



Dream Team
OR
Dysfunctional Disaster?

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# **Learning objectives**

- 1. Identify the layers of dysfunction that can exist within teams & the disastrous results that can occur within the organization.
- 2. Describe the elements of team dynamics that build & sustain a healthy team.
- 3. Change requires looking inward & outward. Create a plan of action to help your team thrive by first looking at how YOU can be part of the solution.



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## Your Team

What teams are you part of?

- Family
- Agency
- Department
- Immediate "group"
- Other?

## Your Team-Work

- Who is on your team?
- How would you describe your team?
- What is good?
- What could be better?

The 5 Dysfunctions of a Team-Pat Lencioni



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# #1 Dysfunction: Absence of Trust

#### Trust is the foundation of teamwork

- Without trust
  - · Fail to understand
  - · Fail to open up
  - Hold back & hide
  - · Fail to admit mistakes, weaknesses & concerns
  - · Fear of debate

Vulnerability builds trust

### **Teams without Trust**

- Weaknesses & mistakes hidden
- Avoid constructive feedback
- · Hesitate to ask for help
- Jump to conclusions
- Unable to recognize talents & gifts
- Unmanaged behavior

### What destroys trust?

### When Trust Exists in Teams

- · Readily admit mistakes
- Ask for & accept help
- Ask for input & offer feedback
- Appreciate skills of team members
- Avoid politics
- Offer & accept apologies
- Looking forward to achieving together

## #2 Dysfunction: Fear of Conflict

- · Fear of debate
- Artificial harmony (fake)
- Politics thrive
- Poor relationships
- No trust so fear of "rocking the boat"
- Choose artificial peace over conflict
- Feels defeating

# Fearing vs. Embracing Conflict

Fear Conflict	Embrace Conflict
Meetings: pointless & boring	Lively, interesting & productive
Backstabbing environment	Mutual respect
Politics is growing & flourishing	Minimal politics
Avoid controversial topics	Critical topics discussed & solved
Ignore different perspectives	Healthy debate alive & thriving

#3
Dysfunction:
Lack of
Commitment

### When Teams Commit

- Team members are heard & options hashed out
- Decision made & everyone gets on board
- · Actions agreed upon & supported

#### **Important Considerations:**

- Don't need 100% agreement to move forward
- · Ambiguity kills progress

#### Failure to Commit

- No direction or priority
- Unnecessary delays
- Lost opportunities
- Little confidence
- Fear of failure
- No resolutions
- Act out of desperation



Without accountability, low standards become the norm

## #4 Dysfunction:



Great teams hold each other accountable for high performance & behavior standards





Peer pressure to perform



Great teams call each other out

## "To be or not to be" Accountable

Not Accountable	Accountable
Resentment builds	Teams performs for the team
Mediocrity is encouraged	Identifies & resolves problems
Missed deadlines	Respect for team members
Pressure on leaders to enforce accountability	Little bureaucracy & corrective action needed

## #5 Dysfunction: Inattention to Results

Without defined results, status & ego trump

#### Defined goals & defined results

- · What is the mission?
- How do we define success?
- What is our roadmap to get there?
- How will we refine as we go/What obstacles will we face?

Why does our team exist? What are we here to accomplish?

A team without purpose & goals is just a group

### Are we Results Oriented?

Teams focused on collective results	Teams not focused on results
Enjoy success	Stagnate & fail to grow
Rewards based on results	Rarely beat competition
Retain high achieving employees	Lose achievement oriented employees
"No one left behind"	Everyone out for themselves
Rarely distracted & hyper focused	Easily distracted

# Appreciation at Work

- 5 Love Languages (Gary Chapman)
- Appreciation at Work (Chapman & White) is an extension of the love languages
- Words of Affirmation
- Quality Time
- Acts of Service
- Tangible Gifts
- Physical Touch \*



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