## Build Your Management System First, Then Optimize Lean: The DRS Case Study

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# SUSTAINABILITY



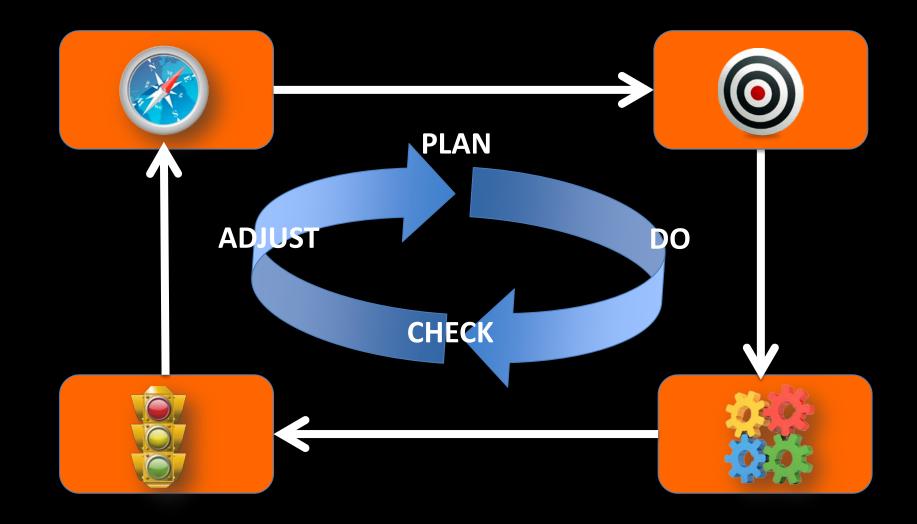


# 80% failure rate





GOLD AHEAD











# Mindset

# Toolset







## Apply Lean to management





# MOTHER OF ALL PROCESSES







# Focus, focus, focus





- 1. Relentless focus on goals
- 2. Everything in the way is waste
- 3. Engage everyone in removing waste

# Daily work, initiatives





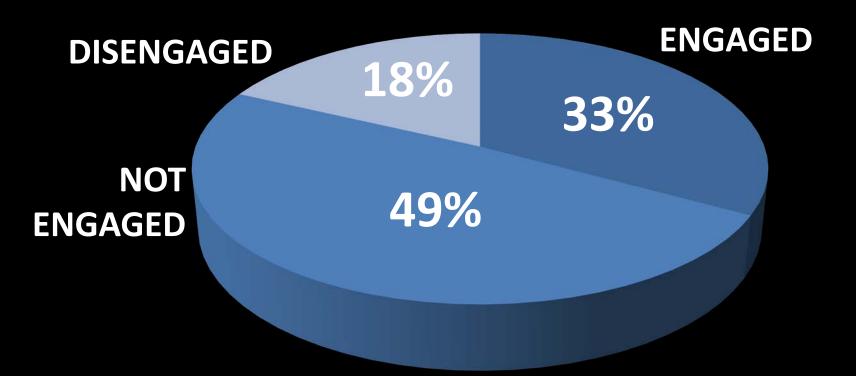


- **1. Unclear Direction**
- 2. No Line-of-Sight
- 3. Unclear Accountability
- 4. Inconsistent Language
- 5. Poor Issue Transparency
- 6. Inappropriate Resources
- 7. Inadequate Tools/Skills

# Permanently eliminated







# Connected, engaged







# Eliminate management waste





# **REAL WORLD**









### POSTER CHILD FOR GREAT MANAGEMENT

#### **ROUTINE, DAILY WORK**













#### **QUARTERLY TARGET REVIEWS**











# EAN TRANSFORMATION

# Transform citizen impact





# Implementing a Management System

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- Public Pension Administrator
  - 700,000 customers (active members, annuitants, inactive members and DCP participants)
  - Data from more than 1,300 public employers
  - Administrate a very complex group of public pension systems
    - PERS 1, 2 & 3; TRS 1, 2 & 3; SERS 2 & 3; LEOFF 1 & 2; WSPRS 1 & 2; PSERS; JRS; Judges; and JRA and DCP
- At the end of FY 12:
  - The pension trust funds contained \$63B in assets
  - Contributions in FY 12 totaled \$2.1B
  - Disbursements in FY 12 (to over 144,000 annuitants) exceeded \$3.4B
- Close partnerships with WSIB, OSA, OST and our recordkeeper

## Introduction to DRS



- Highly complex Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in national benchmarking
- Separate and distinct organizational improvement efforts
- Strategic planning cycle
  - Is the organization working on the right things?
  - Focused on the critical few?
- Process improvements done by department
- Long history of performance management based on how quickly customers were being served
  - Phone calls answered by knowledgeable team member within 30 seconds
  - 5 day turnaround on correspondence and estimates
  - 4 minute response time to walk-ins with or without appointment

## DRS – Solid performer relative to peers



- Entire organization missing a clear line of sight to goals
  - Team members can't be fully engaged
- Missing data about "what adds value" from the customer perspective
- No single owner of processes across the agency
- Leaders who historically worked as knowledge workers
- Decision making wasn't happening at the point of service
- Processes were improved but not necessarily solving the root cause
  - Incremental improvements were lost

