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## The key to PEOPLE is MANAGEMENT



#### Who is FWD?





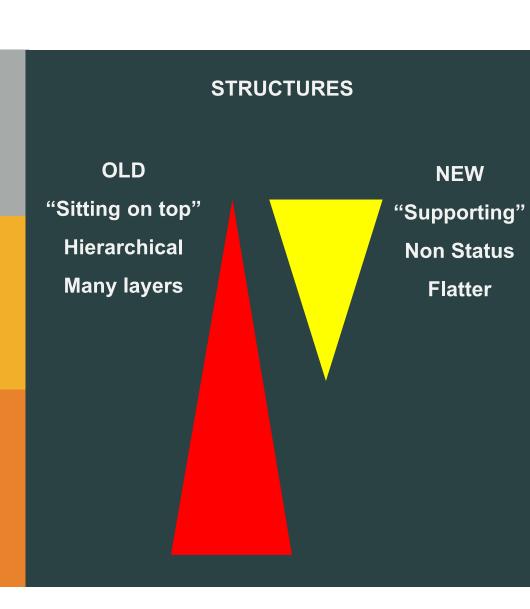
#### Who is Mike?

46 years in the Insurance
Business

20 years as a CEO

#### What have I learned?

- I am only as good as the people around me
- Everyone has a talent and need to be given space to show it
- The key to success is people



## **Key Reasons for SUCCESS**



Mike says NO! PEOPLE are the factors here

## What is driving change today?



#### **Conclusions so far**

- In Mike's experience people have made him successful
- People drive success in all leading companies
- Change is all around us and the key to success from change is people

**Great Companies are built by Great People** 

#### **QUESTION**

If the world is changing and the key is people how does management need to change to live in today's fast moving environment?

## **Key challenges for Managers**

- Allowing the team to own the Vision
- Setting clear goals to achieve the vision
- Building a Success Culture defined by values to support the vision
- Empowering the team to move quick
- Engaging the team on execution regularly
- Developing / training the team to deliver
- Celebrating success and learning from failure

## **IDEAS** from experience

- Shift from "status" to "contribution"
- Everyone matters and should be listened to
- People need to be able to speak up openly
- Empowerment not abdication
- Fast Success / Failure and "no blame"
- Values are lived not recited
- Owning it together
- Bottom up is OK as well as top down



## Management's challenge



- Learning new skills sets
- Living values
- Learning to "Let Go"
- Control the process not the outcome
- Continuous improvement not perfection
- Accepting failure
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Make sure you have fun

## **How 1? Engagement Know your Team**

#### **CEO / SMT meet staff**

What do you like about working here?
What don't you like about working here?

CEO goes for a smoke and they write their responses or questions on flip chart

#### **CEO** responds

Agree so what will we repeat or change?

Explain why you disagree is very important

It must result in real change in the company

#### **How 2? Set the Vision**

Make it high level

Make it a journey not an end

Changing the way people feel about insurance

Build a corporate goal around it

○ **Top 5 in 5** 

Measure it and share results

**Encourage ideas around it continuously** 

**Celebrate progress** 

### **How 3? Agree and Live Values**

Dare to be DIFFERENT

Perform with PASSION

Do the RIGHT THING

**SUCCEED** together

**CARE** for people

# How 4? turn words into "living" The values through a journey

Don't teach – SHOW through action

Don't train – workshop facilitation

- Let them discover the words
- Let them define how to "Live" the values
- Have fun doing it

Set up transparent measurement processes

Let them recommend actions

Find the Champions (Monthly Staff Award)

## How 5? Speak Up

Select a group of "Change Agents"

**Empower them to research speak up** 

**Build a process driven by the Change Agents** 

- Gap what manager thinks and what manager's team think
   on ability to speak up
- Share results
- Workshop on results to identify why the gap
- Provide facilitation on "Fear"
- Agree next steps

## **How 6? Empowerment**

What does it mean?

Do we really do it?

How do we handle success?

How do we handle failure?

## **How 7? Managers "Let Go!"**

#### Managers generally control from outset

- Makes life easy for the manager
- Makes life tough for the team
  - Kills initiative from team
  - Kills contribution from team
  - Kills ownership by the team

Markets are changing so fast Managers need to learn to respond fast by "Letting Go"

**Fast SUCCESS or Fast FAILURE** 

## **How 8: Letting go process**

Empower next step

FUN)

Empower the next step but be around to praise for

success OR take responsibility for failure. (Make it

	Manager role	Team role
1	Brief high level vision and empower the process to be used (don't share the answer you want)	Listen and challenge for understanding
2	Provide resources – manpower, money and access (open doors)	Plan around the resources
3	Share any research that has been done already (don't share your conclusions)	Allow to develop additional research to get a full picture
4	Leave them alone to analyze and make recommendations (more than one)	Review the data, consider options, make selections and develop business cases (more than one)
5	Manager reviews the choices and asks team to identify top option  Manager agrees great but WHY?  Manager disagrees but critical to explain WHY?	Present options to manager in order of preference.  Challenge manager on his selection. Challenge manager on next step.

SUCCESS

If you fail it is MY FAILURE

You own it, you deliver it. If you win it is YOUR

## I love this work

## Any question?



## Thank you

