SPiN: Strategic Planning in Nonprofits

SPiN Planning Process Overview Timeline

P	hase	Key Activities	Key Products	Timeline
Organize	Prepare	Convene planning committee Develop planning timeline Create organizational history	Board and Staff buy-in Timeline for planning 1 page summary of organizational history	Month 1
	Listen	Stakeholder mapping Stakeholder listening Organizational health check-up Financial analysis	Summary of stakeholder input Summary of key organizational health issues Summary of financial information	Month 2-3
Imagine	Envision	Review and discuss stakeholder input Board and staff discussion to develop mission and vision statements Develop identity statement (optional)	Mission and vision Identity statement	Month 4
	Plan	Determine strategic priorities Engage staff, board committees in development of supporting objectives (implementation plan)	Strategic priorities Implementation plan	Month 4-5
Launch -	Execute	Board approval of plan Discuss how to monitor your plan Align resources and people to the plan goals	Board monitoring plan	Month 6
	Evaluate	Identify key metrics/success indicators Set up a system to collect relevant data and report periodically	Outcomes/indicators for each strategic priority Dashboard for board reporting	Month 6