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Free Facilitation Fridays

Establishing Clarity in Uncertain Times
Applying Pat Lencioni's ideas at work and at home

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Smart vs Healthy

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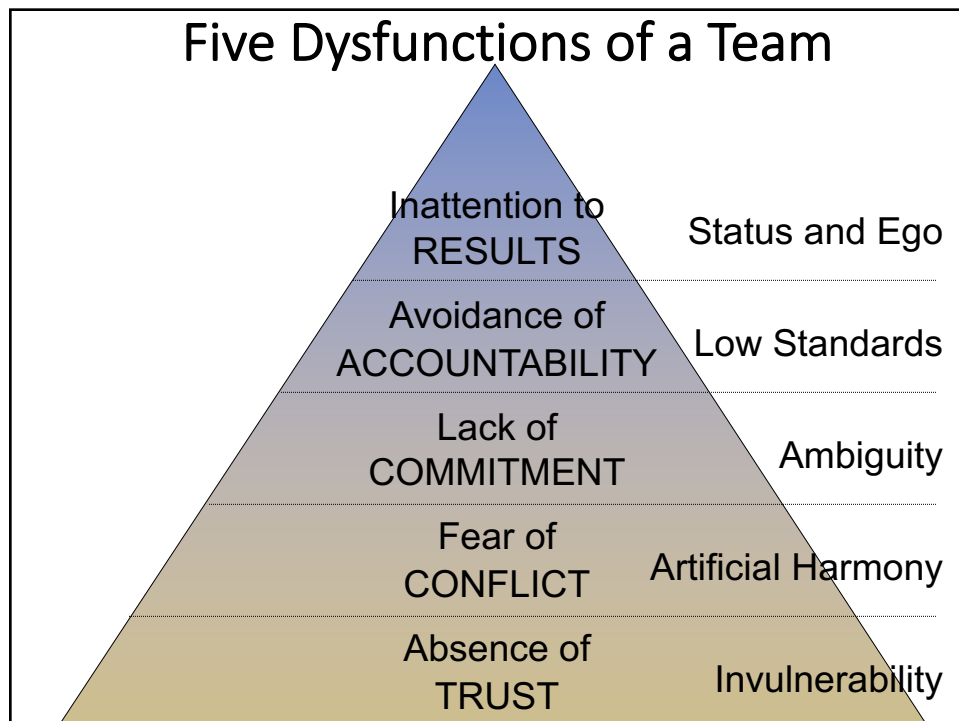
- Good decision sciences
- Strategy
- Marketing
- Finance
- Technology

HEALTHY

- Good people sciences
- Minimal Politics
- Minimal Confusion
- High Morale
- High Productivity
- Low Turnover amongst good employees

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Five Dysfunctions of a Team



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Build a Cohesive Team

- Being open and building trust
- Engaging in constructive ideological conflict
- Committing to clear decisions
- Holding one another accountable for behaviours and performance
- Focusing on collective results

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Fundamental Attribution Error

Based on the work of Lee Ross (1967)

	Good Behaviour	Bad Behaviour
Me (I am a good person)	It is who I am	I was forced to do it
Them (They are a bad person)	They were forced to do it	It is who they are



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Create Clarity

- Why do we exist?
- How do we behave?
- What do we do?
- How will we succeed?
- What is most important right now?
- Who must do what?

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INSTRUCTIONS: THEMATIC GOAL EXERCISE

1. Ask every member of the team to individually answer this question: "If we accomplish one thing during the next x months, what would it be?" Share and debate answers. The goal should be to rally the troops, but more than anything else, it should give the leadership team clarity where to spend its time, energy and resources. Leadership team members may need to temporarily abandon their departmental objectives for the good of the organization as a whole. To help determine the thematic goal, consider these facilitation suggestions:

- ☐ Have every team member write down their answer.
- ☐ Estimate time frame (between 6-9 months).
- ☐ Consider this supplemental statement: "If we do not accomplish _____, we have failed."
- ☐ If there is push-back over the need for only one goal, recite the adage, *"If everything is important than nothing is."*

