

Program Report Card Checklist

Report Card Development:

1. Did I involve agency staff in the development of the report card?
2. Did I use the Revision 6 report card template available on the Appropriations Committee's RBA website?

Report Card Elements:

3. Is my report card no more than two pages?
4. Did I include the agency and program name on my report card?
5. Did I use one column per measure and Arial font with a minimum size of 10 point?
6. Is my quality of life result statement:
 - a. In proper form?
 - b. Appropriate to my program but does not discuss programs or means?
 - c. Sufficiently broad?
7. Does my report card clearly explain the program's contribution to the quality of life result?
8. Did I include all the required budget information for my program?
9. Does my report card identify the major partners who have an important role to play in the program?
10. Does my report card include 3-5 performance measures, specifically:
 - a. Do I have no more than 1 HOW MUCH measure?
 - b. Do I have 1 or 2 HOW WELL measures?
 - c. Do I have 1 or 2 BETTER OFF measures?
 - d. If I am missing critical measures or need better data, did I include a Data Development Agenda to begin the data gathering process?
11. Did I represent each measure graphically?
12. Did I include a "story behind the baseline" (any necessary explanation of the chart, problems with the data, and causes and forces affecting the level of performance for each measure?
13. Did I use the appropriate symbol for the trend of each measure?

14. Did I propose actions to “turn the curve” (i.e. move the baselines in a more positive direction) for my program?
- a. Do the actions respond to the stories behind the baseline?
 - b. Do I offer low-cost or no-cost actions?
 - c. Are the actions likely to make a difference?
 - d. Do the actions include the contributions of the partners?
 - e. If there is a reduction in funding, have I included actions to do the least harm?

Report Card Submission Process:

15. Did I request assistance from the OFA/Charter Oak resource team?
16. Did I submit the first version my report card by January 15, 2013?
17. Did I make needed revisions to my report card?
18. Did I submit the final version of the updated report cards for by February 1?

Additional information, instructions and resources for the 2015 program report cards are available through the Appropriations Committee’s RBA website, <http://www.cga.ct.gov/app/rba>