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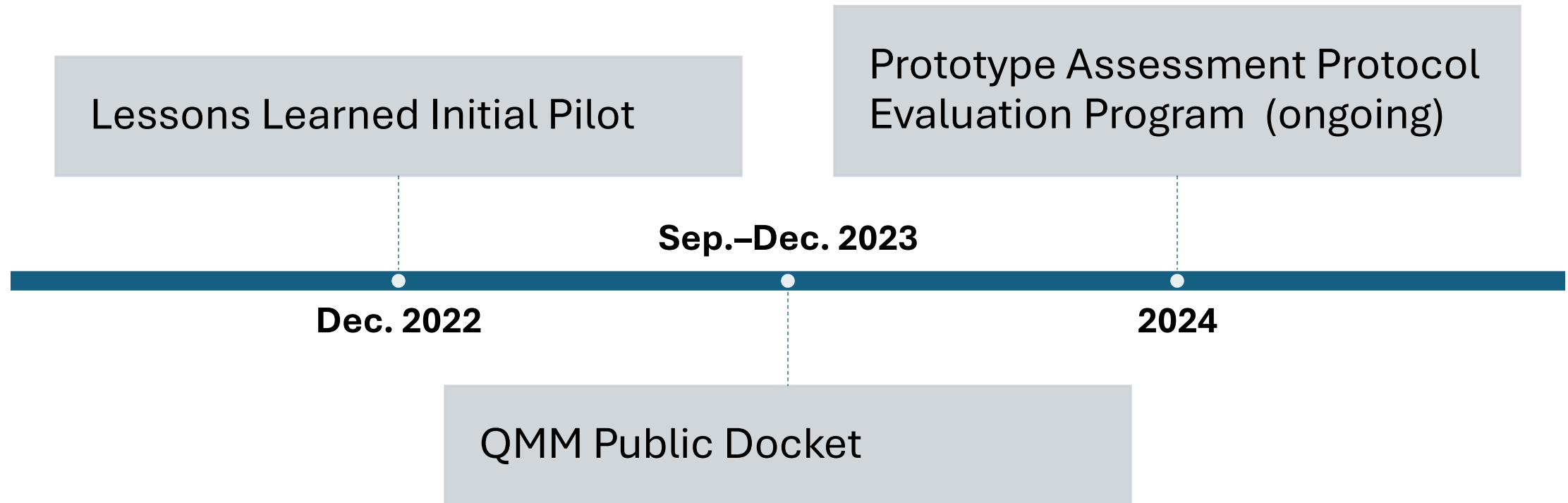
# What is next for the FDA QMM Program?

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# Outline for Today - What is new since 2022?

- FDA Developments
- Industry Responses
- Lilly Experience

# FDA QMM Program – steady progress



# FDA's QMM “Thesis Statement”

“The **overall supply chain should also benefit** as manufacturers with higher QMM, focus on **continual improvement** and are therefore more likely to **embrace advanced manufacturing technologies** that enhance the capability, robustness, and commitment to quality by the pharmaceutical industry.”

Lessons from CDER's QMM Pilot Programs, AAPS Journal Dec 2022

Industry 4.0 for Pharmaceutical Manufacturing June 2021

# Janet Woodcock's Vision

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“A maximally efficient, agile, flexible pharmaceutical manufacturing sector that reliably produces high-quality drug products without extensive regulatory oversight.”

Pharmaceutical CGMPs for the 21st Century—A Risk-Based Approach

# FDA's 2024 Pilot

## 2024 Program Goals

Gain experience with the assessment tool and process to ensure it is fit for use

Inform refinement of the assessment tool and programmatic operational decisions

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- CDER Assessment Teams
  - All assessors are from Office of Q Surveillance.
  - Same team throughout assessment to ensure consistency
- Program features coming directly from lessons learned in earlier pilot
  - Brief orientation meeting
  - Self Assessment
  - Balance of records requested in advance and on-site assessment

# Five Assessment Areas



## Pre-assessment

- All participants receive same questions
- Asking for 2-3 examples to support responses
- Requests Supporting Documentation
- No scoring

