

# **Strategic HR Conference - 10-28-12**

Link Compensation To Values

A Discussion on What Makes

**Incentive Pay Plans Work** 

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### **The Environmental Context**

What We Are Hearing "Out There" from Our Clients and Others:

- I. Business conditions are clearly improving, but slowly.
- II. Companies are seeking revenue growth both organic and acquisition.
- III. The talent wars are complex there is high unemployment, yet many companies complain there is insufficient talent for their open jobs. Companies are recruiting those who are currently employed.
- IV. Past practices are not "good enough" for what we are facing now.



### **Our Agenda**

- I. Assessment What does your organization value?
- II. Case Study Examples Aligning Incentives with Core Values

A. The Mentor Network – Pamela Sande

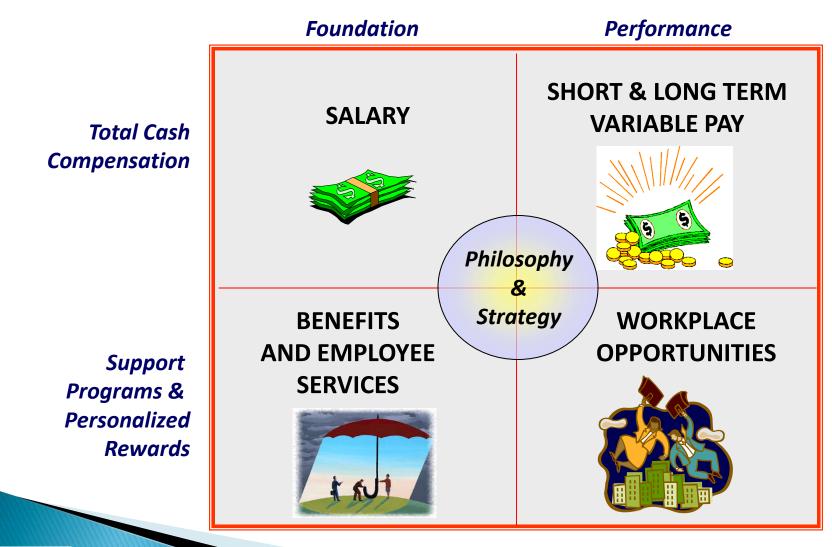
**B.** CVS Caremark – Nora Costa

- III. Discussion What Makes Incentive Pay Systems Work?
- **IV.** Conclusions and Primary Learnings



## **Our Agenda**

### Rewards are Viewed as a System with Integrated Programs





### I. Assessment – What Does Your Organization Value?

# Assessment Question:

# Which is most important to your organization?

- 1. Personal Initiative ...... Collaboration Teamwork
- 2. Need to know information ...... Open, transparent information
- 3. Stability and predictability..... Growth and risk taking
- 4. Short term urgency...... Long-term development
- 5. Clear authority, accountability ...... Decentralized, entrepreneurial





**II.** Case Study Examples – Making Incentives Work







A leading provider of high-quality community-based health & human services, supporting individuals to achieve growth and independence, regardless of the physical, intellectual & behavioral challenges they face.

#### Human Services (HS)

 Adults and children with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) and youth with emotional, behavioral and/or medically complex challenges (ARY)

#### Specialty Rehabilitation Services (SRS)

 Individuals who have sustained brain injuries, spinal injuries and other catastrophic injuries and illnesses, including specialized services for Veterans



#### The Mentor Network: Summary Statistics

- 27,000 employees in 36 states
- Individuals served
  - 11,600 residential clients
  - 16,700 periodic services clients

### The Mentor Network: Business Facts

- For profit
- Revenue >\$1 billion (mostly from state agencies)
- Owner: Private equity firm
- Business varies greatly by state
- High growth
  - Historically through acquisitions
  - Current objective: organic growth





# **The Mentor Network Management Incentive Plan**

# Business objectives:

- High quality services for the individuals that we serve
- Achieve top line revenue growth (organically)
- Continue to grow EBITDA (critical for exit)
- Improve margins

# Plan design:

- 50% revenue
- 50% EBITDA
- Modifier: Can reduce payout by up to 50% for not meeting personal scorecard objectives that include quality of services standards (scorecards new for FY 2012)
- Discretionary component

# Results for FY 2012:

- Overall Network achieved highest revenues and EBITDA to date
- Scorecards played important role in keeping focus on important objectives but also added complexity to plan



