Effective Goal Setting

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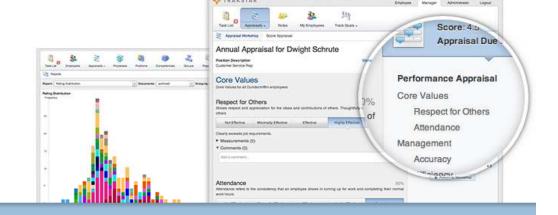
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Agenda

- ✓ The importance of well-written goals
- ✓ How to write SMART goals
- ✓ Teaching others how to write goals
- ✓ How to evaluate performance against goals
- ✓ Question & Answer



"Of all the things that contribute to a happy workday, the one thing that stands out from my research is making progress on meaningful work. Feeling like you are able to move forward on a daily basis engender real joy."

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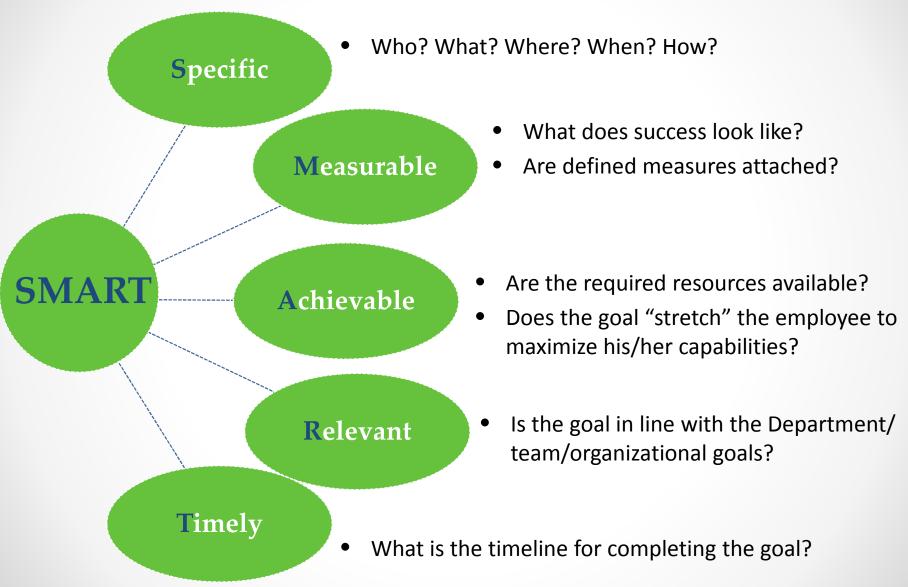
The importance of well-written goals

- Engagement
 - o Sense of belonging
 - o Independence
- Motivation
 - o Self-monitoring
 - o Self-correction
- Objective Performance Measure
 - o Over-come bias
 - o Challenge our assumptions

Tips to Make Goals Meaningful

Remember: Meaningful goals.... Support Challenge and achievement of **Stretch** the wider employee. objectives. Are (ideally) Follow the Outcome Focused, not **SMART** framework. Activity Focused.

A SMART Goal Makes Expectations Clear



Activity Focused vs. Results Focused

- Examples of activity based goals
 - o Post all jobs within 48 hours
 - o Answer all employees inquires within 24 hours
 - o Achieve 95% response rate on exit interviews
 - Ensure all new hires participate in NEO within 2 weeks of their start date*
- Examples of results-focused goals
 - o Improve the acceptance rate of offers by 10%
 - o Improve "net promoter" score for HR by 2%
 - Analyze unwanted employee turnover and prepare 2 programs to reduce unwanted employee turnover by more than 5% in 2014
 - o Achieve a 90% satisfaction rating from hiring manager and new hire at the 90-day mark.

Sample

Ineffective goal: Keep benefit costs low

Effective goal: Work with benefit broker to develop three different benefit choices for 2014 that will lower overall benefit costs by 5%. Present options to Executive team two weeks in advance of the budget deadline.

Teaching Others

- Tell me, show me, watch me
- Highlight SMART
- Start with re-writing first
- Start in other areas/others jobs first
- Practice makes perfect
- Focus on a few well-written goals over a page of poorly written-goals

Evaluating Performance Against Goals

Goals were achieved

- o Were the goals appropriate?
- Did the goals achievement lead to the results we wanted?

Goals were not achieved

- Were their circumstances beyond the control of the individuals?
- o Were there system limitations in getting results?
- o Did the goals of the company/department change?
- o Were goals in conflict with one another?
- o Were the goals in "line of sight"?
- o Were their skill or learning gaps to achieving the goals?
- Did someone get in the way of another achieving the goal?
- o Was the timeframe unrealistic?

Final Thought

Performance management **starts** with goal setting, it doesn't end with goal setting. I challenge you to make sure that your managers/leaders are establishing clear goals for your employees **within 30 days** of their hire date.

Questions?

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