#### TCT FACILITATOR TIPS JOB AID

## EFFECTIVE FACILITATION-FINAL REVIEW CHECKLIST **Dealing with Anxiety:** □ Breathe deeply. □ Focus on relaxing. □ Release tension by unobtrusive isometrics. □ Move during the presentation. □ Maintain good eye contact with the audience (3-5 seconds with each person). Planning and Organizing Your Facilitation: Develop objectives. □ Analyze audience. □ Brainstorm main and sub ideas. Develop handouts. Develop visual aids. □ State the benefits (What's In It For Me: WII-FM). □ Incorporate a preview, main idea, and review sentence. □ Structure introduction. □ Develop a strong conclusion. (Call to Action) **Developing and Using Visual Aids:** □ Use the KISS principal. (Keep It Short & Simple) □ Choose the correct type of chart. □ Use appropriate titles. □ Refrain from talking to the visual aids □ Place yourself at center stage. Use pointer sparingly. **Preparing for the Presentation:** □ Rehearse standing up and using visuals. While Facilitating: □ Stay aware of what you are saying and how you say it. □ Be animated, enthusiastic and direct. □ Be conversational and do not speak too fast. □ Use a clear, strong voice. □ Guide the discussion; don't force it.

# EFFECTIVE FACILITATION-FINAL REVIEW CHECKLIST (Cont.)

### While Listening:

- □ Stay aware of not only what is said, but also how it is said.
- □ Stay neutral (objective) in the discussion.
- Use eye contact and your body language to show you are listening.
- □ Clarify what you have heard by repeating, if necessary.
- □ Become absorbed in what that person is saying.
- □ Don't interrupt or inject your own views.

### **Question-and-Answer Techniques:**

- Raise your hand and step toward the audience when asking a question.
- □ Watch and listen to the questioner. (Use active listening posture.)
- □ Repeat the question, if necessary.
- Use eye contact and involve the whole audience in your answer.
- □ Keep your hands in a neutral position when listening to questions.

#### **Managing the Group:**

- □ Post Ground Rules and ask group for input.
- □ Define group roles and ask for their expectations.
- □ Refer group to agenda when getting off focus.
- □ Try and remain neutral; don't get drawn into an argument.
- □ Have the room set up for maximum comfort.
- □ Stop and refocus group when discussions go beyond the scope.
- □ Boomerang group questions to other persons within the group.
- Offer observations and summaries.
- □ Gather group agreement.
- □ Encourage everyone to participate.
- □ Let everyone know how he or she is doing and what has been accomplished.
- □ Close on a positive note and thank everyone for his or her participation.