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Process Improvement and Problem Solving

Team Consulting has its origins with NASA and many business consulting firms. It is a method for problem solving that includes active participation from everyone present for the process.

## Guidelines

- 1. Responsibility: the owner of the goal or problem is responsible for corrective action plan and solution
- 2. Time Management: assign a timekeeper and time limit; stay on track. Typically a team consulting session should last 10 to 15 minutes.
- 3. Ground Rules:
  - A. Focus on the problem, not the person
  - B. Be open to new ideas and listen
  - C. Balance participation to utilize the group's resources
  - D. Don't be defensive, don't reject ideas
- 4. Actions:
  - A. Owner (2 minutes)
    - 1. State the problem
    - 2. Define the goal
    - 3. State the facts/background
    - 4. Questions from the team
    - 5. State "how to / how do we" question
  - B. Team (5-10 minutes)
    - 1. Give possible solutions (with clear action steps) in the form of statements
    - 2. Write down suggestions
  - C. Owner (2-3 minutes)
    - 1. Commit to a series of action steps
    - 2. Summarize
    - 3. Select action steps and write them down

