

D. Basic Competency Areas for Facilitators

1. Knowledge Skills
 - Teaching and Learning Models
 - Individual, group, intergroup, and whole-system behavior
 - General management-functional and behavioral
 - Training and education methodology
 - An awareness of current developments and applications
2. Consultation Skills
 - Developing proposals, programs, and ideas
 - Diagnosing organizations and parts of organizations
 - Synthesizing and reporting information and data
 - Problem solving
 - Team building
 - Conflict resolution
 - Process observation and consultation
 - Training and development skills
 - An ability to identify and respond to an organization's or team's real needs
 - An ability to quickly adapt to changing situations and circumstances
 - An ability to quickly establish trust and rapport
 - An ability to obtain lasting results and outcomes
3. Conceptual Skills
 - A sound philosophical base concerning human behavior, value systems, learning behavior and development, and management & organization development
 - A systems view of organizations and the environment in which they operate
 - An ability to visualize, design, and manage long-range programs, training, interventions, and follow-up programs
 - An ability to understand and communicate theories, principles, models, and ideas (usually from the complex to simple/application)
 - An ability to innovate
4. Human Skills
 - A genuine caring for people and a positive attitude
 - Self-awareness and self-discipline
 - Good rational/emotional balance
 - Integrity
 - Helping skills (understanding, good listener and coach, good at checking out perceptions, assertive, good at giving and receiving feedback)
 - Sensitivity to the real needs of the organization and the team
 - Leveling and confronting skills
 - Persuasiveness and persistence
 - A willingness to take risks
 - An ability to successfully handle frustration and ambiguity
 - A good sense of humor
 - An ability to model and practice healthy and constructive behavior

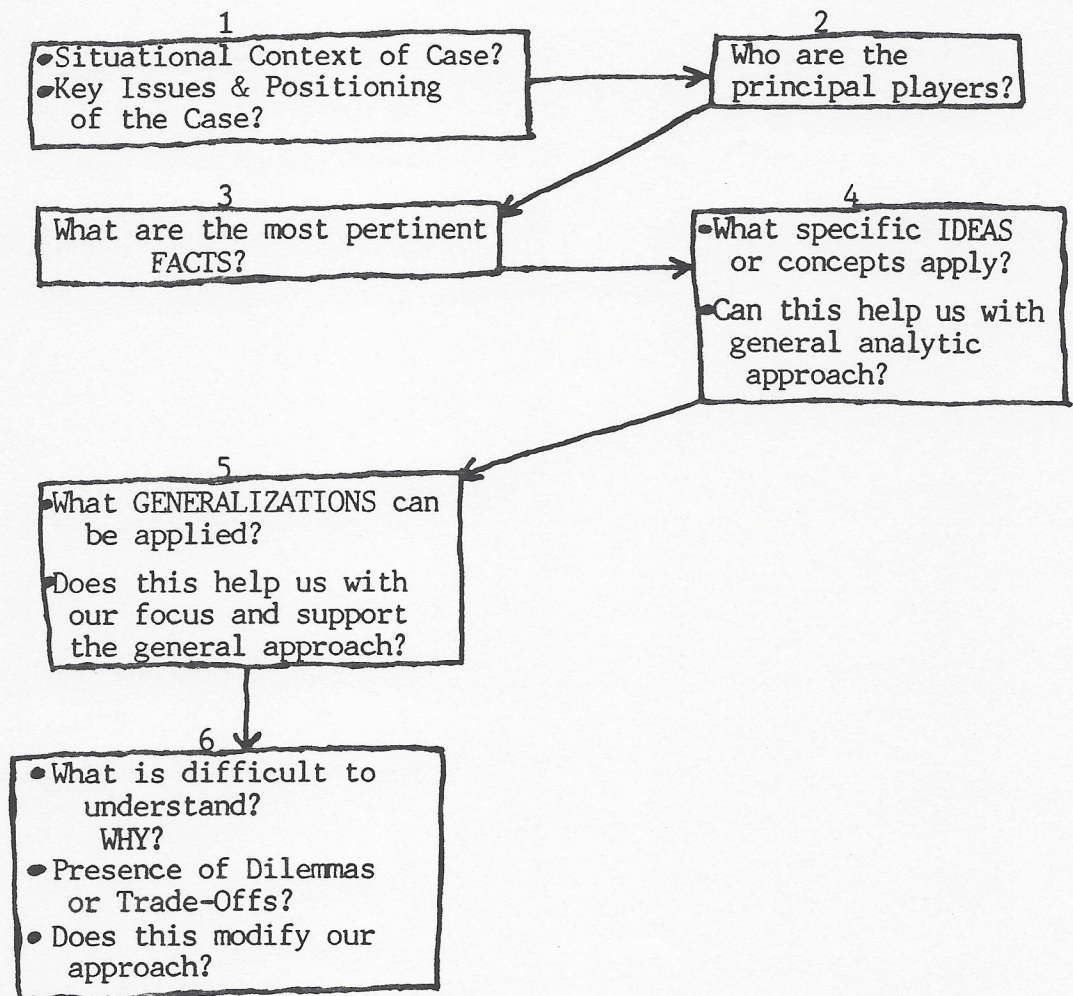
GLOSSARY OF FREQUENTLY
USED TERMS IN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

