Workforce Effort and Outcome Optimisation

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How can we make society both more productive and more **humane**?

*Attributed as Peter Druker's life's work



• more **delivery**

- increased margins
- greater wellbeing



Manage human effort better



Better Workforce Decisions

1. Forecast effectiveness

- 2. Interventions that optimise
- 3. See the change to results





Poor-quality **products** or **services** are **delivered** late by stressed people or low utilization erodes margins



Workforce data is complex



How good are we?

- >25% reasons projects fail due to RM
- excess workloads cause 39% workplace stress
- RM ranked 2nd greatest difficulty in PMOs
- 93% of managers believe their workforce not optimised



Resource Management

	April	May	June	July			
Project 11							
Project 12							
Project 13							
Project 14							
Project 15							
Project 16							
Project 17							



Resource Management



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I can allocate...

...yet have limited visibility !

Balance Outcomes + Results







Context

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Comprehend + optimise future workforce effort + outcomes



EFFORT MANAGEMENT



This Presentation

A. Nature of effort and workforces

B. Effort Analysis

- 1. Forecasts
- 2. Optimise
- 3. Results
- C. Application
- D. Benefits

Get better Workforce outcomes



Part A: Overview

A1. EffortA2. WellbeingA3. Whole WorkforceA4. Resource management





A1. PHYSICAL EFFORT

Ingredients and consequences of effort

PHYSICAL \rightarrow **EFFORT** \rightarrow OUTCOMES \rightarrow INEFFICIENCIES \rightarrow INTERVENTIONS \rightarrow RESULTS



Effort Product

Effort = Quantity x Time x Rate



Effort Product

Effort = Quantity x Duration x Periods x Rate

Units:

FTE, weeks, days, hours, minutes



Standard Effort











Fewer Longer Days





Standard Effort

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Rate

Time

Effort: Normalised

x1

person









Longer Slower

Effort: Normalised













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*Indicative Only



Excess work causes... people to work **longer + faster**

but...at a cost!




A2. VITALITY AND WELLBEING

PHYSICAL \rightarrow EFFORT \rightarrow OUTCOMES \rightarrow INEFFICIENCIES \rightarrow INTERVENTIONS \rightarrow RESULTS









Vitality Drawdown

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Vitality Burnout

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Vitality from Workload



Wellbeing from Workload

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WORKLOAD Wellbeing from Workload

JOB DEMAND-RESOURCE THEORY

DEMAND Strain

- work pressure
- emotional demands



RESOURCES Motivation

- career opportunities
- supervisor coaching
- role-clarity
- autonomy



Ref.: www.bennybuttom.com

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Ref.: Wikipdedia - Job Demand-Resource Theory

A3. THE WHOLE WORKFORCE

Workforces in Workforces

 $\mathsf{PHYSICAL} \to \mathsf{EFFORT} \to \mathsf{OUTCOMES} \to \mathsf{INEFFICIENCIES} \to \mathsf{INTERVENTIONS} \to \mathsf{RESULTS}$











Workforce Levels



A3. RESOURCE DECISIONS

PHYSICAL \rightarrow EFFORT \rightarrow OUTCOMES \rightarrow INEFFICIENCIES \rightarrow INTERVENTIONS \rightarrow RESULTS





Manager's Responsibility



increase or reduce people or work

2. Allocate

people to work, overtime







Conventional RM

Solve Gaps in Effort





Role	Project	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Project Engineer	CA-054	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	CA-059	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0
	CA-067						
	CA-069		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	Total	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0
Project Manager	CA-054	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	CA-059	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	CA-067			1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0



HAVE

Capacity By Role

			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	BR	Keny Macdo	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
		Levi Barr	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
		Total	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	ME	Alison Conner	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
eer		Clive Culter	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
gin		Lucy Bell	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
EL		Randall Hammond	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ject		Total	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Pro	SY	Dianne Lawson	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
		Ellsworth Butler	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
		Paul Pink	1.0	1.0	Leave	1.0	1.0	1.0
		Total	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
	Total		9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
ject Manager	BR	Lynne Matthews	1.0	1.0	1.020	1.0	1.0	1.0
		Sadie Fleming	1.0	1.0	1.02.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
		Total	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	ME	Dana Lee	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
		Jean Wilson	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
		Lavern Daniels	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
		Total	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Lo Lo	SY	Brian Mosley	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0





