Lean as a Human Performance System

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Welcome!

Exercise:

Take a minute and think about a person who has had a significant personal impact on your career. What did they do. Write it down.

Let's begin with a story...

You have the same problem they had - 'how do you establish behaviors that support your business strategy?'

David Mann – Creating a Lean Culture



"A typical lean implementation focuses on physical/technical changes and only gets you 20% of the way (at best). It is the easiest 20% to accomplish..."

David Mann (continued)

The next 80% is a more difficult rearrangement to make. As a leader, many things have to change. These require a deeper level of change in *people* and *how they think and work...*

- The information you need to rely on
- Your deeply ingrained work habits
- Day-to-day and hour-to-hour routines
- The way you think about managing work and productivity

Transformation is a deeper level of change...

My Proposition:

Hidden within the principles, tools and techniques of Lean is a *powerful human performance system*.

Understanding that system is essential to driving the deeper level of change in how people think and work necessary to establish and sustain both Lean value streams and a Lean culture.



Game Plan

My objectives...

- Raise awareness
- Challenge your paradigms
- Point you in the direction of a set of solutions
- Create a dialogue

My 'lean' journey

So what is a 'human performance system?'



Taiicho Ohno

A Central Pioneer of Lean Systems



Dr. Thomas F. Gilbert



Gilbert established a causal chain linking behavior and organizational results...

Gilbert's Equation



Figure 1. Equation for Worthy Performance.



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The Performance Chain®

How Behavior Produces Business Results



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Definition: Performance

Behavior producing valuable Work Outputs which contribute to Business Results



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The Six Boxes® Model



Six Categories of Behavior Influences

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A Systematic Approach Performance Chain



Six Categories of Behavior Influences



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Implications

- 1. Human performance can be understood using two simple models
- 2. You can use a common language to talk about performance
- 3. You can begin to organize behavior influences into a cohesive, integrated system
- 4. You have tools to crisply address the human performance side of sustaining systems
- 5. Explains much of the power of lean systems

An example of this approach in practice







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Often, the problem we are trying to solve is NOT a workflow design problem, but a behavior problem...

Evidence?

Lean tools

A powerful set of behavior influences designed to drive lean behaviors

Gallup 12 Questions for Employee Engagement

- 1. Do I know what is expected of me at work?
- 2. Do I have the materials and equipment I need to do my work right?
- 3. At work, do I have the opportunity to do what I do best every day?
- 4. In the last seven days, have I received recognition or praise for doing good work?
- 5. Does my supervisor, or someone at work, seem to care about me as a person?
- 6. Is there someone at work who encourages my development?

Gallup 12 Questions for Employee Engagement

- 7. At work, do my opinions seem to count?
- 8. Does the mission/purpose of my company make me feel my job is important?
- 9. Are my co-workers committed to doing quality work?
- 10. Do I have a best friend at work?
- 11. In the last six months, has someone at work talked to me about my progress?
- 12. This last year, have I had opportunities at work to learn and grow?
The 12 Elements of Great Managing

 Expectations & Feedback I know what is expected of me at work. In the last 6 months, someone has talked to me about my progress. Fellow employees are committed to doing quality work 	 2 Tools & 2 Resources I have the materials & equipment I need to do my work right. There is someone who encourages my development. I have a best friend at work. 	 3 Consequences & In the last 7 days, I have received recognition or praise for doing well. My supervisor, or someone at work, seems to care about me as a person. My opinions seem to count
 4 Skills & Knowledge In the last year, I have had opportunities to learn & grow. 	 5 Selection & Assignment <i>I have the opportunity to do what I do best every day</i> 	6 Motives & Preferences • The mission or purpose of my organization makes me feel my job is important.

Back to Our Exercise...



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Challenges

"It's not 'lean'."

Horizon Problem



Integration

What do we mean by 'lean behaviors?'

Example 1:

Uses visual controls to pick up abnormalities in the workplace. Maintains a neat and orderly process to make abnormalities easy to see.'

Source: Human Systems for Lean Management Course 3.3, January 31-February 2, 2006 Center for Quality People and Organizations Revised by G Anderson 05/26/11 - Pa

Example 2:

When encountering abnormal conditions, begins steps to return process to normal and puts controls in place to minimize the impact on downstream processes.'

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Questions?

Thank You!

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