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# The Process of Performance Management

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#### Definition of Performance Management

### Performance Management is about improving Statewide performance by improving team and individual performance

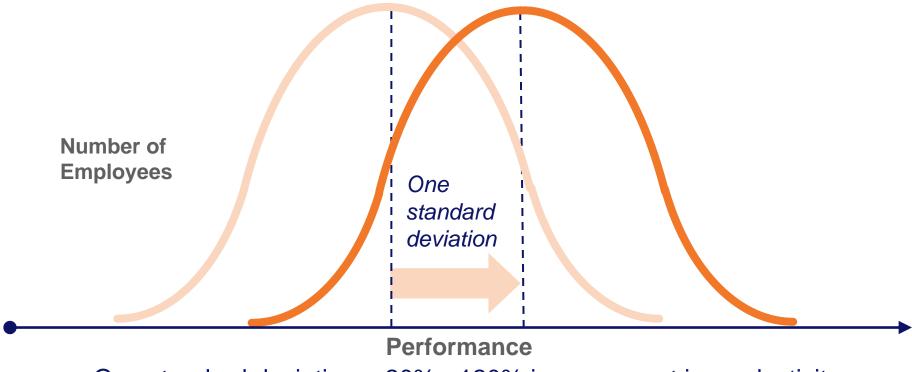
#### It is:

- A process that links people and jobs to the strategy of the Agencies
- A process for establishing a shared understanding of what has to be achieved and how
- A process of managing self and others so that people do achieve
- A process for ensuring that people are doing the right things in the most effective ways to the best of their ability



## Improving Performance Management Improves Business Results

#### Move to superior performance



One standard deviation = 20% - 120% improvement in productivity

Optimizing the performance of your people will have a positive impact on Statewide performance



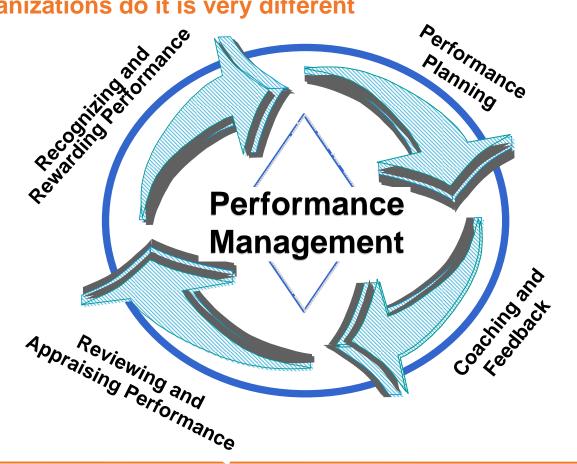
### Performance Management Steps

Design Parameter	Performance Appraisal	Performance Management	Performance Ownership
Function	Report Card (retrospective)	Barometer of progress (periodic)	Dialogue (Continual)
Role of Employee	Passive	Joint ownership for goal-setting/review	Shared accountability for results
Focus	Manage poor performers	Manage the tails of bell curve	Raise performance of organization
Emphasis	"Check the box" compliance-oriented	Evaluation reward emphasis	Strategic clarity, coaching, dialogue
Ownership	Human Resources	Managers and Human Resources	Employees, managers, and leadership



#### Performance Management Process Overview

The performance management model is not new, but the way in which leading organizations do it is very different





#### Best Practices- Planning

#### Planning- understanding what good performance is

- Performance planning is a core business process
- Translates strategic intent into understood goals/actions
- All aspects of performance are considered
- Objectives include behaviors in addition to results
- Employees play a strong role in the performance planning process
- Obstacles to good performance are identified and dealt with



#### **Best Practices- Coaching**

#### **Coaching- ensuring good performance**

- Managers are selected for and held accountable for effective coaching
- Managers and employees are trained in and good at coaching
- Modeling of coaching behaviors is critical (this includes the executive levels)
- Managers create the climate for superior performance
- Interim reviews are done (formally)
- Coaching interventions are frequent and focused (less formal)



#### **Best Practices- Reviewing**

#### Reviewing- assessing how good/poor performance was

- Initial self-assessment is critical
- Open, two-way communication is critical
- Discussions include both performance evaluation and development opportunities
- The role of Human Resources is value-added vs. controlling
- No more than a four-point rating scale is necessary
- People are rewarded for results



#### **Best Practices- Rewarding**

#### Rewarding- reinforcing good performance

- Salary discussion is separate from performance/development discussion
- Increased clarity regarding how performance is rewarded
- Distinctive rewards for different aspects
- Use of both monetary and non-monetary rewards



#### Achieving Performance Excellence



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## Transition and Implementation – Development of Performance Mgmt. Plan (cont'd)

### Upon completion of the development of an effective performance management plan, the State as a whole and each Agency will have:

- A consistent performance management process that meets the Agency's objectives and links to the business results of the Agency;
- The means by which to plan and communicate performance expectations to all employees;
- An objective means by which to link performance and reward; and
- Trained supervisors and managers with enhanced skills, capable of implementing a performance management process that sets performance objectives, holds employees accountable for performance, and provides regular and meaningful feedback and review.

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## Transition and Implementation – Development of Performance Mgmt. Plan (cont'd)

#### The proposed steps for development and implementation of this plan are:

- Formation of Steering Committee and Design Team (to consist of a cross-section of employees and representatives of key stakeholders): Jan 2008
- Design of the performance management process and documentation: Feb 2008 –
   Mar 2008
- 3. Development of Training material: Mar 2008 Apr 2008
- Identification of Trainers and Conduct of Train-the-Trainers sessions: Mar 2008 April 2008
- 5. Training of Managers and Supervisors: May 2008 June 2008
- 6. Initial roll out of performance management plan: June 2008 July 2008