# Performance Management Seminar

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### Welcome

- Introduction Paul Tournier, President TPD
- Registration Sheet on your table
- Questions #TPDperformance
- > Hard stop 9:30, on-going Q&A until 10:00
- Prizes Best Quote, Best Photo



### TPD – Full Service HR Provider

### **Workforce Solutions**

- Staffing
- Recruiting
- Specialty & Executive Search

#### HR Solutions

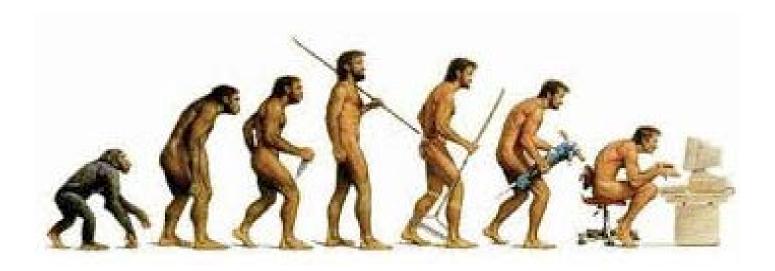
- HR Outsourcing
- HR Consulting
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- HRIS



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### Performance Management













### Performance Management - Panel

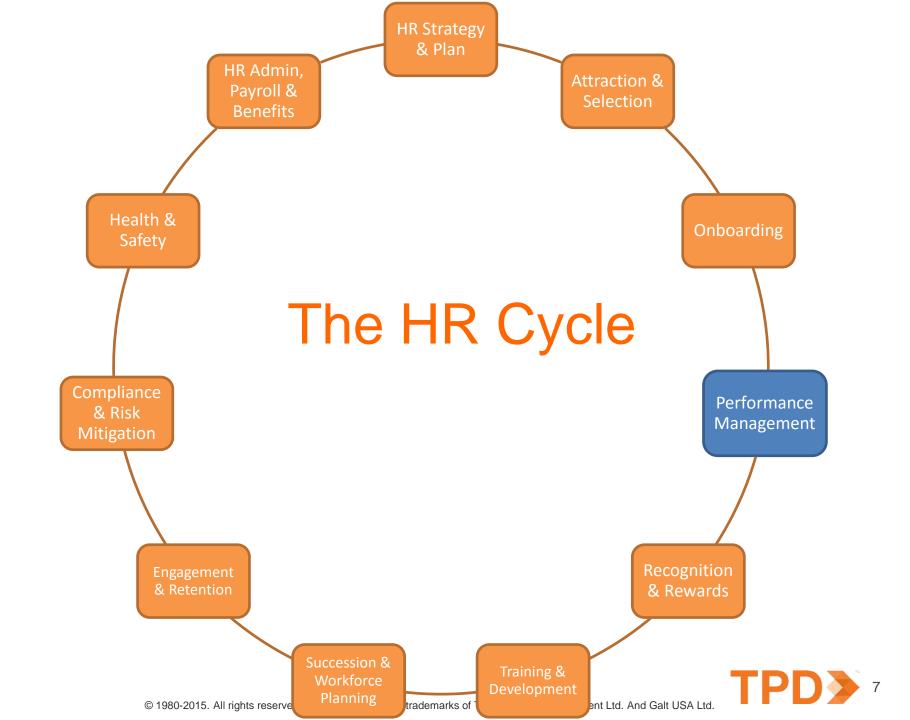
- Susan Alley VP of Human Resources, TPD
- Taryn Mackie Partner, Bull Housser
- Elena Smith Lead HR Strategist, TPD



# Fundamentals of Performance Management

Susan Alley VP, HR Services





# Fundamentals of Performance Management

- Part of the HR Cycle
- Very important responsibility of every leader
- Simply means COMMUNICATION
- COMMUNICATION = DIALOGUE
- Starts at the opening interview before employment begins
- Expectations for success



### Not and Annual Event!

- Not a spectator sport
- Finance or Operations snapshot?
- Marathon vs. a couple of 2 km runs in a week