# Business needs:

- Drive store level profitability
- Increase customer satisfaction
- Reduce the number of "challenged" stores
- Empower innovation
- Tie the practice of our company values to customer satisfaction and profitability

# Plan Design:

- 34% Profitability
- 33% Customer Satisfaction
- 33% Sales



# **CVS/Pharmacy 2012 Store Manager Incentive Plan**

- New tools to support reporting
  - Automated monthly score card provides new visibility
  - The new Values in Action recognition program helps managers engage and excite store crew
- Results to date....
  - ½ of "challenged" stores have improved their scores and moved into funding status
  - Front store sales have proportional increased
- An unintended result....improved Employee
  Engagement scores for store crew tied to new
  recognition program rollout



## III. Discussion – What Makes Incentive Pay Plans Work?

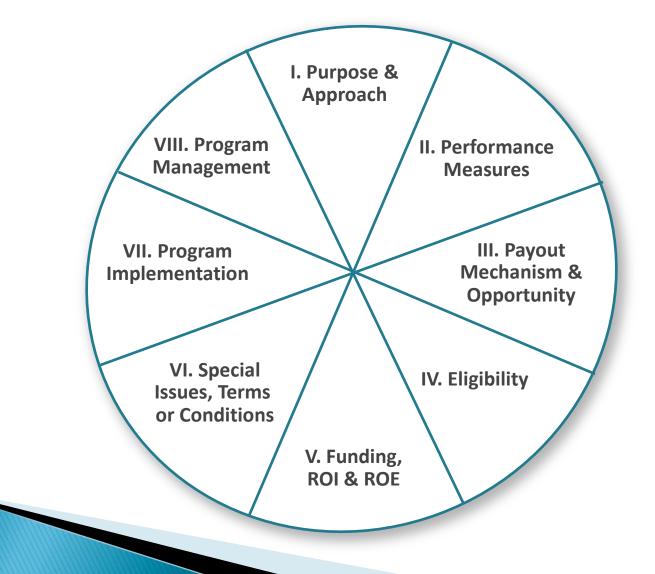
## Questions:

- **1.** What values were reflected in these organizations?
- 2. How did these incentive pay plans reinforce the values?
- 3. What is making these incentive pay plans successful?
- 4. Can you share an example in your experience or in your company about an incentive pay plan that worked particularly well? What was critical to its success?



### III. Discussion – What Makes Incentive Pay Plans Work?

There are over 100 Decisions: The Variable Pay Plan Design Wheel





## **IV. Conclusions and Key Learnings**

### A Top 10 List of "Best Practices"

- 1. The program has strong, active support by senior management. They are actively engaged in managing the process.
- 2. Performance measures are aligned with the key success factors of the business.
- 3. Measures are clear, reliable and meaningful. People "trust" the data.
- 4. The performance goals are challenging AND achievable, and reflect improvements in performance.
- 5. Participants know what actions to take to achieve desired results; outcomes are within their sphere of influence.



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### A Top 10 List of "Best Practices"

- 6. Participants can track progress frequently. The feedback provides useful and timely information.
- 7. Efforts to achieve progress are reinforced and celebrated; barriers are eliminated or resolved quickly. There is a lot of positive feedback.
- 8. The payout levels are meaningful both the opportunity and the actual.
- 9. The payouts are provided frequently enough to retain the attention of the participants.
- 10. The program improves over time.
  - Better goal setting,
  - More reliable measures,
  - Faster, more frequent feedback,
  - Coaching and competencies to achieve results,
  - Celebration of achievements.

### A Thought to Remember:

# " The winds and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigator."

---- Edward Gibbon



## **IV. Conclusions and Comments**



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- Employee Total Rewards
  - ✓ Base pay plan design
  - ✓ Variable pay plan design
  - ✓ Equity pay plan design
  - ✓ Performance management
  - ✓ Performance recognition

#### **Publications and Resources:**

<u>Sales Compensation Practices – A Special Survey (2011 and 2012)</u> <u>Changes for Challenging Times: A Special Report</u>, (Workscape, 2009). <u>Innovative Reward Systems for the Changing Workplace</u> (McGraw-Hill, revised 2003). <u>Rewards that Drive High Performance: Success Stories from Leading</u> <u>Organizations</u> (AMACOM, 1999). <u>Special Report: Changes in Variable Pay Program</u> – (Wilson Group Publications, 2007).