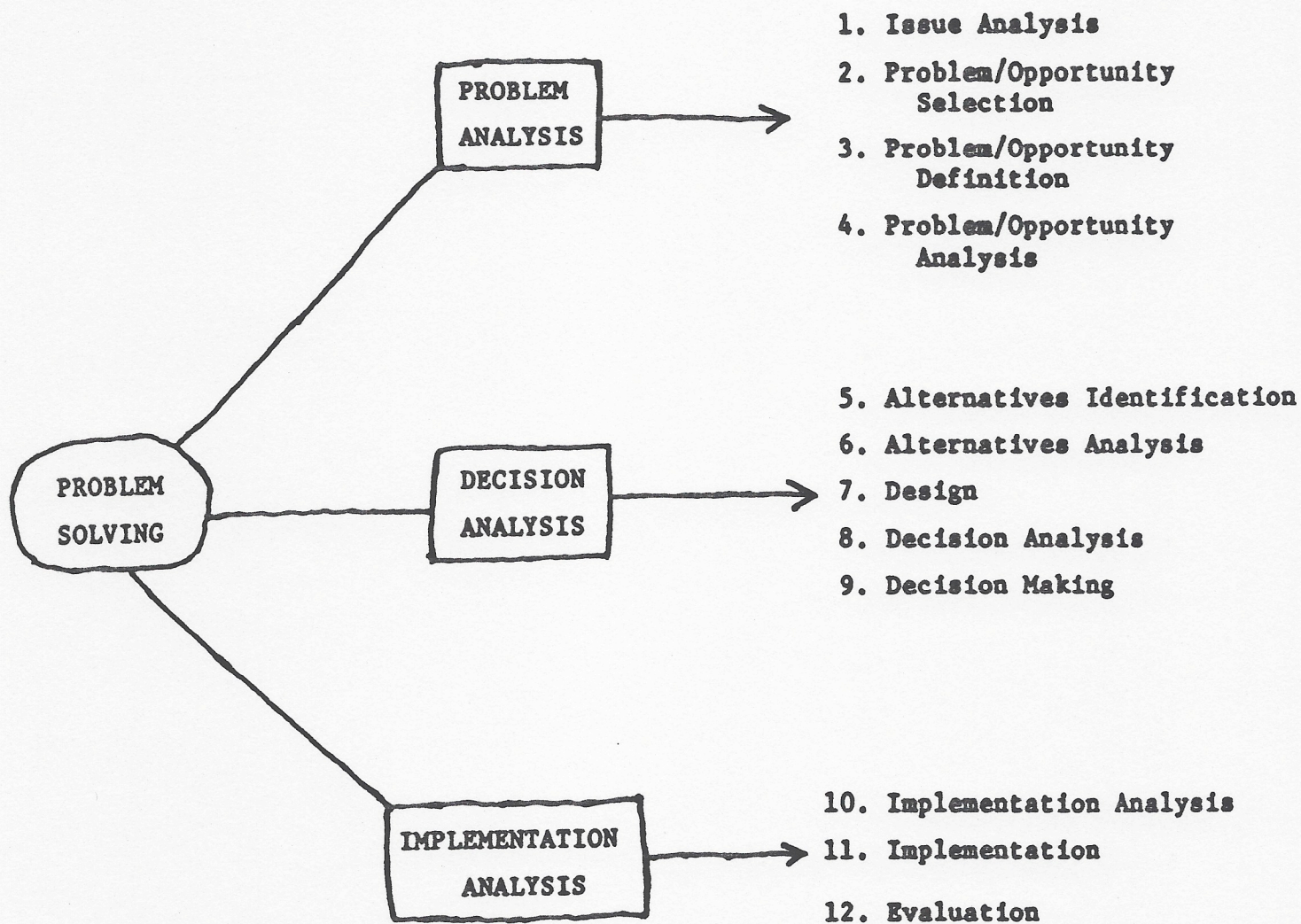
1. Action Research: A change process in which data are a) collected about the current state of the organization, b) fed back to the organization and then used as a basis for diagnosing the system and planning required changes.
2. Autonomous Work Group: A group of employees who have been delegated complete responsibility to both plan how its work will be done and then carry it out with minimal supervision.
3. Confrontation Meeting: A one or two day meeting of an entire management team in which they generate data about current problems, analyze causes and develop action plans to solve the problems.
4. Organization Mirror: A technique often used in sessions in which teams gain feedback from each other on how they are perceived.
5. Process Observation/Consultation: Observing a group in a meeting or series of meetings and then using the data collected as a means to help the group to improve its functioning.
6. Group Sensing: A group data collection and feedback technique; similar to individual interviewing and feedback except the group is the primary focus point.
7. Survey-Feedback: Data collected from surveys of members of the organization are reported back for the purpose of planning other appropriate action.
8. Task Force: Usually a temporary group (cross-functional in nature) which is established to solve a particular organizational problem.
9. Team Building: A process of improving the effectiveness of intact work teams (usually a manager and direct reports) in such areas as decision making, communications, problem solving, etc.

