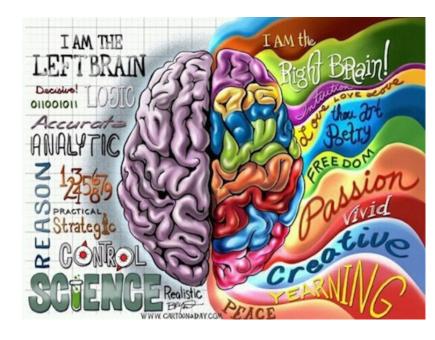


### What to Do About it...

We don't have the data to know for sure.



- Data is the Key!
  - What data do you need and how do you get it?
  - What is the best way to present it to staff?
  - Without data, teams set up to their exceptions.



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#### What to Do About it...

#### We have always done it this way!

- 1. Acknowledge that not everything we have done in the past is wrong.
- 2. Use examples of what we do that doesn't make sense!

#### What if someone gets upset?

- 1. Use data to help them see why you are making the change.
- Empower them by making them part of the change.
- 3. Do not back away from the change.

#### Follow Up Question -

- What would you tell a client in a dysfunctional relationship?
- What would you tell a client in an abusive relationship?







### What to Do About it...

It is someone else's fault, and our Managers are/I am

exhausted.....



- Change Requires a Full Commitment from everyone! (Ex 60 min Assessments).
- You Cannot "Blink!" Your goal is to refocus your team on what you/they can control.
- Stages of Change:
  - Denial
  - Negotiation
  - Anger & Blaming
  - Drop Out
  - Acceptance
  - Thriving
- Staff Cannot move past you.





#### What to Do About it...

#### **Final Words:**

Believe in Yourself and the Process!!

A Healthier System is Worth the Effort!!

Staff Want Leadership, Despite What They Say.

You Can Do It, and I Want To Hear About It!!

Know When to Seek Help!!





#### **Questions?**

