Are you winning with your people?

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"The team with the best players wins!"

Jack Welch

"The ability to make good decisions regarding people represents one of the last reliable sources of competitive advantage, since very few organizations are very good at it."

Peter Drucker

"The toughest decisions for most organizations are people decisions – hiring, firing, promotion, etc. These are the decisions that receive the least attention and are the hardest to UNMAKE."

Peter Drucker

Questions:

- What percent of your time do you spend on your people?
- Do you personally know the top talent in your organization?
- Do you personally attract / recruit top talent to your organization?
- Do you hold leaders accountable for building organization capability?

Organizational Upgrade & Management Resource Review (MRR)

A process to continuously upgrade the ability of an organization to achieve greater performance through increasing expectations and skills.



Business Processes



Self Assessment:

Yes	No	
	☐ My team consist of top talent – "I would put my team up against any team!"	
	More than 90% of my external hires are successful	
	I have the bench strength to assure a team of top talent in all key positions three years from now	
	In relationship to competitors I look harder & screen harder for talent	
	I act quickly to confront and resolve performance problems	
	□ I provide ongoing coaching and development to support top talent as their jobs become more complex	
	□ I have no chronic poor performers (C-players)	
	□ I don't use "short-term results" as an excuse not to create an organization of top performances (Topgrade)	
	□ I retain my best talent (A-players) by taking their pulse regularly and proactively meeting their needs	
	All under performing employees have plans to become top performers (A-players)	
	I realize that I can make a top performer into a poor performer by over-paying, ur utilizing talent, putting people in the wrong job, and failing to develop people	nder
	People get ahead – are promoted by the merits of their contribution to the organization, not by being part of the "Club"	
	If you answered "no" to more than 2 or 3 of the questions, you are not Winning through your people	

De-railers ...

- Sub-par talent will not hire top talent
- We think we are hiring top talent, but all we get is a good story teller
- I want to bring in better talent, but my current people (culture) reject them
- Human resources doesn't seem to be able to keep the pipeline full (internally or externally)
- We can't afford the best talent
- I do not want to fire a loyal "C-player"
- We are doing OK against the competition, so don't need to focus on this

"Nothing our company does is more important than hiring and developing SUPERIOR TALENT." Larry Bossidy

Key areas of focus

- Performance Management
 - Performance Planning / Goal Alignment
 - Individual Development Plans
 - Performance Reviews
- Building Organization Capability (MRR process)
 - Linking People to Business Strategy
 - Targeted Development
 - ... Getting the Right People in the Right Jobs
 - Accountability

Goal Alignment / Key Success Factors (KSF's)

Success Factor -

Department - _

Iss	ues	Metrics	20xx Objectives	Key Actions	Responsibility & Timetable	Status	Note	es/Comments
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Individual development plan

- Designed to improve employee skills, abilities & performance
 - Not just for "C" employees ... for everyone
- Development is targeted to specific areas
 - First to meet current job requirements
 - Second to meet future business requirements
- Discussed, developed & agreed upon during performance review

Employees are accountable for their own development. But, the best managers assure employees get development opportunities.

Performance reviews

- Annually, coinciding with plan year (business cycle)
 - Unless employee performance dictates otherwise, i.e., "C" employees
- Key Success Factors (KSF's)
 - Goals, objectives & actions
- Competencies, do they correspond with business needs

There is a difference between "Performance Management" & "Performance Review"

Training & development

- Conduct departmental / organizational needs assessment
- Develop and conduct training plan
- Re-assess (audit, etc)

Organizational Development Plan

Dev	velopmei	ntal Need	Action Steps	Responsibility	Timing
		What willWho is read	e the organization's over Il be done to address the esponsible? ill it be complete?		

Management Resource Review - "MRR"

A formalized process which assesses the leadership of an organization, identifies gaps and opportunities for improvement, and identifies specific action items designed to upgrade the organization.