FACTS-IDEAS-GENERALIZATIONS ANALYSIS

- Objectives
- *To identify listings of facts, ideas, and generalizations (FIG) lists for the organizational situation.
 - *To gain a more thorough understanding of the situation prior to working on specific elements or components.
- Method
- *Participants generate and post the FIG list in summarizing their notes and observations.
 - *The team reaches consensus on priorities for each listing.

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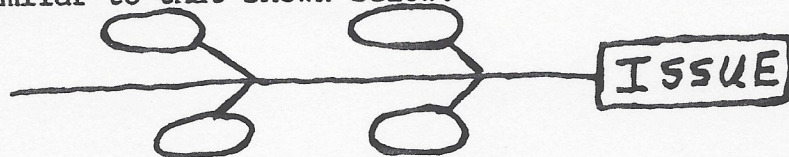
ISSUE ANALYSIS

Objectives

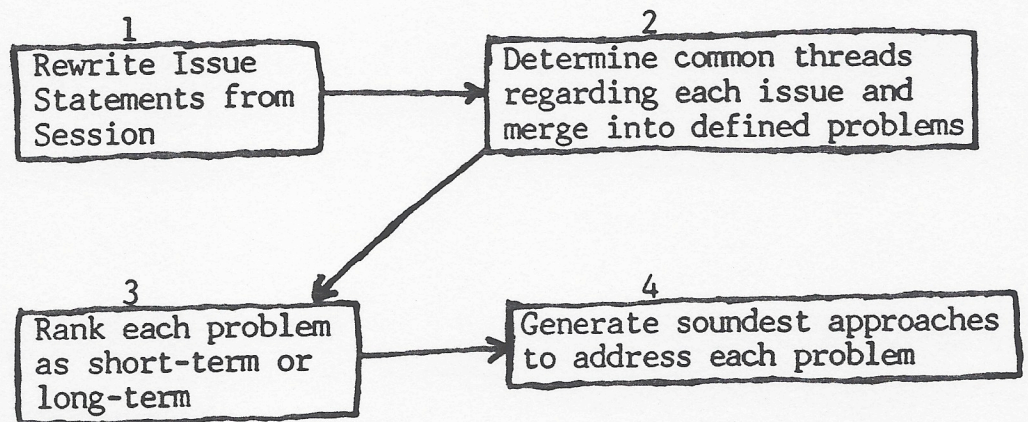
- *To review major issues in the assessment of the organization's current situation (situation analysis).
- *To convert the major issues into fairly well-defined problem statements.

