Identifying and Developing High Potentials

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Learning Objectives

• Understand the importance of identifying and developing high potentials in health systems

• Learn simple, yet highly effective, methods to identify and develop high potentials

• Explore the critical success factors for creating a succession planning program
The C-Suite Conversation

CFO:

What happens if we develop our people and they leave?

CEO:

What happens if we don’t and they stay?
The Burning Platform

- Demonstrated relationship between better talent and better business performance
- Financial value of an organization is dependent upon quality of talent
- Increased scrutiny from investors and boards of directors
- Changing workforce demographics
- Impact of globalization and technology
- Competition for current and future talent
- Talent has been a scarce resource

*Developing high potentials builds bench strength for key talent pools and ensures the availability of ready successors*
Increased Focus in Health Systems

- Healthcare leaders must meet growing demands and complexity related to the shift to a value-based system
- The healthcare industry has been faced with the crisis of high turnover and talent shortages
- Increased importance of preparing and retaining talented clinical and non-clinical individuals to:
  - Manage the challenging healthcare climate
  - Meet the ambitious expectations of health reform
  - Reduce costs
  - Ensure quality of care
Common Evidence of Problems in Talent Management

• Key roles unfilled for long periods
• Replacements unsuccessful
• Emergency/Key Roles filled from outside
• High turnover among HIPOs
• Lack of bench strength is concerning Board/Execs
• Politics & popularity vs. qualifications
Challenges

• Organizations too concerned with:
  – Past performance, not potential
  – Halo effect
  – Tenure

• Lack of focus, attention, alignment, support and attention from senior leadership

• Even though identified as a critical component for business success, organizations do not allocate substantial resources to developing talent
Benefits of Structured Process to Identify and Develop High Potentials

• Continuous pool of strong talent
• Right people in the right positions
• Business successfully adapts to change
• Talent is engaged, developing & contributing
• Higher employee satisfaction
• Improved bottom-line performance through:
  – Lower turnover/Improved retention
  – Cost savings
  – Higher performance benchmark
Talent Management Process

Adapted from:
• Church & Silzer (2013)
• CEO insights (2004, April)
Step 1: Talent Needs Assessment
Talent Needs Assessment

• Develop future-focused competency model
• Create success profiles
  – Identify essential skills and experiences needed to meet the demands of the role, such as experience with a similar functional position
  – Define leadership expectations
  – Identify behavioral competencies
    • Interpersonal Skills
    • Leadership Skills
    • Business/Management Skills
    • Personal Attributes
Sample Competency Model

Leading Self
- Self Awareness
- Self Management
- Self Development

Leading Others
- Build Effective Teams
- Communicating & Inspiring

Leading Change
- Resiliency
- Courage & Authenticity
- Change Management

Leading for Results
- Decisiveness
- Systems Thinking
- Business Acumen
## Dimensions of Leadership Potential

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<td>Communicates with impact</td>
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<td>Healthcare Financial Acumen</td>
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<td>Patient centric focus</td>
<td>Change champion</td>
<td>Operational Decision making</td>
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<td>Cultivates collaborative relationships across</td>
<td>Effective delegator</td>
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<td>Team Builder</td>
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<td>Rapidly builds trust</td>
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# Sample Success Profile: Chief Nursing Officer

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<td>Building of health system’s brand within the local community</td>
<td>Review delivery models, complete capacity analysis and recommend actions to the hospital president</td>
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<td>Solidifying medical center’s critical role as a health system’s “feeder” hospital</td>
<td>Ensure uncompromised collaboration among clinical &amp; operations departments with the goal of enhanced productivity, improved patient safety &amp; exceptional total patient experience</td>
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<td>Transformation to patient-centered &amp; evidence-based integrated delivery care model that meets current &amp; emergent health care needs of the region</td>
<td>Establish trust with physician leadership group, ensuring consultation with &amp; integration of processes with medical staff</td>
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<td>Delivery of care that is high quality AND cost effective in light of budgetary constraints</td>
<td>Implement plan to adjust staffing patterns &amp; staffing needs thereby enhancing overall workforce satisfaction &amp; engagement</td>
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<td>Rapid improvement of patient safety record</td>
<td>Lead step-wise integration process with health system, serving as primary driver for major conversion projects</td>
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<td>Alignment of community physicians &amp; key community stakeholders to support medical center’s mission, strategy &amp; goals</td>
<td>Assess &amp; build nursing capability/bench strength including the creation of curriculum for nursing</td>
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<td>Increased throughput &amp; capacity of medical center’s Emergency Department</td>
<td>Take responsibility for all elements of clinical nursing practice &amp; shared governance</td>
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<td>Assure that all organizational objectives &amp; policies are articulated, understood and implemented</td>
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## Sample Success Profile: Chief Nursing Officer