### **Formal Conversation**

When? Quarterly or more often

Where? Private, quiet location

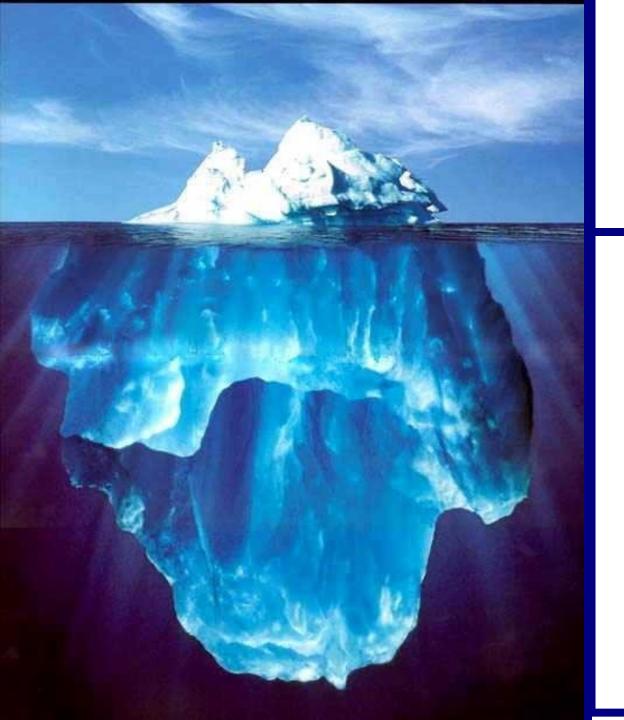
Who? Leader, employee

How? Consolidation of employee logged communication

Why? Growth, improvement, recognition

### How Can I Be Successful?

- Recognition like to win: games, job, life
- Winning coach the game while it is still in play; too late when it's over
- Talking/Active Listening both your jobs



**Knowledge Skills, Abilities** 

Variable/Visible

# Personal Characteristics

More Stable/Hidden



The Conversation!!!

### The Conversation

- Formal conversation
- Can include a self assessment
- You are looking for evidence to support the self assessment
- Employees need to know exactly what it takes for them to succeed



Your Job!!!

### **Equal Participation**

- Communication = Dialogue
- Demonstrate trust, empower your employees and actively listen to what they have to say
- Your job is to support, inspire, motivate; not micro-manage or abandon!



360 Degree Assessments.....

### 360° Assessments

- Self assessment
- Peers
- Direct Reports
- Leaders
- > 360 ° of feedback
- More reliable

### Setting Goals and Standards



#### **GOAL**

A statement of results that is to be achieved. It describes conditions that exist when the desired outcome is to be completed. A timeframe during which the outcome is to be completed. Resources the organization is willing to commit to achieve the desired result.



SMART SPECIFIC MEASURABLE ATTAINABLE REALISTIC TIMELY



#### **STANDARD**

A standard refers to an ongoing performance criteria that must be met time and time again. Standards are usually expressed quantitatively and refer to such things as attendance, quality and quotas. They are most effective when established with the participation of those who must meet them.

### The Importance of Documentation!

- PIN (Performance Improvement Notice) (PIP)
- Issue or Concern
- Improvement or Correction required
- Timeframe
- Consequence of Not Achieving Improvement or Correction

# Performance Management: What it is NOT!!

Secret Assessment



Salary Negotiation



Disciplinary Meeting



Watercooler Discussion



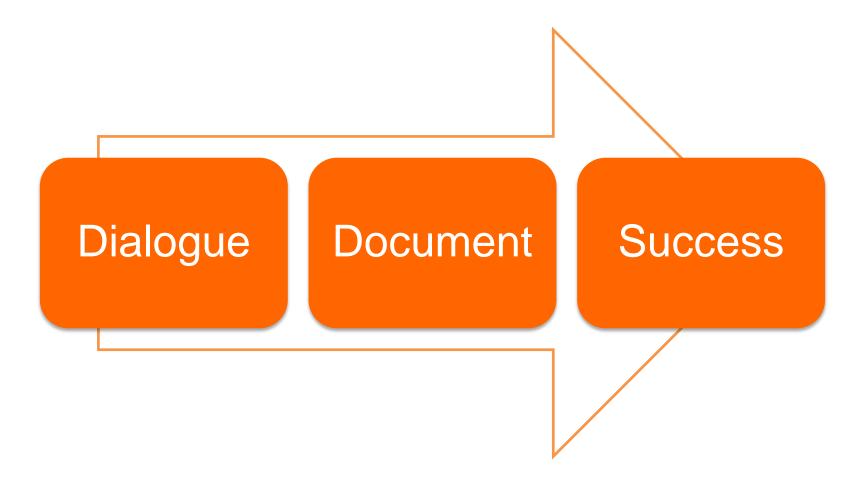
Popularity Contest



# Fundamental Areas of Performance Management

Measurement of Employee's performance against goals and/or standards	✓
Recognition of contributions	✓
Correction of performance issues	✓
Creation of new goals/standards for next appraisal period	✓
Development plan	✓

### Conclusion





The Legal *Ins and Outs* of Top 3 Performance Management Issues



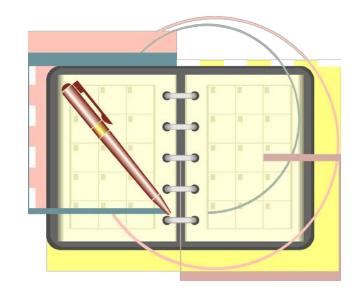
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### What's on the Agenda?