Method

- *Each participant prepares in advance:
 - a) Issue statements (What are the major issues?).
 - b) Describe the present situation. What is happening? When is it noticed/observed?
 - c) Describe the desired situation. What should be happening?
- *The group works to a) establish 3-4 major categories of issues and their causes, b) each member silently generates in writing all possible issues/causes, and c) team facilitator round robin lists the issues/causes for each category and posts to a diagram similar to that shown below.



Action Sequence



ISSUE CONSENSUS

Objectives

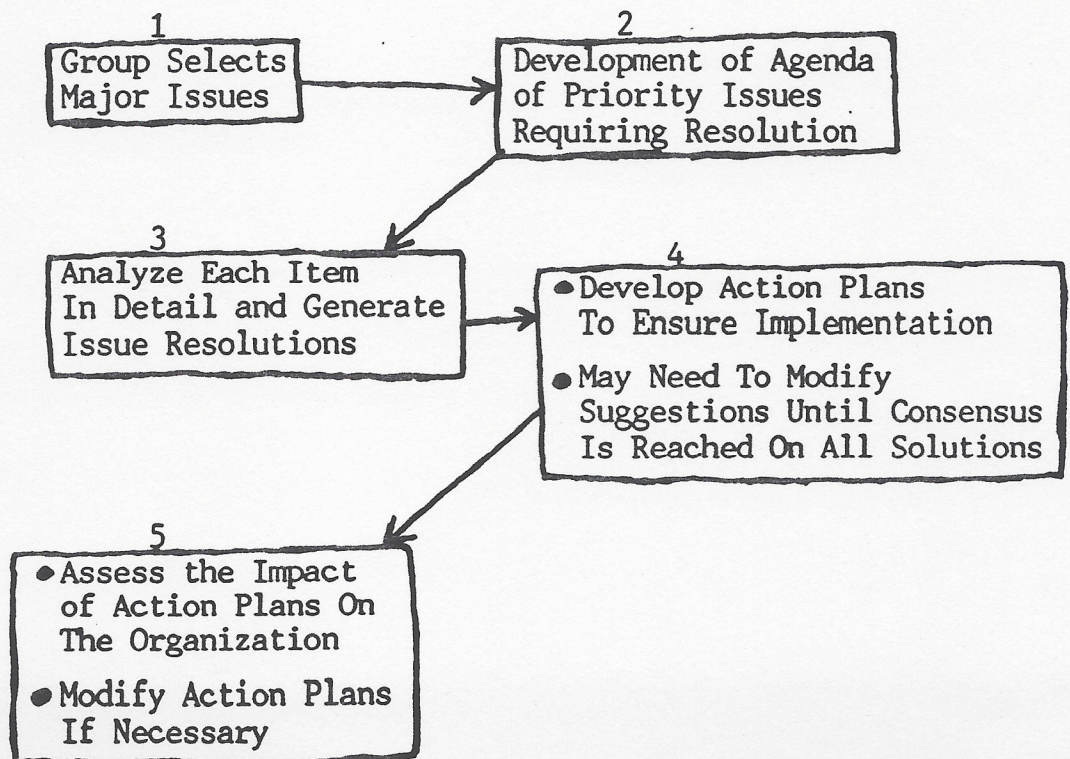
- *To examine and provide recommendations to improve the effectiveness of a multilevel organizational system or subsystem.
- *To analyze the target system or subsystem, identifying key issues undermining its effectiveness.
- *To recommend ways to resolve priority issues.
- *To generate specific goals and action plans associated with solutions for priority issues and project the influence that the plans will have on the system and/or subsystem.

Specific focus: Problems implied by information, organization or unit performance, goals, priorities, long and short term strategies, goal-setting processes, organization structure, operating procedures, efficiency, specific plans in place to achieve objectives.

Method

- *Participant preparation in advance: Analysis of data and information of dimensions outlined above, select major issues that require work and rationale, build an agenda of priority issues, develop plans of action for each issue, project results of each plan of action on the organization.
- *Facilitator or facilitators prepare methodology (probably NGT or Brainstorming) to lead group through action sequence shown below. Thorough preparation by the facilitator is very important due to the comprehensiveness of this approach.