"At the end of the day, you bet on people, not on strategies." Larry Bossidy

"MRR" Leadership Strategy

Key areas of focus

- Organizational assessment
- Organizational upgrade
- Rewards & incentives
- Standardize & sustain

Companies full of top talent usually experience little difficulty retaining their best talent.

Organizational Assessment

"ABC" analysis - definition

- A = Consistently exceeds goals & objectives. Leads by example. <u>Promotable</u>, or an excellent performer with no known promotional opportunities or interests.
 B = Meets goals & objectives and may exceed them in some areas. Solid performer. New employee, or experienced professional.
- C = Job performance not adequate. Notable improvement is necessary to maintain position. Performance improvement plan required. May also represent an employee placement issue.

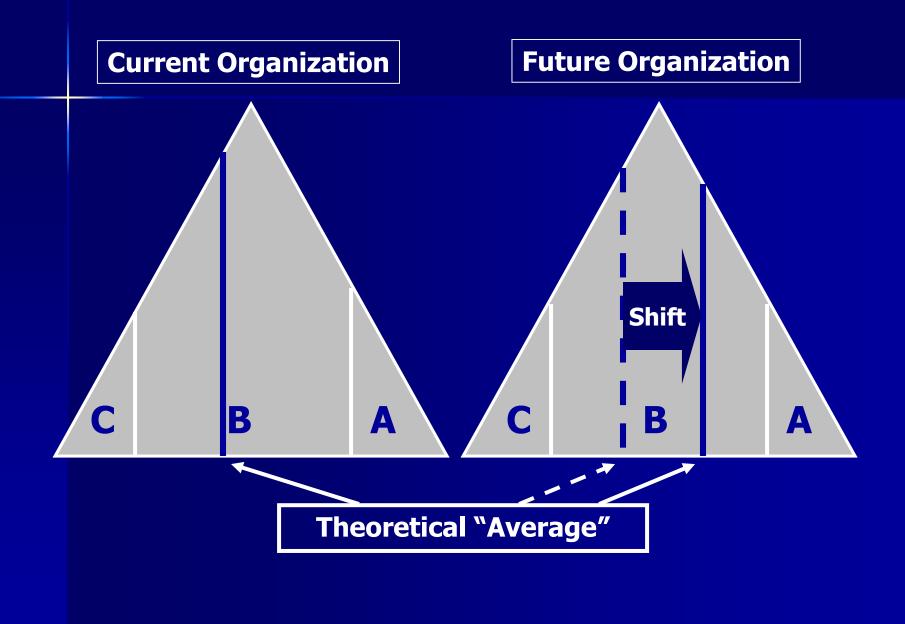
Everyone is an "A" player in the right job ...

Organizational Assessment

<u>"ABC" analysis</u>

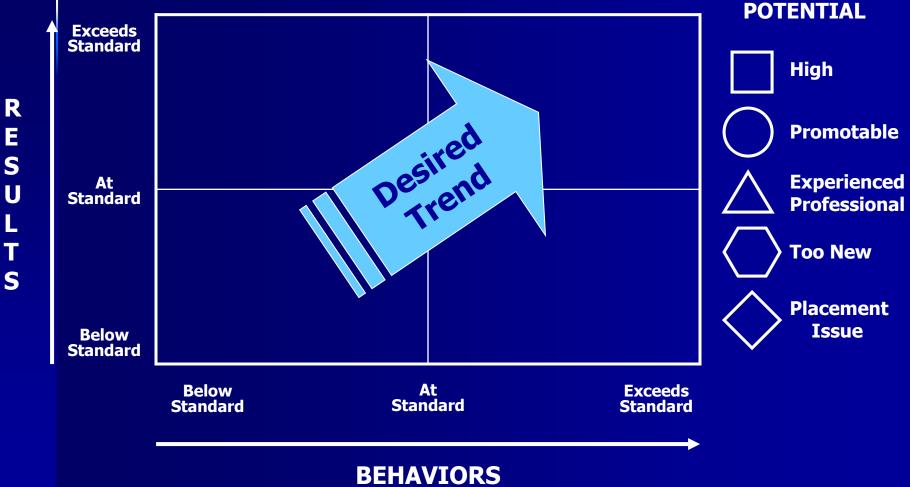
- Evaluate all salaried employees
- Develop & implement action plan for "A's"
- Provide regular feedback to, and develop, "B's"
- Develop & implement 90-day improvement plan for "C's"
 - Conduct weekly & monthly progress reviews
 - Terminate if adequate progress is not achieved
 - If terminated, replace with high performer

