

### **Standard Three – Planning and Implementation**

The institution engages in ongoing participatory planning that provides direction for the institution and leads to fulfillment of its mission, accomplishment of its core theme objectives, and achievement of the identified goals or intended outcomes of its programs and services. The resulting plans reflect the interdependent nature of its operations, functions, and resources in achieving intended results. The institution demonstrates that its planning and implementation processes are sufficiently flexible to address unexpected circumstances with the potential to impact the institution's capacity to accomplish its core theme objectives and fulfill its mission. It demonstrates that its plans are implemented and influence practice, resource allocation, and application of institutional capacity.

#### **3.A Institutional Planning**

- 3.A.1 The institution engages in ongoing, purposeful, systematic, integrated, and comprehensive planning that leads to fulfillment of its mission. Its plans are implemented and made available to appropriate constituencies.
- 3.A.2 The institution's comprehensive planning process is broad-based and offers opportunities for input by appropriate constituencies.
- 3.A.3 The institution's comprehensive planning process is informed by the collection of appropriately-defined data that are analyzed and used to evaluate fulfillment of its mission.
- 3.A.4 The institution's comprehensive plan articulates priorities and guides decisions on resource allocation and application of institutional capacity.
- 3.A.5 The institution's planning includes emergency preparedness and contingency planning for continuity and recovery of operations should catastrophic events significantly interrupt normal institutional operations.

#### **3.B Core Theme Planning**

- 3.B.1 Planning for each core theme is consistent with the institution's comprehensive plan and guides the selection of programs and services to ensure they are aligned with and contribute to accomplishment of the core theme's objectives.
- 3.B.2 Planning for core theme programs and services guides the selection of contributing components of those programs and services to ensure they are aligned with and contribute to achievement of the goals or intended outcomes of the respective programs and services.
- 3.B.3 Core theme planning is informed by the collection of appropriately-defined data that are analyzed and used to evaluate accomplishment of core theme objectives. Planning for programs and services is informed by the collection of appropriately-

defined data that are used to evaluate achievement of the goals or intended outcomes of those programs and services.