Action Sequence

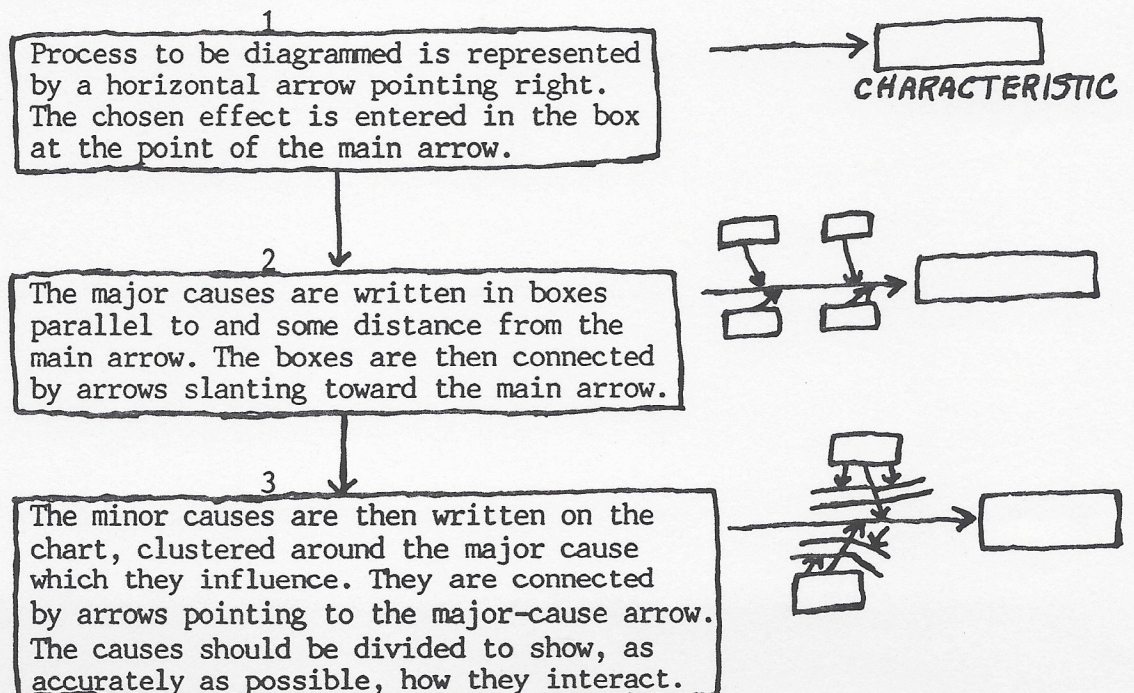


CAUSE-AND-EFFECT DIAGRAMMING

- Objectives**
- *To develop a diagram as a means of understanding major and minor causes of relationships in an organization situation.
 - *A more thorough understanding of meaningful relationships between an effect and its causes in complex situations can lead to better diagnosis and problem-solving.
- Note: Cause-and-Effect Diagrams can be used to investigate either a "bad" effect and thus address its causes, or a "good" effect and learn how to continue doing things in the way that produces quality, productivity, or continual improvement.
- Method**
- *Participants generate ideas to be placed in the appropriate place on the diagram.
 - *Causes are grouped together as they are mentioned.
 - *A separate diagram is used for each problem.
 - *Each idea is critically evaluated after all ideas have been posted on the diagram.
 - *The group reaches consensus on the most likely causes and those are circled on the diagram for further review and consideration.

