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Why Discuss Leadership?

 Accreditation is really a leadership issue. The standards of accreditation are solid.
 Convincing people of the necessity to change or document is the tough part.

Developing a Leadership Philosophy

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Session Goals

- We need to continually learn as leaders.
- An awareness of the elements of leadership.
- The importance of philosophy.
- How to develop a philosophy.
- Where to find opportunities to learn.

Why Is Leadership Development Important

- Leadership is about other people.
- Leadership is about the future.
- It is a completely different job.

What is leadership all about?

- Alignment
- Vision
- Communication
- Trust
- Respect
- Direction and Influence

No Influence	+	The Wrong Direction	=	One Lost Person
Influence	+	The Wrong Direction	=	Lost Team of People
No Influence	+	The Right Direction	=	One Successful Person
Influence	+	The Right Direction	=	Successful Team of People

• What is the opposite of a leader? The answer is not a follower. The opposite of a leader is a loner. The opposite of a follower is also a loner. You see, to be a leader or a follower it implies that there are others around you.

- Change within people: Although there are millions of ways to change the parameters of a job or the situation of the company or the processes under which teams operate, there are basically only three ways to change people as it relates to their work.
- o Change their understanding.
- o Change their ability.
- o Change their motivation.

Leadership is a Composite of Many, Many Elements

Element Discussion

- Why do we study elements?
- What are elements?
- How many are there?

Elements of Leadership

 Take a few minutes and write as many elements of leadership as you can.

Elements Cont'd

 Partner with one other person in the room and compare lists.

What are the Most Important Elements?

- Think of your top five elements of leadership.
- Rank them from one to five in order of importance as you see them.

Define Your Terms

Element	Personal Definition	Link	Rank

Elements Continued

- Partner with someone in the room to compare notes.
- See if you add, change, or delete elements.
- Did your rank order change?
- Did your definitions evolve?

Elements Continued

- You and your partner can now pair with another pair in the room to compare notes.
- See if you add, change, or delete elements.
- Did your rank order change?
- Did your definitions evolve?

Definition of Leadership

- Take a few minutes and write your definition of leadership.
- Do not use the words lead, leader, or leadership.

Definition Continued

- Partner with someone in the room you have not worked with before.
- Share your definitions.
- See if you make changes to grow your definition.

What is your Goal?

- Make a simple statement or two about the goal you have for your leadership.
- Remember that in order to lead, you must have someone following. You should consider them when writing your goal.

Goal Continued

- Partner with someone in the room you have not worked with before.
- Share your goal for your leadership.
- See if you make changes to grow your goal.

How to Learn

- Did your range of elements grow when you shared with a partner? What about a group of four?
- Did your definition grow?
- Did your goal grow?

Importance of Philosophy

Ayn Rand, an early Twentieth Century author and philosopher, once wrote:

As a human being, you have no choice about the fact that you need a philosophy. Your only choice is whether you define your philosophy by a conscious, rational, disciplined process of thought and scrupulously logical deliberation – or let your subconscious accumulate a junk heap of unwarranted conclusions, false generalizations, undefined contradictions, undigested slogans, unidentified wishes, doubts, and fears, thrown together by chance..."

Write Your Philosophy

- We'll now write your philosophy.
- Take a minute to review the template.
- Take about fifteen minutes to fill it out.

The Power of Reflection

- Three kinds of reflection
 - -Remembering
 - -Thought
 - -Active Reflection

Where to Find Learning Opportunities

Get a Mentor	Watch a Movie		
 Critique a Public Figure 	 Follow Someone on Twitter 		
 Critique Work Emails 	 Listen to a Speech 		
 Watch a Leadership Video 	• Read a Book		
 Leadership Quotes 	• Critique a TV Show Character		
 Join a Service Organization 	 Ask Others about Their Job 		

Review

- Leadership development requires initiative and focused efforts.
- Keys to Development:
 - Awareness
 - Reflection
 - Philosophy
 - Action/Practice

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