ATCA Standards Update

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Accreditation Humour

1. I accomplished nothing this week because I was going through certification.
2. Don't ask. Don't ask. Don't ask.
3. Certification for... what?
4. Plan B: Mount a passionate defense against an argument that no one made.
5. How can you say that certification is a waste of time?! 
6. Without certification, management would be reduced to randomness!
7. Do you think you'd be happier just guessing who is qualified to do what? Do you? Do you?
8. There's something wrong with you.
Plotted History of the Standards

- 1986 – Inception of ATCA
- 1991 – First funding for Peer Reviews in the sector
- 1992 – First reviews occur
- 1996 – Review system was updated
- 2008 – ATCA gains funding to produce a Standards Package specifically for the AOD TC sector
Self-Review Worksheet

For the Australasian Alcohol and Other Drug Therapeutic Communities Standards (TC Standards)

To be worked through in conjunction with the TC Standards Support Package
Where are we now?

- Four pilot reviews
Process of undertaking a review

- Peer team undertakes the review over two days
- Development/training opportunity for a staff member of another TC
- Overviewed by ATCA Standards Project Officer
- Report developed for the TC on their achievements against the indicators
Feedback from the TCs

- Like the process
- Some changes required in the worksheet format
- One process would be better
Where to from here?

• Partnership with another accreditation process?
• JAS ANZ accreditation?
• Prisons and other modified TC
A final word

There's no objective standard for measuring how much I should accomplish in any given day.

Nor can we really know if things would have turned out better had I done things differently.

Do you have a point?

I'm going home early. See if you can tell the difference.