Jan

3.0

NEED

Feb

4.0

Mar

5.0



May

5.0

Jun

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Apr

5.0

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USE

NEED HAVE

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0
4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

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Alison Conner	CA-054	1.0	1.0	1.0			
	CA-x1						2.0
	Total	1.0	1.0	1.0			2.0
Clive Culter	CA-059	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	Total	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Lucy Bell	CA-054						1.0
	CA-069		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	Total		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0
Randall Hammond	CA-057						
	CA-059	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	CA-067						
	Total	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Grand Total		3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	6.0



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NEED HAVE **USE** DEMAND CAPACITY **ALLOCATION**





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NEED HAVE **USE** DEMAND CAPACITY **ALLOCATION**





Real Questions

- 1. Can we **deliver**?
- 2. Will we be **profitable?**
- 3. Will our **people** be okay?
- 4. How do we balance results?



Part B ANALYSIS

Get insights for better workforce decisions





Levels of Analysis

B1. ForecastsB2. InterventionsB3. Results







B.1.1 EFFORT OUTCOME WINDOW

At glance understand your workforces' effectiveness













IMPLICATIONS



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Outcome Tolerances

ABILITY	Max.	1.4
ABILITY	Min.	0.9
EFFICIENCY	Max.	1.2
EFFICIENCY	Min.	0.75
INTENSITY	Max.	1.2
INTENSITY	Min.	0.8

INTERVENTIONS

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IMPROVED

B1 FORECASTS B1.1 OUTCOMES

Know when and where your workforce will be ineffective

PHYSICAL \rightarrow EFFORT \rightarrow OUTCOMES \rightarrow INEFFICIENCIES \rightarrow INTERVENTIONS \rightarrow RESULTS



Outcome Forecasts

ABILITY to deliver services or products **EFFICIENCY** of people used (utilization) **INTENSITY** productivity of people



Outcome Ratios

p = Potential, i = Intent



Effort Translated To Outcomes





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B2.2 FORECAST INEFFICIENCIES

Roll up and drill down into your workforce inefficiencies

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Inefficiencies



All Outcomes



EFFICIENCY











All Outcomes

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EFFICIENCY



The Resource Role Mode

Roll Up



All Pools





Roll Up



Roll Up







EFFORT THEORY





Circular + Continuous







Effort \rightarrow Outcome







EFFORT MANAGEMENT THEOREM







Definitions

Effort Management (EM) sub-domain of WFM spanning WF Planning and WF Allocation

Advanced Effort Management (AEM) deeper actionable insights to forecast + optimise a workforce





Outcome Unity Equation

ABILITY_p x EFFICIENCY_i x INTENSITY_i = 1



Outcome Unity Equation

ABILITY x EFFICIENCY x INTENSITY = 1



Apr

0.8 × 0.75 × 1.67=1



Outcome Interdependence

lf Workload intensity constant = 1and Ability to deliver = 1.25then Efficiency (utilization) = 0.8

because $1 \times 1.25 \times 0.8 = 1$





Outcome Unity Equation

ABILITY x EFFICIENCY x INTENSITY = 1



Apr

0.8 x 0.75 x 1.67=1



3D Unified Volume



0.8 × 0.75 × 1.67=1





3D Unified Volume



0.8 × 0.75 × 1.67=1





All Workforces





Effort Outcome Window



3D Point



	AB	EF IN
Potential	0.37	2.67 0.30
Intent	1.25	3.33 0.80
		I

3D Point





Effort Outcome Window



Further Theory





Right-Hand Set			Left-Hand Set	
•	Ability _p =	C/D	(2)	• <u>Ability</u> i = A/D (5)
•	Efficiency _i =	A/C	(3)	• <u>Efficiency_p = D/C (6)</u>
•	Intensity _i =	D/A	(4)	• Intensity _p = C/A (7)



