## **COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP**

#### UNCERTAINTY & COMPLEXITY RISKS

• To help understand risks that must be considerations in your Business Value Model

#### **UNCERTAINTY EXAMPLES COMPLEXITY EXAMPLES**

- Team Size
- Mission Criticality
- Geographically Dispersed 
  Project Duration Uncertainty
- Skills
- Dependencies
- Team Maturity
- Stack Size
- Algorithm Complexity
- Multiple Goals
- Variation of Time Zones Market Opportunity
  - Dependencies

DependentsNo: of Customers

• Market Uncertainty

• Amount of Change

• Dependents/Scope Flexibility

• Resource Skills Availability

• Market Requirements

• Technical Uncertainty

#### MACRO LEADERSHIP CUBE

- To help understand the constraints and results to be achieved.
- Step back as long as the team stays within the cube.
- Step up when the team starts to bounce against or comes out of the edges of the cube.



## WHAT I NEED FROM MY LEADER

Results of a Survey of > 200 professionals,, managers and executives asking them what would make them more productive.

Area	Weight
Trust	100
Vision & Strategy	50
Clarity	32
Communication	28
Risk Taking	25
Support	24
Focus	22
Collaboration	21
Feedback	19
Decisiveness	18
Investment / Resources / Dollars	18
Empowerment	16
Leadership	16

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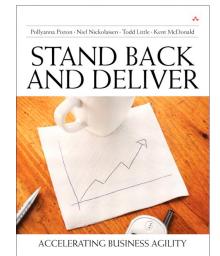
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SMALL CHANGES BIG RESULTS

## **COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP**

# Increasing Business Effectiveness



## COLLABORATION TOOLS

- Collaboration Brainstorm Process
- Let the team decide
- None of us is as smart as all of us
- Red Flags
- Step up / Step back
- Ask questions to guide
- Purpose Alignment Model
- Business Value Model
- Billboards
- Decision Filters
- Macro Leadership Cube

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## **COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP**

#### THE COLLABORATION BRAINSTORM PROCESS

- Agree a clear target for the session
- Brainstorm one idea on each sticky note with Fat Pens
- Stick them on the wall and read them out
- Group them in <u>silence</u>
- Label the Groups
- Divide the No: of groups by 3 and round up
- Everyone votes.
- The groups are prioritized
- Everyone signs up for one of the groups
- Look for volunteer leaders
- Agree how the team is going to each other accountable

#### LET THE TEAM DECIDE

- Leader helps the team clearly understand the vision and goals
- Get them decide <u>how</u> they are going to meet the goals
- Keep them focused by asking questions
- Do not take ownership back from the team

#### NONE OF US IS AS GOOD AS ALL OF US

- Involve all the right people in the decision making process.
- Get a wide variety of viewpoints and abilities involved
- Use the collaboration process to resolve differences

#### STEP UP / STEP BACK

- Identify the need for action with Red Flags
- Get action from the team without taking ownership away from them
- Ask Questions to Guide

# Use Red Flags to identify when things are going wrong-Examples

- A queue at my door
- Indecision
- Escalations between teams
- Slow/No progress
- Room goes quiet when leader enters
- Lots of CC /BCC

#### ASK QUESTIONS TO GUIDE-EXAMPLES

- How are you going to solve that?
- Does this let us meet our business goals?
- What options have you ruled out and why?
- What is limiting your progress?
- What would be best for our customer?

#### DON'T TAKE OWNERSHIP AWAY FROM THE TEAM

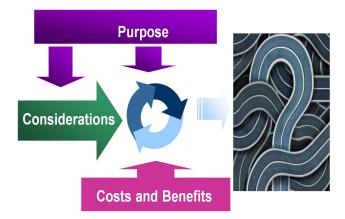
- Foster Collaboration: Let teams make decisions
- Choice: Let teams choose how to solve and build their deliverables. Let them choose what and by when wherever possible
- Content: Make sure everyone has interesting work to do

#### MAKE BETTER DECISIONS

To work collaboratively we need to build a common view of priorities. Make better decisions based on the Business Value Model below.

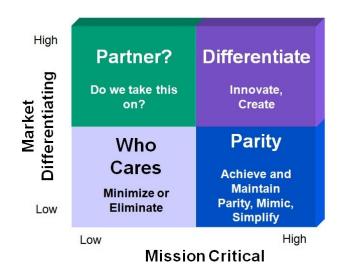
#### THE BUSINESS VALUE MODEL

provides a mechanism for collaboratively agreeing the priorities.



#### THE PURPOSE BASED ALIGNMENT MODEL

Helps teams understand what investments we should make



#### BILLBOARDS

- Use a virtual Billboard to determine if something really is Differentiating.
- "Buy this product/service because..."

#### **DECISION FILTERS**

- Use decision filters to communicate business criteria throughout the organisation.
- Decision Filters should align to Business Strategy which relates to how you will create sustainable Business Advantage.
- If our goal is to be "x" then the decision filter is of the form ... Will this help us achieve "x"?