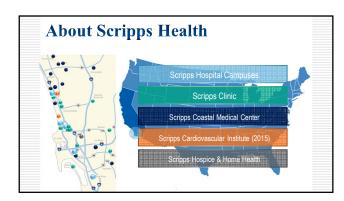
# **Effecting Change through Front-Line Leadership**

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# Scripps: At the Beginning • Long-term CEO retires after 25 years • New CEO named — physician/consultant October 1999: Van Gorder hired as COO MAJOR CHANGE INITIATIVES LAUNCHED • Budgets cut — End to employee "Scripps Shares" — Move to align all physicians RESULTS in UNREST • Employees/physicians question leadership • Employees morale/culture at all time low • Quality scores fall; income drops; regular news coverage; philanthropy suffers • Physicians & Board vote no confidence • May 2000: CEO resigns under pressure • May/June 2000: Van Gorder named CEO



# Fill the information gap.

When people have the same information, they reach similar conclusions.

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## **Scripps Leadership Academy**

### BUILD CULTURE FROM THE MIDDLE

- Not Management 101
- Small class sizes; mostly middle management
- 12 monthly full-day sessions
- Full participation from CEO
- Team project/presentation
- Behind the scenes into the inner circle
- Executive involvement
- No question off-base; complete transparency



# Connect with your people.

Share a piece of yourself.
You can't be effective as a distant boss.

# Go to the Front-Line Keep it casual; no entourage On-site coffee chats Department visits Volunteering at events Participate in staff training Walk in employees' shoes "One of the greatest benefits of all in connecting with the front line is the significance it brings to the work of leadership. Every day we're inspired to work even harder to earn their trust. Every day we feel that what we do has meaning."

# Be "situationally" aware.

Actively seek to know and understand. Empathize with others.

### **Great Place to Work Survey**

- Measures primary satisfaction and trust factors: Fairness, Teamwork, Pride, Credibility
- Management accountability
- Greater than 90 percent staff participation
- Complemented by other surveys and focus groups
- Provides base for continued investment in employees/workplace

From 2001 to 2014, general GPTW score increased 30 points



## **Stay in Touch** • Ear to the ground Get a feel for the mood of your organization Body language • Emails / Open door policy Influences timing of announcements, policies, strategic changes "Situational awareness directs your attention away from yourself and all that you are. Your executive ego seems to evaporate as you put yourself right there with others, empathizing with their concerns."

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### Take care of the "me" first.

Provide for your employees. Give them the freedom to put others first.

### **Accept Responsibility** for Your People

- Changes driven by open feedback channels/survey and focus groups investments even in tough times
- No layoff philosophy
- · Lifecycle approach to benefits
- · Wellness program
- Innovative recruitment programs to attract the "best"
- Twice-annual salary reviews
- Staged retirement options

Overall employee turnover down to 8.9 percent from more than 30 percent 11 years ago



### **Future Leaders**



### EMERGING LEADERS/MENTORSHIPS

- One year, self paced opportunity for non-management employees to explore leadership
- Paired with mentors for support/guidance
- Final capstone project
- Includes leadership development courses
- First step on leadership ladder



### **EMPLOYEE 100**

- Engages non-management staff
- Follows Leadership Academy model
- Exposure to CEO and leadership
- Behind-the-scenes explanations and Q&A
- Expected to feed Emerging Leaders

## It's an all or nothing deal.

Responsibility and authority must come with accountability.

### **Accountability is Worker Friendly**

- Everyone has the same seat in your organization
- Three legs all necessary
- No one asks for accountability
- Be clear about expectations and consequences



"A front-line executive who cares about the average worker can't afford to give a pass on poor managerial performance. If he or she does, the organization suffers and people lose their jobs."

### Leave no one behind.

Protect and serve your people by being their greatest advocate.

### Work/Life Balance

- Passport Community Discounts
- Corporate Movie and Theatre Nights
- · Scripps Night at the Ballpark
- Parenting, Financial and End of Life Conferences



"My kids now think I'm the coolest mom because they get to se advance screenings at Scripps movie nights before their friends d

# Employee Assistance & Crisis Team

- EAP professionals
- One-on-one family care in emergencies
- Logistical, planning and financial assistance in crisis
- Employee-to-employee help (HOPE)



"A job becomes more than a job when people subscribe to an organization's mission or values and when they feel protected and cared for. it's not transcendent, soaring rhetoric that matters, but transcendent acts of kindness, big and small."

# Success Shares INCENTIVES INSPIRE EMPLOYEES TO REACH GOALS • Management Incentive Compensation Program • Non-management • Up to 8 days additional pay • Funded by achieving corporate financial goals • Distributed based on site patient satisfaction and productivity goals Success In 2013, Scripps distributed \$10.1 million in non-management success shares — \$60 million in the past seven years

# Bring your mission to life.

Genuine, heartfelt actions speak louder than words.

# Community Partnerships American Heart Association Susan G. Komen YMCA Business organizations First Responders Fire, Paramedics, Law Enforcement "A complex organization can shine when people at all levels demonstrate genuine caring."

Corporate Citizenship		
SCRIPPS MEDICAL RESPON	SE TEAM	
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# Always ask, "What if?"

Think long-term and big picture. Be ready to fall up.

# Contingency Planning Just like the Pentagon – always have a plan Be ready – plan for the good as well as the bad What problems might you face? What opportunities may come your way?

### Lead courageously and decisively.

Challenge your organization to move past what's comfortable.



# One Scripps: Adding a Horizontal Management Framework

Shift from Silo to System Thinking



### **Operational Goals**

- Identify and reduce variation in quality and cost
   Break even on Medicare by 2016
   Greater alignment between inpatient and outpatient care
   Greater health care value for community
- Greater alignment with physicians

### Workforce Goals

- Aligned employee and workplace culture
   Preserve Scripps jobs and services





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