B2 INTERVENTIONS

GET INTERVENTIONS THAT OPTIMISE

PHYSICAL \rightarrow EFFORT \rightarrow OUTCOMES \rightarrow INEFFICIENCIES \rightarrow INTERVENTIONS \rightarrow RESULTS







Project Engineers









USE UNUSED STRETCH









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JULY







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Allocated	DA				
People	NY	1.0		1.0	1
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RANSFER	SF		1.0		
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Vork	NY		1.0		
NBOARD	SF		0.5	1.2	1
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BOARD	SF		1.6	1.1	1
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	NY				



<u>WHOLE</u> ORGANISATION

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FRANCISCO

				-	USE UNUSED
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Se	OTDET CH
USE UnAllocated People	3.0	3.7	4.4	2.8	TRANSFER
TRANSFER People / Work	5.2	6.0	4.4	5.3	ONBOARD
ONBOARD Gap Fill	0.5	1.0	2.5	5.2	NEW WORK DOWNSIZE
ONBOARD Replace OT	0.6	3.4	4.0	4.7	2 C
Aquire Work / Downsize	20.5	21.0	19.6	18.	NEW YORK
TOTAL	35.7	45.9	44.2	45.	

Precise Interventions





Transfer Surplus to Deficit



B3: RESULTANT IMPACTS

 $\mathsf{PHYSICAL} \rightarrow \mathsf{EFFORT} \rightarrow \mathsf{OUTCOMES} \rightarrow \mathsf{INEFFICIENCIES} \rightarrow \mathsf{INTERVENTIONS} \rightarrow \mathsf{RESULTS}$





Good Decisions

1. Translate outcomes \rightarrow results



Outcomes Into Results





Good Decisions

- 1. Translate outcomes → results
- 2. Select interventions by compromise
- 3. Understand resultant impacts between scenarios





Quantity Time Quality



Step 5: Delivery – Do Nothing





Delivery – Select Interven.





Margins

INEFFICIENCIES

e.g.

Ability shortfall = lost production = revenue loss Efficiency shortfall = low utilization = unnecessary cost

INTERVENTIONS

e.g.

- Increase Ability = revenue increase
- Increase Efficiency = cost reduction



Margin Impact

USE UnAllocated People	\checkmark
TRANSFER People / Work	
ONBOARD Gap Fill	\checkmark
ONBOARD Replace OT	
Aquire Work / Downsize	



Well-being

Well-being/ performance forecast



PERFORMANCE



Well-being/

performance

survey

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Workload Intensity





Well-being



PERFORMANCE \rightarrow

*Subject to ongoing research, development, testing and validation



The Resource Role Mode

WELLBEING

PART C: APPLICATION





Export To Spreadsheet







Project controllers Resource managers Workforce planners Estimators Data analysts





PART D: BENEFITS

 $\mathsf{PHYSICAL} \rightarrow \mathsf{EFFORT} \rightarrow \mathsf{OUTCOMES} \rightarrow \mathsf{INEFFICIENCIES} \rightarrow \mathsf{INTERVENTIONS} \rightarrow \mathsf{RESULTS}$





Do Better

Link effort → results Start with: Need, Have + Use



Effort Management

Effort Management Theorem

Outcome Unity Equation



Advanced Effort Mgt.

•Forecast outcomes

- Recommend interventions
- Translates change into results
- •EOW unified visualisation



Actionable Insights

Deliver more Increase Margins Improve well-being



Effort Management

A new way to find greater productivity in a humane society



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Outcome Ratios

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Set 1: ABILITY<sub>p</sub> = Capacity / Demand
EFFICIENCY<sub>i</sub> = Allocation / Capacity
INTENSITY<sub>i</sub> = Demand / Allocation
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Set 2: $ABILITY_i$ = Allocation / Demand $EFFICIENCY_p$ = Demand / Capacity $INTENSITY_p$ = Capacity / Allocation





p = Potential, i = Intent

Example Tools

Oracle Primavera P6 [™] (or other) AEM in spreadsheets Tableau[™] / PowerBI [™]





- 1. collate effort
- 2. forecast workforce
- 3. report and compare at all levels
- 4. suggest optimisations
- 5. select interventions + assess impacts
- 6. decide and act



Example Workforce

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