# 12 BIG COACHING OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTHCARE



#### TODAY'S GOAL

Discover 12 coaching opportunities in healthcare

Get a CliffsNotes version of how to address these opportunities



# **AGENDA**

- **■** INTRODUCTIONS
- MIND SHIFT NEEDED
- THE NEED
- THE 12 OPPORTUNITIES
- BONUS OPPORTUNITY (IF TIME)
- **Q+A/NEXT STEPS**



#### **SU YHW**

- Trained coaches from and/or coached executives at Partners Healthcare, Kaiser, Laser Spine Institute, Carillon Clinic, Ascension Health, Navicent Health, AstraZeneca and many others
- We have done the work and achieved results; none of this is theoretical
- Practical, results-driven approaches without fads, pseudoscience, fluff or ethereal talk of leadership



## MINDSHIFT NEEDED FIRST (FOR SOME)

- I only coach
- ICF core competencies or bust
- Consulting, facilitation, training and other professional services are out of bounds

- Start with the client's problem
- Develop the best solution for the client
- Clients care about results not the underground coaching union



#### THE NEED

# NOTHING IS HARDER THAN RUNNING A HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION: DRUCKER

Affordable Care Act makes delivering care more complicated and challenging than ever before, including the transition to managed care

Any single leader in any single healthcare organization faces a lifetime of pressing challenges every day

Most healthcare
leaders have years of
education, but very
little of it focused on
leading complex
organizations

#### 12 BIG OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. Engage and mobilize
- 2. Accelerate change
- 3. Change the culture
- 4. Help physicians who are also leaders in the organization
- 5. Develop nurse managers
- 6. Support performance improvement initiatives
- 7. Help high-potentials get better

- 8. Develop the board
- 9. Plan for succession
- 10. Improve collaboration and teamwork
- 11. Leadership tune ups: Help leaders become more aware and better
- 12. Create a culture of success through coaching





- Low engagement scores are common
- Multi-generational issues
- Hard to recruit compared to other opportunities with more flexibility
- Employees unprepared for amount of technical change

- Legacy staff with no incentives to change
- Managers who lack skills, good role models, and time to engage
- Leadership with what seems like A.D.D. when it comes to top priorities



#### THE APPROACH

- Track and measure scores
- Get leadership buy in that this is a significant initiative worthy of focus
- Leadership goes first and models true engagement
- Train managers (CEC provides a full training kit that has been delivered to hundreds of managers)

- Reward managers for improving scores
- Remove managers that don't improve scores
- Remove structural obstacles, including firing process, meeting structure, ability to recognize and acknowledge
- CEC: Toolkits and PPT for Engaging and Mobilizing Employees





- "This is taking too long!"
- Employees understand fighting fires but not making changes to processes and systems
- No one has any time
- There are too many competing initiatives
- Employees have learned how to wait for the revolving door of leadership

- People who resist the change can get away with it by being passive aggressive
- Leaders and managers lack skills in influence and setting the tone
- Leaders and managers go rogue when it comes to delivering a consistent message



#### **EXAMPLE OF WHAT WORKED**

- 360 verbal of the executive team and change process
- Off-the-shelf assessment of each team member and team as a whole
- Small retreat with the core executives for straight talk about what is working and what isn't
- Commitment to move forward
- Retreat with larger executive team to set new tone

- New commitments and accountability
- Clear communication template at organizational level and for specific units
- ▶ Changes in roles as needed
- Ongoing coaching to support CEO and executives in keeping their commitments
- CEC: Toolkits for Leading Change, Influence, and Executing Effectively