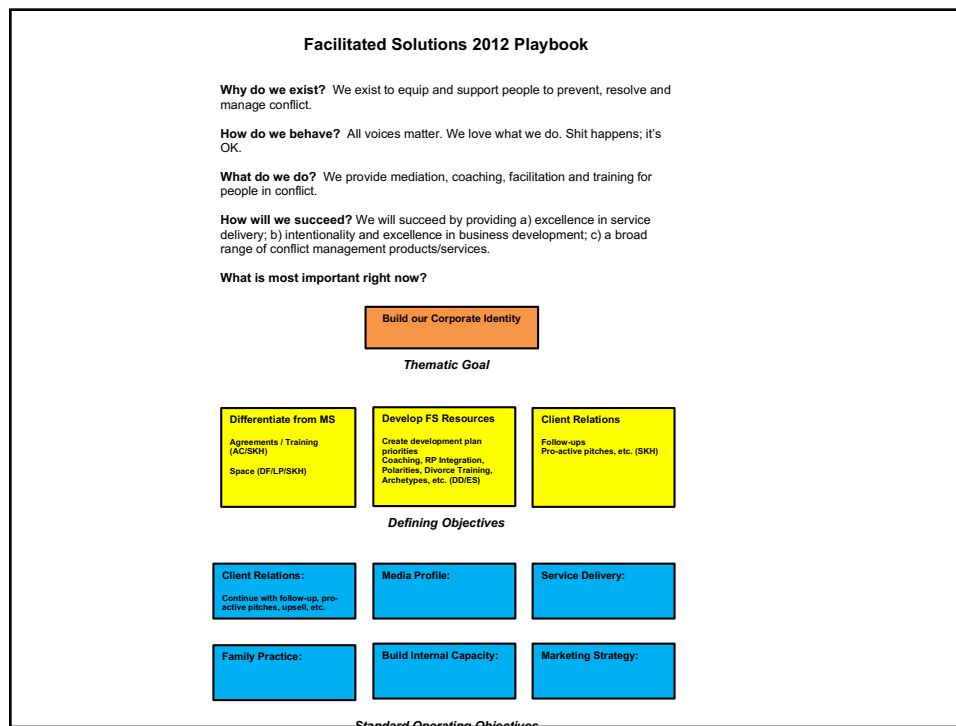
2. Once everyone has committed to answer, white board the team's answers. Facilitation tips:

- ☐ Encourage everyone not to hold back; ask the leader to go last.
- ☐ Write down all goals and any needed clarifying statements.

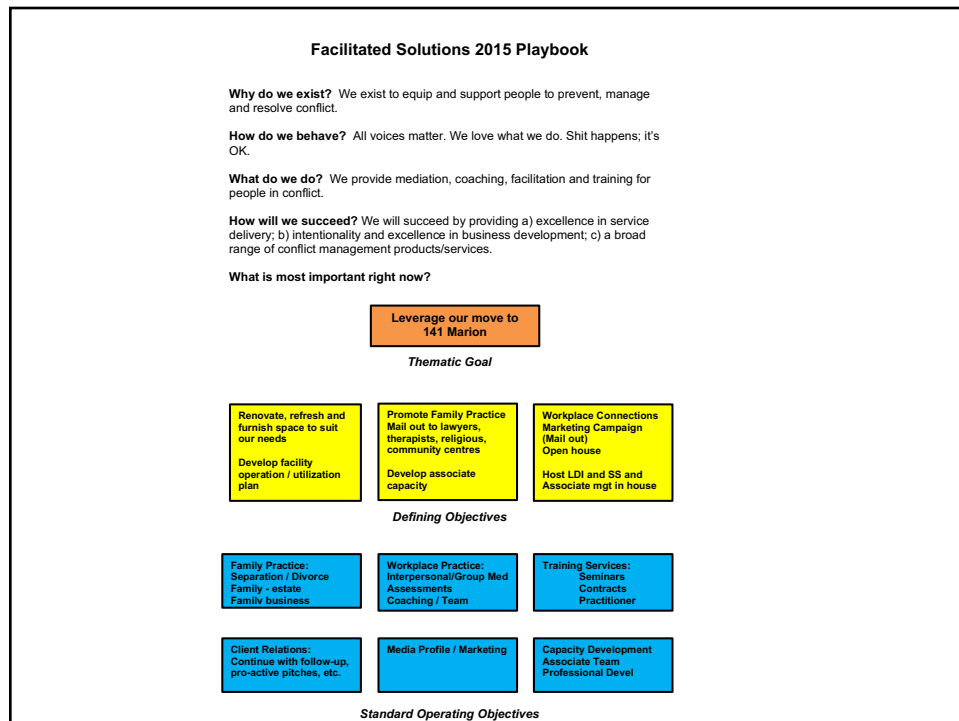
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3. Discuss the list and determine if some of the answers might actually be a standard operating objective. To determine this distinction, consider the following ideas:
 - ☐ Ask the questions: *"Is this something that is always important?" "When are we not worried about that?" "How is that different from last period, or next period or next year?"*
 - ☐ Remind the team that a thematic goal is only for a specific period of time, and then it goes away. If something is always important, it is more likely than not a standard operating objective.
4. Ask the team to review the newly sorted list to identify which goal rises to the top as the most important.
5. If there are discrepancies, ask team members to take 60 seconds to convince the team why their suggested goal is most important. Consider all suggestions.
6. Team must then put a stake in the ground to select the thematic goal.
7. Review the list of suggestions; many of these activities/concepts will likely populate the defining objectives and standard operating objectives.
8. Continue the discussion until you have 4-6 defining objectives (activities/components that define the goal) and outline several of your team's standard operating objectives (areas of focus that don't change from period to period).