- This Suits me Just Fine...
   Management of Probationary Periods
- I Can't Help It...

  Medical Conditions and the

  Duty to Make Inquiries
- Ch-ch-ch-changes...
   Changing the Job &
   Constructive Dismissals



## This Suits me Just Fine... Management of Probationary

- Periods
   A probationary period is like an extended job interview that allows you to assess whether an employee is suitable for your organization
- A properly managed probationary period means that you can terminate the employment for reasons of unsuitability without liability (i.e. severance)

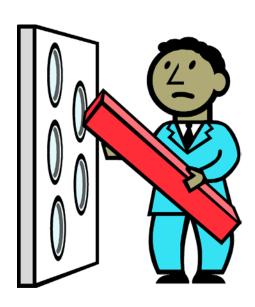
 Traditionally, it was understood that an employer could terminate a probationary employee at any time for any reason during the probation period without any liability

- This is **no** longer the case
- Test: Employer must show that the employee is unsuitable for their position

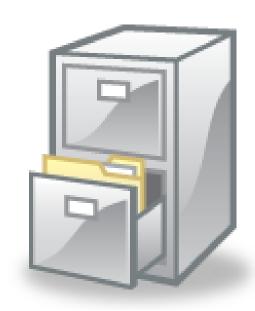


- Factors courts (and arbitrators) will consider:
  - Has the employee been given a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate suitability?
  - Has the employer shown that it had proper reasons for deciding the employee was unsuitable?
  - Was the employee given a chance to succeed?
  - Was the employee aware of the standards that had to be met?

- Suitability is not restricted to performance
- Fit matters!



- **Best practices** for employers:
  - Clearly communicated expectations
  - Good faith attempt to resolve issues
  - Provide training when available
  - Clear evaluations
  - Document, document, document



### I Can't Help It...

Medical Conditions, Job Performance, and the Duty to Make Inquiries

- What happens when you know, or might reasonably suspect, that a medical condition may be causing poor job performance (e.g. poor attendance, poor work product, bad attitude, etc.)?
- Employers have a duty (under human rights) to make inquiries of the employee before taking any job-related consequences
   (e.g. disciplinary action or termination)

### **Duty to Inquire**

### Red flags:

- sudden marked changes in mood
- tearfulness and expressions of hopelessness
- withdrawing socially
- change in physical appearance
- symptoms of exhaustion
- deterioration in the quality of work and
- learning that the employee has been hospitalized or is in counselling
- Don't be afraid to ask for medical information



### Create your <u>own</u> Medical Certificate

- Absent an agreement to the contrary, you do <u>not</u> need to be satisfied with the (unhelpful) prescription pad note
- You can create your <u>own</u> medical certificate that makes the inquiries you need to make to determine whether, and to what extent, accommodation may be required
- Ask what you reasonably require to assess the situation



### What you can ask for?

- In general, you can ask for:
  - whether the performance issues are caused by a medical condition
  - the nature of the employee's illness or disability (i.e. recurring or chronic)
  - the employee's prognosis for full or partial recovery,
     expected date of return, and expected duration of absence
  - the employee's functional capabilities and limitations
  - whether treatment prescribed and followed
  - evidence that the employee is fit to return to work

### Ch-ch-ch-changes...

Changing the Job & Constructive Dismissals

- Are you thinking of:
  - taking away job duties to improve employee performance?
  - changing an employee's reporting structure to get better management?
  - suspending an employee without pay as part of disciplinary action?



