Risk and Benefit Assessment Worksheet © CuspEmergence.com

Consider current and alternative options

Ask, "Where are we? Where can we go? Where are we headed?"

Option 1:	Option 2:	Option 3:
Possible outcome 1:	Possible outcome 1:	Possible outcome 1:
Possible outcome 2:	Possible outcome 2:	Possible outcome 2:

Consider current and future risks and benefits

Ask, "Why should we go to another option? Why should we stay with this one?"

Short term risks of option 1:	Short term risks of option 2:	Short term risks of option 3:
Possible long term risks:	Possible long term risks:	Possible long term risks:
Possible benefits:	Possible benefits:	Possible benefits:

Ask, "What are complicating factors for the options with least risks and greatest potential benefits?"

Consider barriers and resources	Consider environment and ethics	Consider risk tolerance
What are barriers to the best option?	How can we engineer environment toward the "best that could happen"?	Discuss the best option, and how tolerable the risks
What resources are needed?	What are the ethics involved in preventing the "worst that could happen"?	Discuss whether the benefits outweigh the risks

Conclusions: Which outcome is most favorable, possible, necessary, and manageable in the short term, with long term payoff?

Remaining: List discussion items for team (barriers, risk management, resources needed)