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THE MEETING ADVANTAGE
A TOOL FOR REINFORCING ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH







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LIGHTNING ROUND (report)

ORGANIZATIONAL CLARITY (review)

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WHY DO WE EXIST?
We inspire, equip and help people prevent manage and resolve conflict

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HOW DO WE BEHAVE?

- All voices matter
- We love what we do
- Shit happens, it's ok

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WHAT DO WE DO?
Provide mediation, coaching, and facilitation services for people in conflict and training and development to help equip people to address conflict

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HOW WILL WE SUCCEED?

- excellence in facilitation
- intentionality and excellence in business development
- offering a broad range of conflict management products and services

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5 WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW? *(review and assess)*

OUR THEMATIC GOAL ✍

To survive and thrive

OUR DEFINING OBJECTIVES:


Become trustworthy with online service delivery	Stabilize our finances	Serve (support) our existing clients through this season	Lemonade: Leverage this opportunity	Give away - serve - our community (be generous)
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OUR STANDARD OPERATING OBJECTIVES:

Family Practice	Workplace Practice	Training & Speaking	Client Relations	Internal Capacity	Marketing	Finance / Legal	Facilities
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WHITEBOARD ⓘ

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 **Over Communicate Clarity**

- Repetition
- Simplicity
- Multiple mediums
- Cascading messages

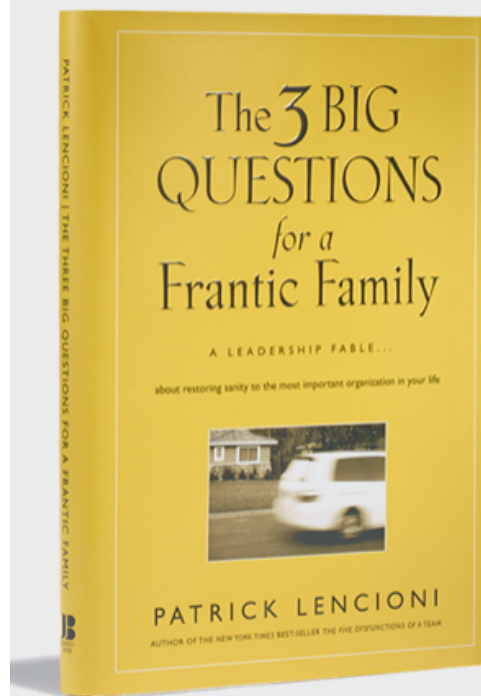
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Reinforce Clarity

- Hiring
- Managing performance
- Rewards and recognition
- Employee dismissal
- Meetings