## However...

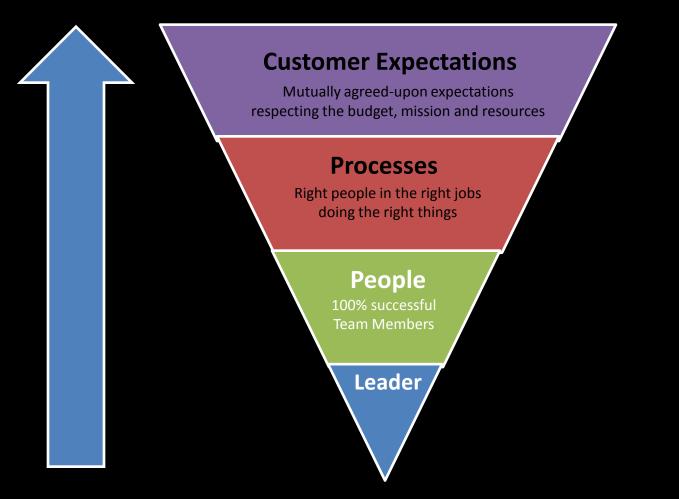


- Leaders who coach/develop teams
- Gain a full understanding of customer needs/expectations
- Every DRS team member must understand the organization's goals and key outcomes
- Complexity must be understandable to everyone
  - Context critically important
- Connect ALL the work of the agency
- Move more decision making to the point of service
  - Solve customer problems immediately
  - Create engagement and accountability

# The Plan



#### 100% CUSTOMER NEEDS MODEL 100% TEAM SUCCESS MODEL





The 9 Rules of Then	The 11 Rules of NOW
<ul> <li>Follow orders even when they make no sense</li> <li>Keep your mouth shut and your opinions to yourself</li> <li>Please your boss because he/she controls your future</li> <li>Do not challenge management or you will be labeled a troublemaker</li> <li>Blame others when things go wrong</li> <li>Do not waste company time on social media</li> <li>Punch the clock and leave your work at the office</li> <li>Never complain, never explain, except after work</li> <li>Say no to customers who demand an exception to company policy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen carefully to your customer</li> <li>Keep the company goals in mind</li> <li>Measure your performance</li> <li>Access the data you need</li> <li>Use data to make good and speedy decisions</li> <li>Understand what your decision costs</li> <li>Do not hide problems or they will go unsolved</li> <li>First please the customer, not your boss</li> <li>Do not be afraid because your boss has your back</li> <li>Honor the process not the department</li> <li>Strive always to say yes to customers</li> </ul>

## Leaders as Coaches/Guides



- <u>Business at the Speed of Now</u> Study Groups
  - Early understanding for your critical change agents
  - Guiding Team team members from across DRS
  - Leaders
- "An organization's culture is reflective of the behavior of its leaders"
- Adopted marketing strategies
  - People need to hear clear and consistent messages multiple times/channels
  - Podcasts, team meetings, visual management, etc.
- Trained 19 green belts and 2 black belts

   "Just do it"

# Creating a guiding coalition



- High percentage of leaders have made the turn
  - More listening than telling
  - More coaching than doing
- Management System is in place...
  - Common language
  - First QTR performance review on October 29
- Team members understand their "box" for The results

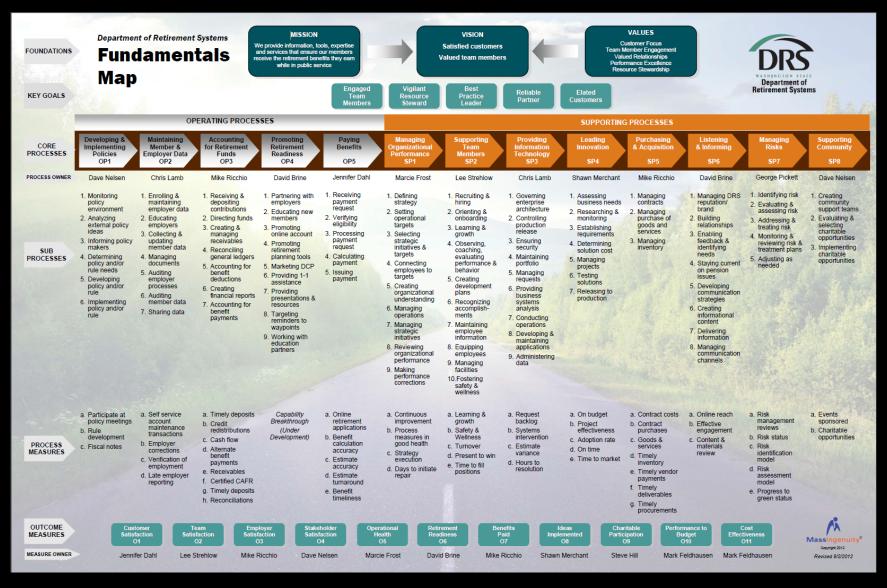


- Using Lean Green and Black Belts are focused on processes with primary constraints
  - Solving problems with the highest customer value and those interfering with accomplishing key goals and outcomes
  - Agile processes in Information Technology have also made the turn
  - Priority Quadrant & IdeaScale
- Breakthrough Initiatives (Strategic Planning)

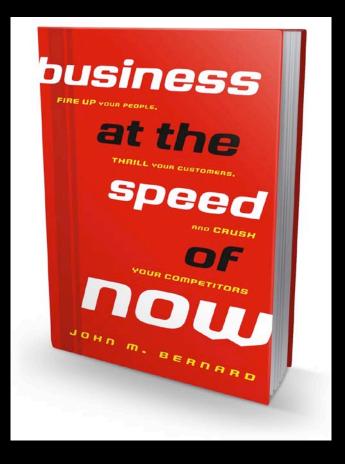
# Constantly improve



#### **Core Business Processes**



- Come by our booth
- Free copy of Chapter 5 & a Study Guide
- Engage your leadership team in a 90-minute dialogue about how to begin the journey



## Lean Management Action Item



