

Reducing Hospital Facilities Management Costs with Rapid Action

Frontline facilities management employees for a large hospital system took quick action to reduce building operating costs using an innovative team engagement process and saved more than \$40,000 in less than 60 days.



SITUATION A facilities management outsourcing firm needed to act quickly when one of its hospital clients enacted an organization-wide budget reduction mandate.

TEAM ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY Assemble a team of engineers, technicians, facilities coordinators, procurement reps and building managers to attack the problem using **Rapid Action**, an “all in one” team engagement toolkit for accelerating results.

RAPID ACTION PROJECT CHARTER How can we reduce facilities operating costs within 60 days without hindering the delivery of hospital services or jeopardizing the quality of patient care?

- SAMPLE SOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTED**
1. Switched vendors for paint products to obtain better pricing.
 2. Reduced elevator repair costs by preventing door damage with better procedures to clean safety sensors and door tracks on floors.
 3. Automated the control of de-icing heat lamps located at entry doors to reduce energy consumption.
 4. Replaced failed lamps in two-lamp fixtures with one lamp where possible without safety or functional impact.
 5. Reduced frequency of preventive maintenance inspections on five classes of electrical equipment from bi-annually to annually using best practice guidelines.
 6. Utilized in-house staff to take over contracted work for installing HVAC automation devices.

“*The incoming feeling with any of us was that this effort would be a waste of time because we were running lean as it is. But the brainstorming and discussion of ideas in just the first meeting convinced everyone that we had big opportunities to save money.* – FACILITIES MANAGER

RAPID ACTION TEAM RESULTS

\$37,000
annualized savings in outside materials and labor

\$7,000
annualized savings in utilities payments

700 hours
of internal labor freed up

58 days
cycle time from team launch to wrap-up

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The “All in One” Team Engagement Toolkit for Accelerating Results



Prelaunch Planner



Action Accelerator



Scripted Meeting Guides



Quick Read Booklets



Idea Sorting, Prioritizing and Tracking Posters



e-Templates & Tools



LEARN MORE ABOUT RAPID ACTION FOR LEAN HEALTHCARE

Are you interested in accelerating results and increasing engagement from your organization's change management and continuous improvement initiatives? Take a look “inside the box” of the most reliable process available for rapid, team-based improvement.



Call 800.254.6805 or email to request@improvefaster.com to schedule a demo of the Rapid Action Toolkit.



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Improve faster through better team engagement!

Since 1993, Leap Technologies has helped healthcare organizations get on the path to faster, more-affordable Lean deployment.

Organizations including Carle Foundation Hospital, HealthPartners, Genzyme, Novation and Pfizer have accelerated results from Lean initiatives by deploying Leap Team Engagement Toolkits to productively engage more leaders and employees in “the improvement game” while building the internal capability to achieve lasting gains.

For organizations looking for a faster, better and more-affordable way to leverage the power of Lean Healthcare, Leap Technologies is the resource of choice.