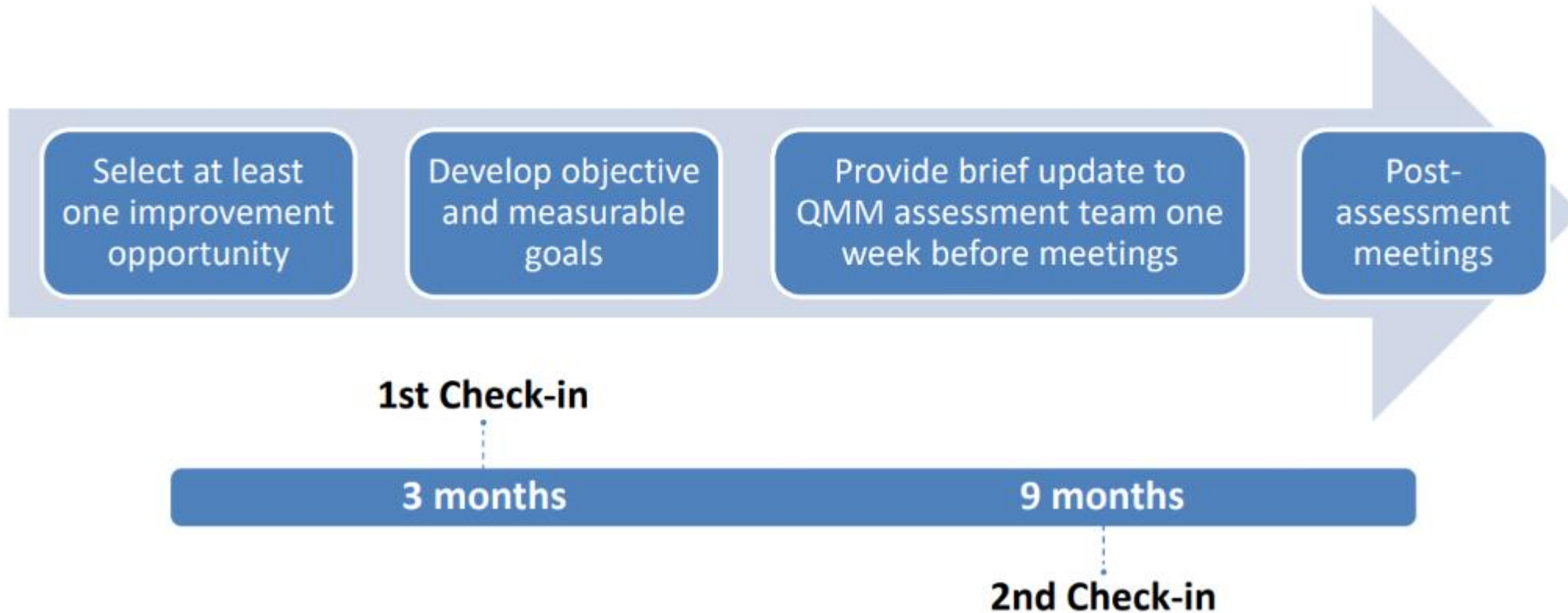
## Assessment

- 1 week: On-Site or Hybrid
- Team of 3 including a Lead; May also have observers
- Assessors score individually
- Strengths and improvement opportunities
- Scoring report sent w/in 15-20 business days
- Close out meeting 5 days post report





# Post-Assessment Engagement



# Comments to FDA Docket December 2023

## (MS CoPilot Summary)

- **Support for Enhanced Quality Systems:**
  - Many commenters expressed support for a QMM program that encourages drug manufacturers to go beyond current good manufacturing practice (CGMP) requirements.
  - They emphasized the importance of fostering a strong quality culture mindset.
- **Suggestions for Implementation:**
  - Commenters recommended practical approaches for assessing quality management maturity.
  - They highlighted the need for clear criteria, scoring mechanisms, and assessor training.
- **Balancing Rigor and Flexibility:**
  - Some comments discussed striking the right balance between rigorous assessment and flexibility to accommodate different types of establishments.
- **Supply Chain Resilience and Drug Availability:**
  - Several commenters emphasized that a robust QMM program could enhance supply chain resiliency and minimize risks to drug availability.

# Comments to FDA Docket December 2023

## (Human analysis )

- Assessments will vary dramatically
- Conduct additional research to establish a correlation
- Risk of misinterpretation or poor conclusions made by the public
- Do not create incentives to avoid products that may not “score well”
- Do not anticipate any advantages specific to the CMO/CDMO sector to participating
- Sharing QMM information ...not a replacement for cGMP requirements

This is a “metric” mindset  
not a “maturity” mindset!

# Comments to FDA Docket December 2023 (cont.)

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- could shift purchasers to wanting to work with specific suppliers with a higher rating and avoid other suppliers
- which could lead to the higher-performing suppliers not being able to meet market demand.

*A reminder to be careful of unintended consequences...*

# Recent Industry Responses- *going beyond CGMP compliance to create a community of practitioners*

**BENEFIT:** evaluating the maturity of the quality management system allows continual improvement in quality performance.

