Developing A Coaching Organization

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Agenda and Objectives

- What is a coaching organization?
- The bigger picture: neuroscience
- Three Building Blocks
- Building Block 1: Mindset and Tools
- Building Block 2: A New Language
- Building Block 3: Systems Approach
- Cases and Examples



Review: Definitions of Coaching

- Any conversation in which we <u>support</u> one another in making progress towards a preferred future (Matthews)
- ...<u>challenging and supporting people</u> in achieving higher levels of performance while allowing them to bring out the best in themselves and those around them (Hargrove).
- An interactive process to help individuals and organizations develop more rapidly and produce more satisfying results; improve others' ability to set goals, take action, make better decisions, and make full use of their natural strengths (International Coach Federation).

Definition: A Coaching Organization

...one where the culture and all the infrastructures within that culture facilitate and reward everyone to learn, practice, and <u>engage</u> in mindful coaching conversations to get work done, accomplish goals, and reach both <u>personal and strategic growth</u> and success.



Poll

On a scale from 1 (low) to 10 (high), where is your organization in terms of being a coaching organization?

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1 Low
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10 High

A Systems Approach Case: Seyfarth Shaw Law

- Manage sociological and economic forces
- Build cadre of top-level coaches: boot camp
- □ Offer guidelines and tools with monthly master coaching sessions
- ☐ Integrate with PA, six sigma, and mentoring
- Measure results: engagement, real talk, increased business and

development, employer of choice

Cognitive Neurological Base

- Foster novelty effect: get attention
- Make intangible more tangible
- Express and verify emotions
- Reassess perspective: other's shoes, empathy, caring
- Feed the brain away from threat: status, certainty, autonomy, relatedness, fair
- Focus

David Rock: http://www.tedxtokyo.com/en/talk/learning-about-the-brain-changes-everything-david-rock/

Cognitive Neurological Base: Coaching Organization

- Novelty effect: constant engagement, connecting ideas
- Make intangible tangible: goals in behavioral terms, consequences, common approach and tools
- Verify emotions, reassess perspectifeed away from threat: dialogue and common language
- Focus: mindfulness tools—connect all infrastructures

Three Building Blocks

- 1. Mindsets and Tools
- 2. A New Language
- 3. Systems Approach



Building Block 1: Mindset and Tools

Mental models

- Beliefs, behaviors, results
- Coaching continuum: up, down, across, formal, informal

- Coaching Model: Process Map
- Coaching Conversation Process

Coaching Map



Coaching Map: Key Concepts

- ✓ Action plan with goals: tracking
- ✓ Data towards action
- ✓ Clarify perception vs. intention
- ✓ Paint a picture of future reality
- ✓ Manage barriers and excuses: ego, fear, impatience
- ✓ Encourage the inclusion of others: bring environment along
- ✓ Create a space for self-reflection: field practice
- ✓ Assist in developing transfer habits: hardwire
- ✓ Constant mindfulness



Ongoing Step: Strengthen Conversations and Language

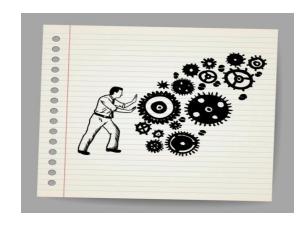
✓ Utilize the C-O-A-CH model to structure coaching and ALL individual and team conversations.

C: Current situation

O: Objective, goal, future picture

A: Alternative actions

CH: Choice for moving towards action



Building Block 2: A New Language

✓ Regularly practice and use dialogue approach

Dialogue	Discussion
 A form of verbal communication based on inquiring into assumptions, learning through inquiry and disclosure, and creating shared meanings. 	A form of verbal communication based on persuading, justifying, defending, selling, and telling. Convincing is valued.
Understanding is valued.	

Building Block 2: A New Language continued

✓ Inquire: asking questions to discover the reasoning behind what was done or said

Example: I'm not sure what you mean by "difficult client." Help me understand what he says/does that makes him difficult?

✓ Advocate: sharing your thoughts and explaining the reasoning behind them

Example: I have another idea that might help you improve your networking. Let me share it with you and you can let me know what you think....[then share idea and follow with]...How might this idea help you reach out to more people in a shorter period of time?

Building Block 2: A New Language continued

Examples

Acknowledge first; then raise concerns

Reframe

Put yourself in the other person's shoes

Reaffirm joint purposes

Play devil's advocate

Offer ideas

Perception vs. intention

Rate importance

Building Block 3: A Systems Approach

- Mindful choice to build it
- Incorporate into vision and goals
- Drive all processes
- Teams, appraisals, planning, leadership, decision making, structure, job descriptions, technology, management



Building Block 3: A Systems Approach

- Learning sessions and storytelling
- Technology for easy daily feedback
- New coaching appraisals
- Weekly analysis of agree-upon measures
- Internal cadre of professionals
- Coaching imbedded in training
- Shared readings and online discussions
- Virtual coaching groups/partners
- Incorporation of 360 feedback and add coaching



A Systems Approach Case: Logos, Inc.

- ☐ More supportive culture, aligned appraisals, trust
- ☐ Throw out traditional performance appraisals
- ☐ Bi-monthly coaching sessions
- ☐ Seminar, guidelines, pilot, hand-holding
- □ Data gathering: continue, more of, less of
- ☐ Four question summary
- ☐ Focus on dialogue, future action and support, whole person
- □ Results: higher performance, increased engagement and transparency, focus, mindful conversations, support for company, team/leadership, customer, and self

Questions and Comments?

...bring out the best in people...