### Leadership Style & Organizational Culture
- Puts the success of CMC ahead of own aspirations
- Empowers others while monitoring progress and consistently providing performance feedback & coaching - firm but fair
- Displays the right balance of patience & urgency to allow strategies enough time to develop & to deliver agreed upon results
- Demonstrates an energetic, adaptive & optimistic approach to the challenges
- Shows ability to think creatively and take appropriate risks

### Key Derailers
- Micromanagement of staff
- Making assumptions without thorough analysis & validation of assumptions
- Lack of self-awareness, understanding of one’s impact on others & resistance to feedback
- Compromises on ethical issues for short term gains
- Avoids confrontation - backs off difficult decisions
- Frequent problem escalation without problem solution
- Missing opportunity to shape a “new” CMC culture
- Failure to get senior management & organizational support

### Key Success Factors
- Engages workforce around total patient experience model
- Establishes credibility & trust with nursing & physician leadership group
- High level of professionalism: quickly gains the trust of nursing & key stakeholders, including those in the community
- Works well across traditional boundaries (silo busting)
- Ensures small “wins” in first 100 days
- Has senior management & organizational support

### Foundational Experiences
- Experience in larger hospital system that includes managing a department & budget
- Working effectively across service lines
- Understands finance and has effectively managed to budget and cost
- Deep & broad clinical nursing/nursing management experience
- Successful experience building teams in a results-oriented environment
- Ability to develop operational systems that provide high quality patient care experience while achieving financial results
Step 2: Assess Talent
Assess Talent Pool and Leadership Potential

• Look at potential & performance
• Assess current talent pool using the following methods
  – Performance reviews
  – Psychometric assessments
  – 360 Feedback
• Determine placement
  – Potential
  – Performance
9 Box on Performance and Potential

- **Potential Performer (Develop)**
- **Major Player (Challenge)**
- **High Performer (Take Action)**
- **Under Performer (Develop/Address)**
- **Solid Professional (Leverage)**
- **Major Player (Challenge)**
- **Problem Performer (Address)**
- **Solid Professional (Leverage)**
- **Valued Professional (Leverage)**

**Performance**
- Does Not Meet Expectations
- Meets Expectations
- Exceeds Expectations
Step 3: Talent Review
Typical Talent Review Agenda

• Discuss organization needs
• Review aggregate 9 box grid
• Collaboratively review key talent
• Designate watch list (high performing/low performing)
• Plan replacements (for retirements, etc.)
• Identify:
  – Road blocks (org. culture, etc.)
  – Potential developmental experiences/moves
  – Talent strengths and gaps
Step 4: Development
Development Actions

• Align individual development activities with organizational goals and values

• Utilize multiple development modalities including:
  – 360 feedback
  – Individual development plans
  – Developmental assignments
  – Coaching
  – Executive education programs
  – Action learning projects
• Put People in Jobs they **Can’t Do** with content that matches the skills and challenges they will be facing in the future
The Practical Solution

Put People in Jobs They Can’t *Quite* Do!
Step 5: Monitor & Measure
Monitor & Measure

- Continuous talent review
- Align with performance management process
- Provide ongoing feedback and support
- Check progress at frequent intervals through Talent Review Meetings
- Periodically re-assess leadership competencies and focus efforts on developing specific areas in need of improvement
- Assess the impact of the overall development program using specific metrics
Critical Success Factors

- Senior-level “buy-in” and commitment
- Current and future business needs are the starting point
- There is a systematic and integrated approach to all workforce development activities
- Specific metrics to guide evaluation of the process
- The “team mosaic” helps drive placement decisions
- Program must be integrated in the organization’s culture
- Leaders take on the role of “talent optimizers.”
Questions?


