

Establishing Your Planning Team



Collaborating with the right people who have diverse skills is crucial to your clinic's success. Your planning team will determine what kind of clinic you're going to open - determine early on who will be the planning team leader.

Often, successful clinic planning teams are lead by a charismatic door opener in the community, someone who has a vision and wants to work hard to make it come true. These characteristics are not necessarily associated with a specific skill set or professional experience.

Securing legal counsel is important to ensure people involved with your clinic (volunteers, staff, opinion leaders, etc.) are properly informed. Clinics can usually find a volunteer attorney - which is a great and valuable service, but may have to pay application, permit, and other legal fees.

Cultivate relationships with people at area hospitals and your area health department. They will help you make connections and develop relationships with physicians and other providers who may be volunteers at your clinic.

Finally, a financial advisor - volunteer or otherwise - will help you address your budgets.

Planning Team Structure