Shift in Organizational Strength



Talent Profile / Talent Assessment Summary

Leadership Assessment Summary i.e.,"Windowpane" matrix



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Organizational Assessment

Succession planning

- Identifies gaps and risks associated with attrition.
- Links developmental action plans for "A" employees ... including where & when.
- Managing employee development and/or attrition is the key.

Bench Strength Analysis



January 20xx			Potential Successors				
	Position	Incumbent	Now	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	5 + Years	
Pre	sident	Jean Tom	Bill Sim (E)		T.R. Hanson	Sally Black (F)(S) Ashok Singh (M)	
VP	- Operations	Pat Garcia	T.R. Hanson *	Nigel Jones (S)		Wendy Olsen (F) Malcolm Davis(M)	
	- Sales & keting	April Kline	Rob Grant (E)	Tony Williams		Jose Garcia (M)	
VP ·	- I/S	T.R. Hanson	External Hire	Sally Black (F)(S)	Bob Smith Paula Jordan (F)	Peter Chow (M)	
	- Human ources	Tony Williams		Janet Harkin (F) Chris Green (M)			

* T.R. Hanson also ready now for VP - Sale & Marketing

Female = (F) Minority = (M) Six Sigma (S) Emergency = (E)

Recruiting & Retention

Key areas of focus

- Salary & benefit plan
 - Formalized grades, salary ranges & descriptions for all positions.
 - Competitively determine by benchmarking.
 - Don't lose good performers due to compensation.
- Work climate / environment
 - Rewards, Recognition & Involvement.
 - ... Awards, luncheons, community involvement.
 - ... Informal leadership, decision-making roles.

Cost of 'Mis'-Hires

Problem: 50% of outside manager hires are `mis'-hires.

- Based on an average base salary \$80,000 costs of a typical 'mis'-hire was \$1,800,000 - about 24 times base compensation.
- 54 responses to survey $-\frac{1}{2}$ Division Presidents or Above.
- ROI on a 'mis'-hire = (500%).

Companies included in study: Motorola, General Electric (GE), General Cable, General Signal, AlliedSignal, Con Agra, Gateway, Royal Bank of Canada, R.R. Donnelley, Office Depot, William M. Mercer, DSC Logistics, CompUSA, FMC, Viad, First of America, Carr Gottstein...and others

TOPGRADING - Bradford D. Smart, Ph.D.

MRR Action Plan

(Organization) (Date)		
What – Key Actions	Who	When
Organization		
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Staffing (open & anticipated)		
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Development / Movement		
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Training / Education		
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Summary Steps

1 – Key success factors, linked to organizational priorities & goals
2 – Link compensation to performance (KSF)
3 – "ABC" analysis ... always a top & bottom 10%
4 – Organizational assessment
5 – Individual feedback & development plans
6 – Continuous Process
7 – Follow-up and Accountability

> Constantly increasing expectations achieved through an increasingly capable organization.

Actions

- Get educated about Upgrading.
- Get commitment and buy-in from others.
- Have a Process,
 - for Selection of Talent,
 - for Performance Management, and
 - for Developing Bench Strength (MRR).
- Get the skills you need.
- Commit to take action & measure results.
- CEO must lead process.

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