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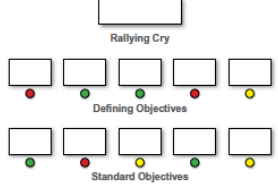
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The Three Big Questions

Family Scoreboard Explanations

- 1. What makes your family unique?**
The answer to this question should be two or three sentences that describe how your family is different from any other family in the world. If you don't know what differentiates your family from others, you won't have a basis for making decisions, and you'll try to be all things to all people.
- 2. What is your top priority—rallying cry—right now?**
Rallying Cry: The rallying cry is a single, agreed-upon top priority for your family over the next two to six months. Without a top priority, everything becomes important and you end up reacting to whatever issues seem urgent that day.
Defining Objectives: Defining objectives are the basic categories of things you'll have to do to achieve your rallying cry. Without identifying those categories, you'll be left with nothing but a general statement—and no context for getting it done.
Standard Objectives: Standard objectives are simply those regular, perennial responsibilities that a family must pay attention to in order to keep its head above water. By acknowledging these ongoing responsibilities, families will avoid being distracted from what really matters.
- 3. How do you talk about and use the answers to these questions?**
The most important thing a family has to do to keep its context alive is discuss it in regular meetings. If you answer the first two questions but don't use those answers in daily, weekly and monthly decision-making, it will yield limited benefits. It can also be helpful to "score" your progress as demonstrated with the green, yellow, and red color key.




Color Key

Red: Needs attention

Yellow: On the right track, but still needs some work

Green: Ahead of schedule or already finished

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Our Family Scoreboard

- 1. What makes our family unique?**

- 2. What is our top priority—rallying cry—right now?**

Rallying Cry

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Defining Objectives

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Standard Objectives
- 3. How will we talk about and use the answers to these questions?**

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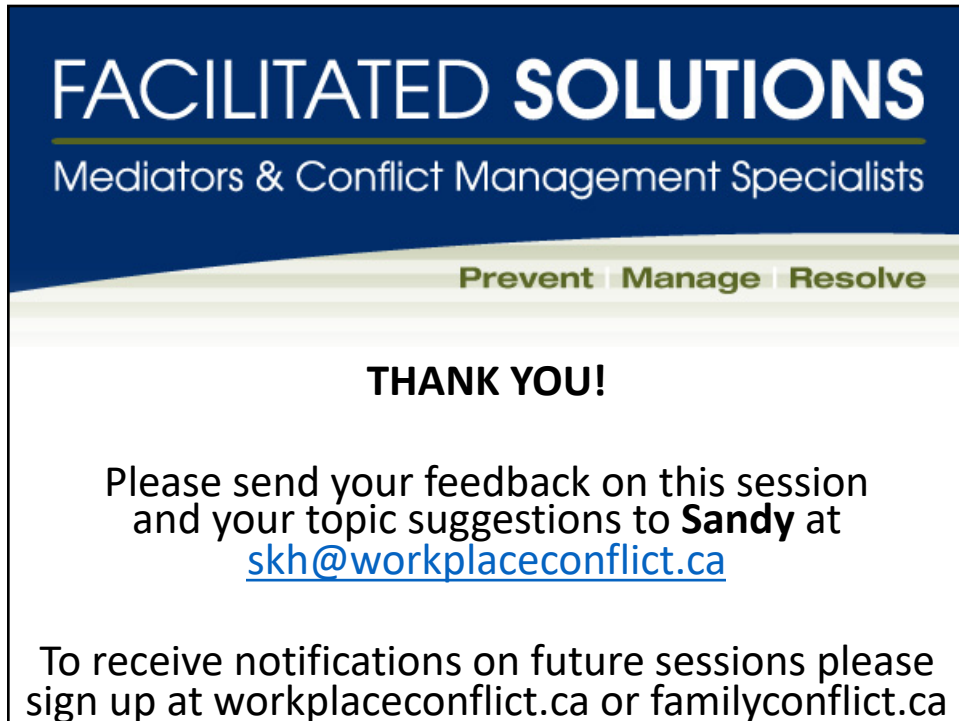
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Next Week May 1st
Embracing Discomfort
A Key to Difficult Conversation

Resources from todays session will be posted on our website
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