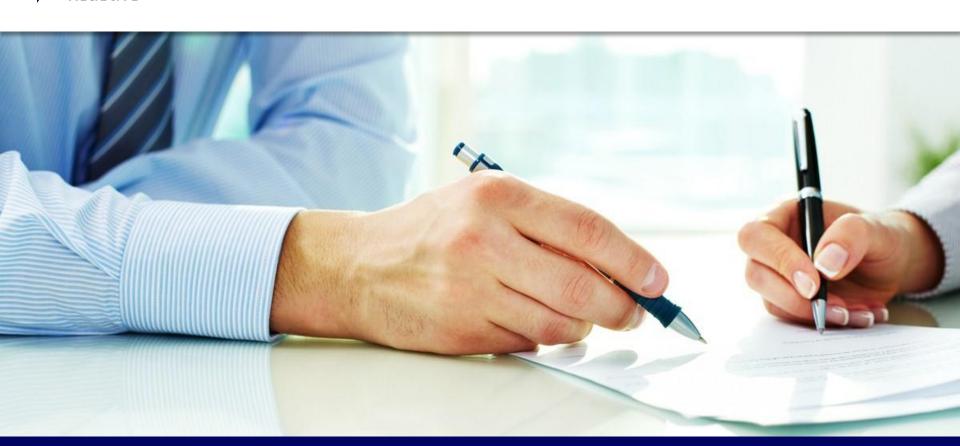


#### Dysfunctional cultures including:

- Too bureaucratic
- Collaboration run amuck
- Sloppiness
- Reactive

#### Leadership implements culture change in authentically

- Retreat and abdicate
- Fanfare without substance
- Bring in the X way based on whichever company everyone is talking about (Toyota, Disney, Ritz, Google)



- Implement the chocolate fountain approach
- Work with one leader at the top to define the culture in terms of key behaviors, habits, and performance
- Leader first models these behaviors and sets the tone
- Move to next level of leadership to repeat the process

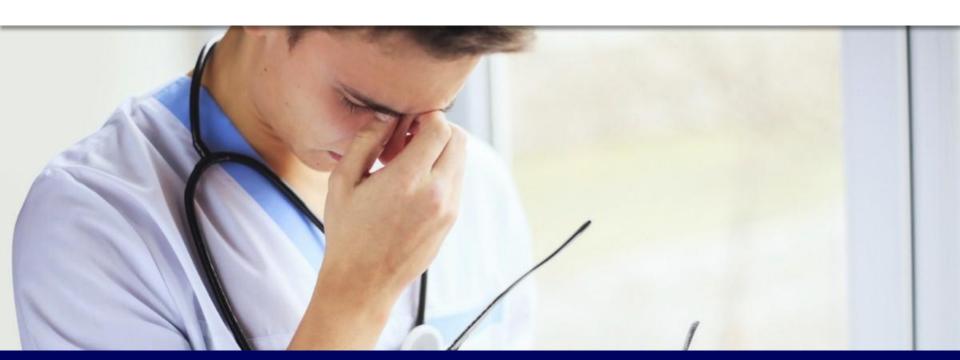
- Change compensation/systems/budget
- CEC: Proven methodology for culture change





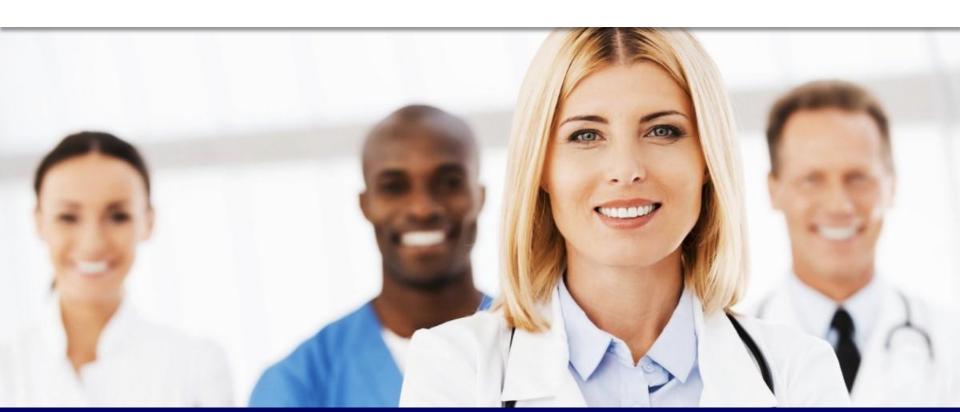
- Physicians are heavily trained in clinical issues, but not trained in the soft skills
- Many physicians are getting into leadership roles without training in leadership or even understanding of requirements
- Many physicians are abrasive or have behavioral blind spots that hurt their effectiveness and could even destroy their career

- Many physicians don't know what they don't know but think they do
- Many are burning out



- Nowhere-to-hide assessment to uncover opportunities to improve
- Behavioral coaching with feedback built in
- Situational coaching about how to handle daily leadership challenges

- Group coaching optional for peer support
- Layer in an initiative, like reductions in medical errors or improvement in utilization, to make everything applicable and results-driven
- CEC: Methodologies for behavioral change and key skills that physicians need to succeed as leaders





- Nurse managers are the backbone and foundation of the health system yet rarely get effective development
- Highly variable performance
- No role models "Management by Mom"



- Create a Nurse Manager Leadership Academy meet monthly to discuss different aspects of nursing management and leadership, while setting clear goals and even a team project
- Measure and report on variability so that everyone knows where they stand
- Mentor new nurse managers
- ▶ Leadership sets expectations and the tone you get what you tolerate
- CEC: Tools and the turnkey academy for nurse managers and other new leaders