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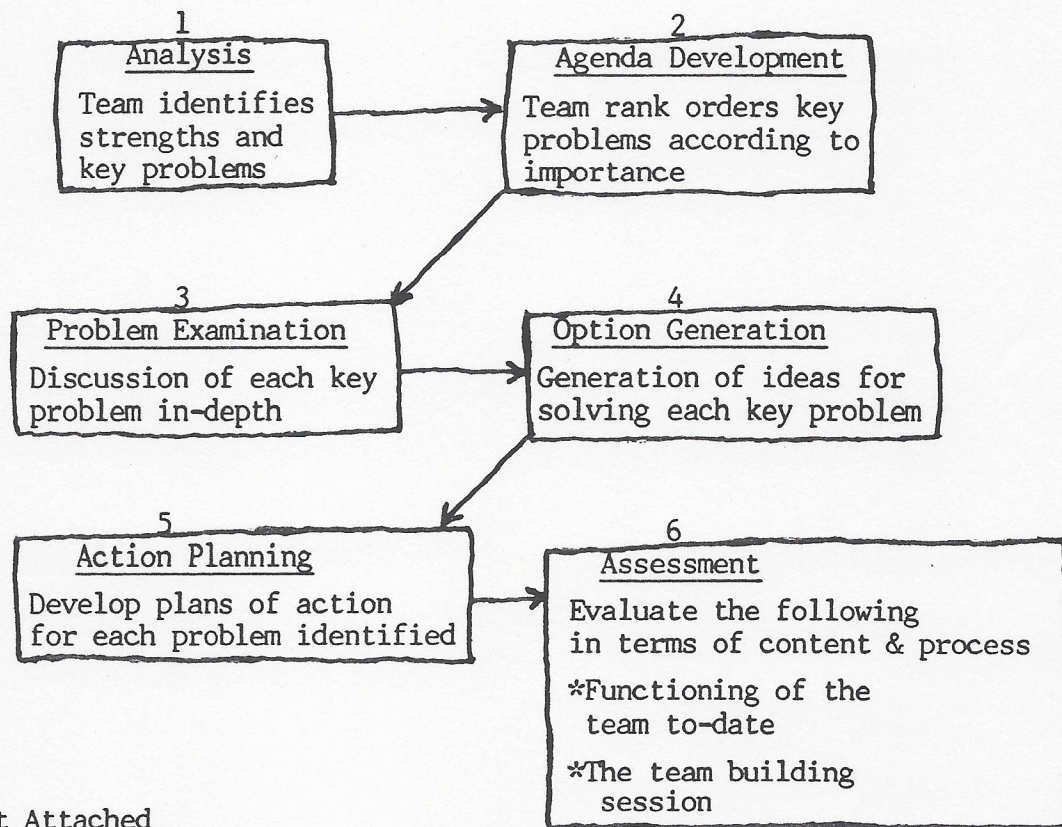
Constructing a Cause-and-Effect Diagram is basically a three-step process. The steps, as shown below, illustrate the process of diagramming the causes leading to an effect called a Characteristic. Examples of Characteristics can vary depending on the situation (for example, decisions, dilemmas, problems, situations, etc.).



TEAM BUILDING

- Objectives**
- *To provide an opportunity for the team as a whole to analyze its functioning and performance.
 - *To identify problem areas for the team and diagnose corrective action.
 - *To allow the team to plan for its future via follow-up.
- Focus: Team performance, team goals and goal-setting processes, specific plans for individuals relative to team functions and goals, and team operations and efficiency.
- Method**
- *Team member preparation prior to session:
 - a) List of team strengths and key problems (rank order key problems according to importance).
 - b) List of ideas for solving each key problem.
 - *Facilitator prepares for session using the following framework categories: identification of strengths and key problems, rank ordering key problems, discussion of each problem in-depth, generation of ideas for solving each key problem, and development of action plans for each problem identified.

Action Sequence



Background Sheet Attached

TEAM ROLE DEVELOPMENT-CLARIFICATION

- Objectives
- *To help clarify certain definitions and expectations of specific team roles given the task required.
 - *To identify the obligations of the interdependent members of the team.
 - *To resolve conflict associated with possible role confusion and/or role ambiguity.
- Focus: Definitions of the roles to be performed, expectations of others regarding behavior associated with each role, development of a consensus regarding individual accountabilities and related authority, surfacing of role and territorial issues with the intent of resolving differences, and team definition and delineation of role requirements.
- Method
- *Team member prepares in advance of the session:
 - Identifies specific roles of the team in carrying out the task, assignment, project, etc.
 - Analysis of each role to determine the rationale for its existence, its contribution to the team and to organizational goals, its accountabilities, and its typical duties and behaviors.
 - Choose the role they would like to play in completing the task and develop a rough draft of role profile preferred (i.e., subsets of the task, plan of action, performance criteria, behaviors-analytical, information summary, projections, and tangible outcome--data charts, lists, summary points).
 - *Facilitator prepares for the session using the following general categories: determination of roles to be examined and developed, analysis of purpose, accountabilities, and duties of the roles, determination of the expectations of the roles, and incorporating all information into role-profiles in order to complete the task.

Action Sequence