## **OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Applications to supplier maturity and good supply practices
- Linking QMM to QRM
- Understanding QMS agility and PQS Effectiveness(Q12)
- Many tools now available for industry self assessment

**BARRIER:** demonstrating value to executive business and quality leaders of the focus on quality cultural excellence.

## **CHALLENGES:**

- Industry self assessment vs. FDA assessment or oversight
- Blurring the lines between assessment & audit
- Disclosure of results
- Unintended consequences by creating the wrong incentives

# Lilly's quality culture assessments



## Scope and approach

- Conducted at all 14 mfg. sites
- To identify baseline and look for strengths and opportunities
- Team of 2-3 with same project lead in most



## Process and frequency

- Completed in 3-4 days
- Included site tours, interview panels, and observation of meetings.
- Plan to repeat periodically to monitor the progress and changes.
- Aligned with safety and OpEX site assessments



## Tools and data sources

- PDA Model Output
- ISPE APQ Guide Results
- Narrative Summary of Observations
- Existing employee engagement survey data



## Outcomes and Benefits

- Identified improvement opportunities
- Assessed maturity of QRM and Human Error programs
- Helped the leaders identify practices to reinforce quality culture

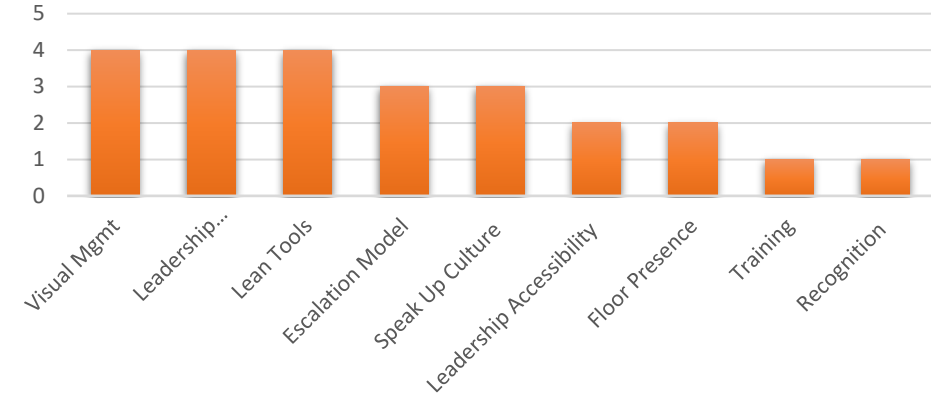
# Each site received a report, and we holistically analyzed the data.



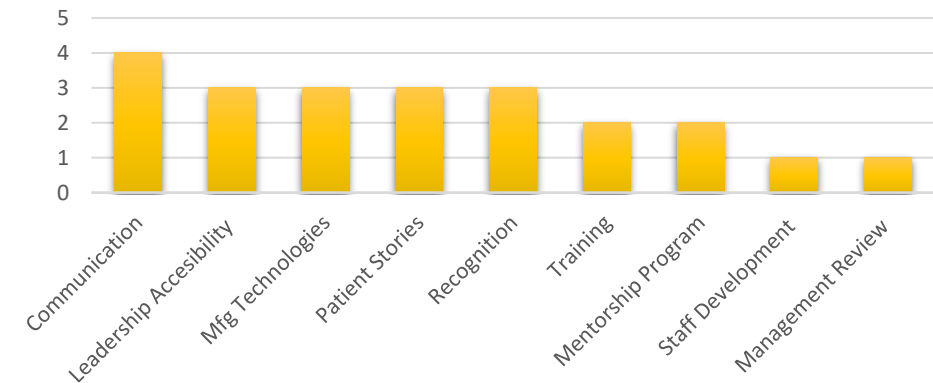
Heat Map of Maturity Model Scores

Metric	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Site 5
Impact on Product Quality	4	3	3	4	4
Patient Impact	4	3	3	3	4
Process Ownership and Engagement	5	4	3	3	3
QMS Processes	3	3	3	3	3
Root cause	4	5	5	3	4
Human Error	4	3	4	4	4
Continuous Improvement	3	3	3	3	3
Manufacturing Technologies	3	3	3	3	3
Training	4	3	3	3	3
Business Conduct	3	3	3	3	3
Quality Risk Management	3	3	3	3	3
Accountability and Quality Planning	4	3	3	3	3
Safety Program	3	3	3	3	3
Rewards & Recognition	3	3	3	3	3
Feedback & Staff Development	3	3	3	3	3
Quality Communication	3	3	3	3	3
Management Reviews	4	3	3	3	3
Metrics	4	3	3	3	3
Internal Stakeholder Feedback	4	3	3	3	3

Narrative Strengths



Narrative Opportunities



**This slide contains fictitious data for illustrative**



# Effective leadership practices to elevate culture.

## MENTORSHIP

Formal mentorship programs ensure technical growth and foundational learning.

A team's tenure gives insight on how much support they need

Organizations with high job rotation can accelerate learning with mentorship

## BALANCED MESSAGING

Balanced messaging for quality, safety, and supply enhances understanding of producing reliable supply with safety first and quality always.

Visual displays of quality messaging

Messaging in townhall meetings, newsletters, etc.

Transparent rationale of decision-making

## COMMUNICATION

Complete communication creates conditions for knowledge sharing and problem solving.

Increases the opportunity for shared learning

Improves understanding a compliance position

Reduces possibility for individuals to underestimate the severity of risk

## MINDSET SHIFT

Deliberate modeling of behaviors that are expected within the organization.

Leader models expected behavior

Employees notice the leader's change in behavior

The culture changes as employees model the leader's behavior