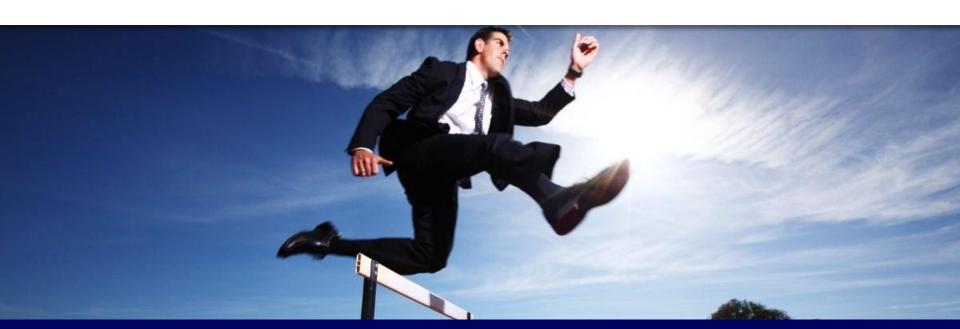


- "We can't execute!"
- Lack of knowledge about how to develop an idea and present it for approval
- Lack of accountability and follow up
- Lack of skills and perhaps willingness to get an idea accepted throughout the organization
- Six sigma overkill everyone is a six sigma black belt but no one knows how to make things happen



- Establish performance improvement teams
   but take things off of employees' plates so
   that this is not a burden
- Coach and train teams on identifying obstacles and removing them
- Create a clear template to present ideas, get buy in, have open conversations about resistance, and clear obstacles/single vetoes

- Track progress to goals and communicate it clearly
- Reward people who are successful and handle people who resist
- Leadership needs to be focused and set the tone
- CEC: Solutions to coach and taking ideas from vision to action, leading change, and building high-performance teams





- High potentials feel unchallenged and under-appreciated
- Performance incentives are rarely compelling in health settings
- Traditional training and development is generic and ineffective



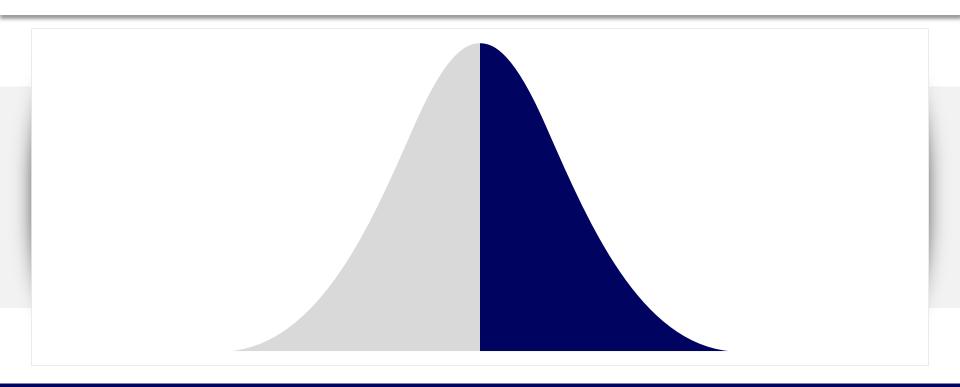
#### High-Performance Coaching Academy

- Selective
- Applied
- Peer coaching
- Results baked in

#### One-on-one coaching with internal coaching group

- Clear goals
- Clear curriculum
- Coaching seen as a privilege and very different from coaching-as-last-resort usually seen in health settings

CEC: We have implemented this in health systems and have the tools ready for you





- Healthcare is so complicated that few board members understand the issues, let alone how to read an income statement
- Politicization of boards
- Weak boards



- 360 assessment of the board as a whole, overall and by key competencies
- Self-assessment of each board member on key competencies
- Training on specific competencies of being on a healthcare board

- Clear roles, boundaries, and expectations
- Discussion about board needs to reflect the community and support for the strategic initiatives
- CEC: PPT training and toolkit to coach board members and leaders to work better





- Succession usually means "backfill my spot when I leave"
- There is not a coherent succession process baked into the organization at similarly sized for-profit institutions



- Understand current and future needs
- Get the house in order first
  - Recruit the best
  - Develop the best
  - Retain the best

- Identify key roles for succession and challenge insiders to develop into them
- CEC: Full Succession Planning toolkit and methodology for coaching and / or facilitation





- Lack of skill to collaborate
- Lack of will to collaborate
- Organizational silos with strong walls are common in health settings