# Ch-ch-ch-changes... Changing the Job & Constructive Dismissals

- <u>Test</u>: An employer who unilaterally (i.e. without the employee's consent) fundamentally changes a significant term of the employment contract creates a constructive dismissal risk
- Allows employee to resign from their job and claim severance as if they were terminated without cause
- Fortunately there are strategies to minimize risk
  - Deal with the issue in the employment contract
  - Get buy-in from the employee (acceptance means no risk)
  - Give notice of the old terms ending and offer continued employment on the new terms

# Q & A Period



# Trends in Performance Management

Elena Smith, CHRP Lead HR Strategist





Moving Away From – Going Towards

### **Trends**

**Motivation Incentives** Developmental **Appraisal** Culture of Feedback **Annual Review** Duties & Responsibilities Behaviours & Results **Total Experience** Salary Review Technology-Enabled Paper-Based

# Dan Pink's - Puzzle of Motivation



#### **AUTONOMY**

The urge to direct our own lives. To have the freedom to decide how and when to do our jobs.



#### **MASTERY**

To get good at doing something that really matters. We want to get better, to progress, to grow. Give people space, opportunity and support to grow.



#### **PURPOSE**

To connect to something greater than ourselves. To find meaning in our work.

# **Key Motivators**

- 1. Use your talents every day
- 2. Buy into a greater purpose
- 3. Career Growth
- 4. Flexibility
- 5. Engaged co-workers

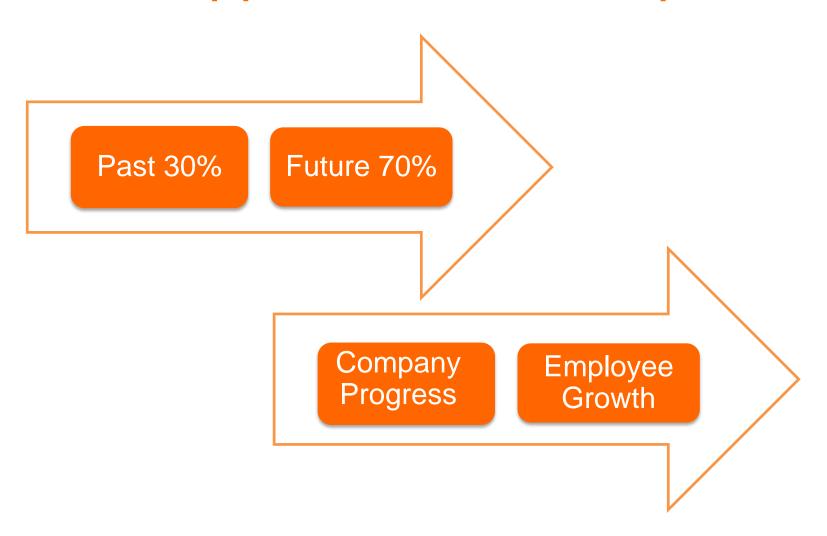


# Purpose & Alignment

- Where & Why?
- Individual impact
- Common Goals
  - Individual & Company Goals
  - Look for overlap



# From Appraisal to Developmental



# Positive Measurement

## No longer – Duties & Responsibilities

- Include in Job Description
- Revisit if poor performance

#### Now:

- 1. Behaviours /"Competencies"
  - Support results, values & progress
- 2. SMART Goals
- 3. KPIS/Performance Metrics



#### Annual Reviews to Culture of Feedback

- Training giving feedback
  - 2-way feedback
  - How can I support you?
- Timely & Relevant
  - Annual SMART Objectives
  - ▶90 Day SMART Goals max 3 goals
  - Weekly one-on-ones
  - (Monthly Check-ins)

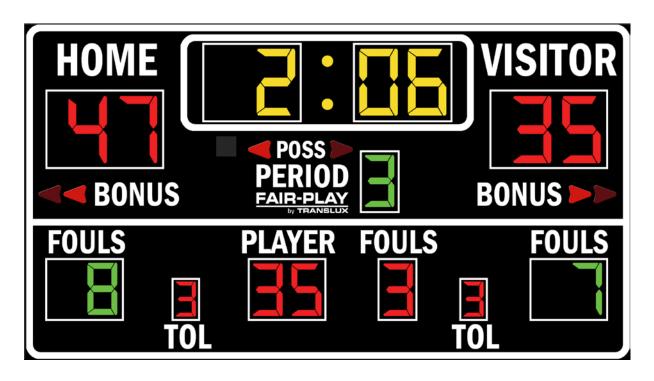


# From Salary Reviews to Total Experience

Competitive-salary Fun Mentor Recognition Bonus Auto-allowance Vacation Benefits Supportive-colleagues New-experiences Laptop Celebration Meaningful-work Cellphone
Work-from-home Equity **Environment Development** Opportunities Growth

# From Paper-Based to Technology-Enabled

- HR Information Systems
- > HR Metrics Data Analytics



### Questions... until 10:30am



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# Thank you...