- Assess opportunities to improve collaboration
- Have open, honest discussions about what each party needs to collaborate better
- Understand the thinking styles and behavioral traits of each party
- Fix relationships and teamwork at the top
- Set clear metrics and focus on the "what" not the "who"

- Coach participants to help them overcome challenges real time
- **Examples:** 
  - Patient flow
  - Diagnostic services (e.g., lab)
- CEC: Robust toolkits for collaboration and building great teams





- Assessment for self-awareness: 360, off-the-shelf, Leader's Dashboard
- Identify the one thing to get much better
- ▶ Behavioral coaching including team feedback
- Situational coaching on key issues PLUS leadership curriculum as an option
- Track and measure progress
- ▶ CEC: We have all the tools and coaching plans



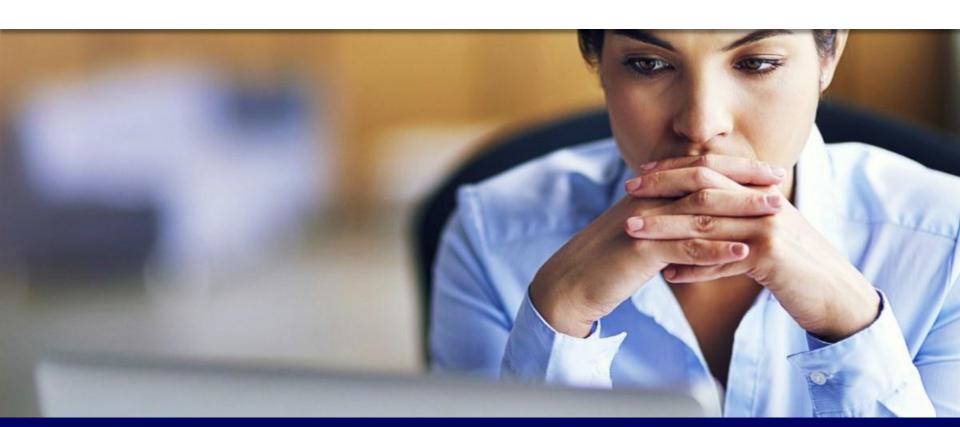


- Create best-practice internal coaches
- Create coaching initiatives that support strategic initiatives
- Train managers on coaching skills and when to use them
- Leaders all have coaches and actively support the culture change
- Coach the coaches; reward coaching in performance evaluations/comp
- EEC: We can partner with you or train you to be able to offer this solution



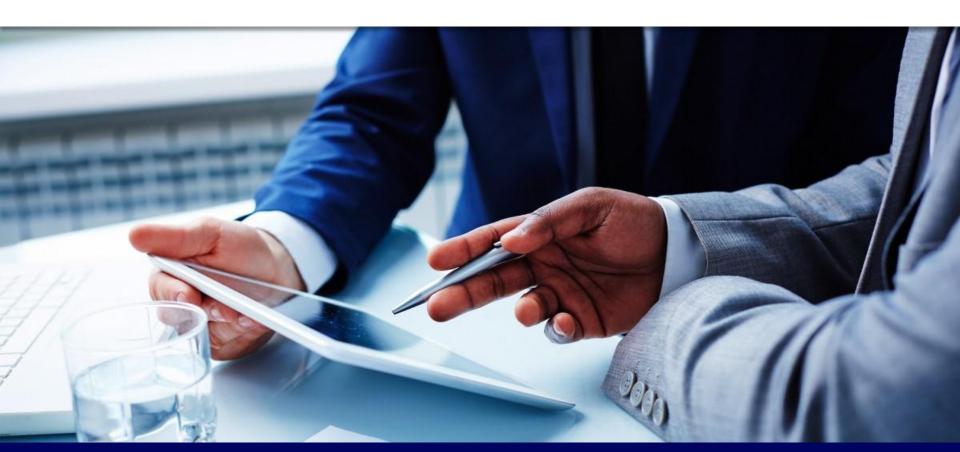


- Too many potential priorities and not enough resources: revenues, costs, quality, capital equipment, new services, labor....
- Political agendas lead to conflicting priorities
- Competitive threats abound from carve out companies and larger systems alike
- No structured way to think about strategic planning and get buy in



- Three-part strategic planning process:
  - Big picture strategic questions
  - Choose 3-5 priorities and overarching theme
  - Clear the path for alignment and execution
- Coach the client through the process

- Provide facilitation if needed
- Coach the client through implementation





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- No other program thinks about coaching from the perspective of what the client wants and practical approach to getting results
- Focused on client needs and value in a practical way
- ▶ ICF and BCC accredited, and we go much farther than their competencies
- We have a very strong healthcare cluster



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