

# Countywide Competency Model and Performance Management Framework

Human Resources Department | Talent Team |
Diversity, Inclusion & Organizational Development

Ramsey County Board Workshop December 15, 2020



## Agenda

- Introduction: Maria Sarabia, Silvia Dominguez-McCalip, Abel Piñeiro, Andrew Lund
- Holistic Overview: Developing the performance management & talent development framework – Maria
- Ramsey County as a Learning Organization from Design to Application – Silvia, Abel, Andrew
  - Competency Model
  - Performance Management Framework
- Next Steps & Questions



## **Purpose of Workshop**

- Highlight the connections of Talent Attraction, Retention, and Promotion (TARP):
  - Competency Model
  - Performance ManagementFramework
- Share process, progress, and highlights
- Inform County Board of next steps





# Performance Management Work Stream in Human Resources

### **Purpose**

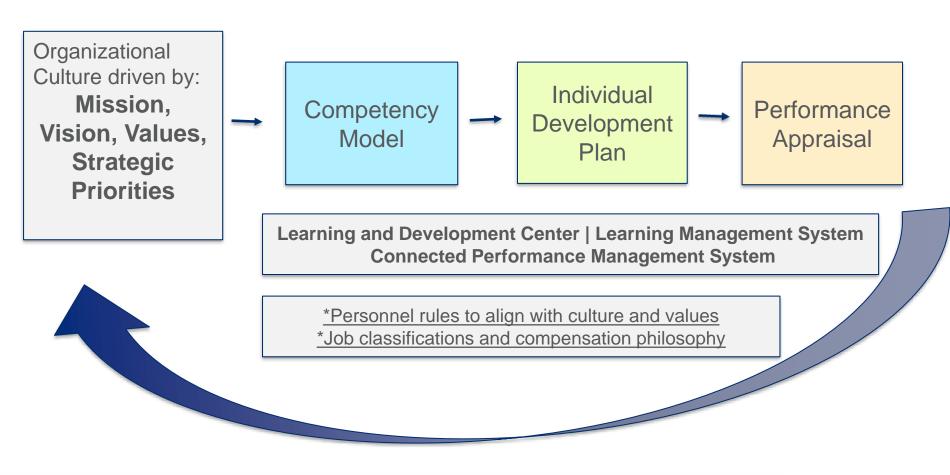
- Build the foundation for transformation
- Build increased competence in performance management expertise within the Department
- Plan for implementation of an effective Performance
   Management System for the County

### **Objectives**

- Leverage and develop subject matter expertise in performance management within the Department
- Identify and create a customized competency model
- Design supporting forms for performance appraisals and individual development plans to pilot before roll out
- Create roadmap and plan for County-wide implementation



# The Performance Management Structure and Talent Development Framework





## **Strategic HR as Change Champions**

- Action Teams were launched in August 2019
- Co-creation across Human Resource functions
  - 1. Human Resources Competencies
  - 2. Performance Management
  - 3. Individual Development Plans and Performance Appraisals
  - 4. The work of General Services Action Team
  - 5. Job Description and Recruiting Strategy
  - 6. Hiring Process Change Implementation
  - 7. Leadership Style Assessment
  - 8. Team Effectiveness Workshops
  - 9. Communications Strategy and Planning

27 employees across HR – cross-cutting matrix team environment





# Creating an Effective Performance Management System

Alignment with mission, vision, values and strategic priorities

- Structure
- Clear expectations
- Common language
- Repeatable and predictable processes
- On-boarding and reminders
- Development of knowledge, skills and abilities supported by ongoing communication, development, policies, and requirements... the infrastructure!

People
Integrity
Community
Equity
Leadership

Investments in system, resources, and people to fully leverage the Learning Management System



## **Purpose of Competency Model**

To provide clear expectations of what performance and behavior looks like when Ramsey County employees and leaders at all levels are supporting the Vision, Mission, Values, and Strategic Priorities of Ramsey County.

## **Competency:**

A demonstrated knowledge, skill or ability.



## The Ramsey County Competency Model includes

- "Excellence in public service" Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Priority driven
- Talent Attraction, Retention and Promotion (TARP) theme one: Countywide Culture - Behavior Alignment Survey results
- Ramsey County's Racial Equity Policy and uplifts Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Ongoing continuous learning and development
- Examples of knowledge, skills, abilities and behaviors expected of the workforce
- Two competency domains across seven essential competencies
- Three levels of demonstrated performance for employees and leaders at all levels
- Serves as a tool to identify ways to grow careers and strengthen public service



## Countywide Culture informs Competency Model

- Shared values and language for One Ramsey County
- Identifies organizational and individual behaviors necessary to act on these values
- Supports environment for continuous learning and innovation

Phase 2: Value - Behavior Alignment Workshops





# The Ramsey County Competency Model

People Integrity Community Equity Leadership

Domains: Individual & Team Performance

Leadership, Management and Influence

Two Domains & Seven Competencies

- 1. Technical Expertise
- 2. Results Driven
- 3. Build Strong Relationships
- 4. Organizational Leadership
- 5. Managing Change and Transition
- 6. Communication
- 7. Business Operations and Governance

**Excellence in Public Service** 



## **Three Competency Levels**

Two Domains.
Seven
Competencies &
Three Levels

### **Level 1 – Foundational | Individual Behaviors**

Demonstrated Solid Core Competencies in Selected Service Area or Functional Role

### Level 2 – Collaborative Partner | Operational Decision Making

Advanced Level of Competencies with Elevated Responsibilities in Selected Service Area or Functional Role

### **Level 3 – Strategic Leader | Systems Impact**

Visionary, Innovator, Calculated Risk Taker, Visible Role Model, and Subject Matter Expertise



## **Assessing Competencies and Behaviors**

- 1. Technical Expertise
- 2. Results Driven
- 3. Strong Relationships
- 4. Organizational Leadership
- 5. Managing Change & Transition
- 6. Communication to Lead Teams
- 7. Business Operations & Governance

Individual & Team Performance | Leadership, Management & Influence

#### 1. Technical Expertise -

Appropriately interprets, documents, understands, and applies principles, procedures, requirements, regulations and policies related to the functional business area; and has a willingness to explore when flexibilities can be applied.



Foundational -
<b>Individual Behaviors</b>

Demonstrated Solid Core Competencies in Selected Field of Practice or Functional Role.

**INTEGRITY:** Act with integrity, high ethics, and be good steward of the public dollar. Lead by example.

Be flexible, adaptable, responsive, and accountable. Be honest and inclusive to build trust. Commit to understanding individuals and respect others who are different from yourself.

## Collaborative Partner Operational Decision Making

Advanced Level of Competencies with Elevated Responsibilities in Selected Field of Practice or Functional Role.

INTEGRITY: Be transparent and set clear boundaries. Hold everyone accountable for their behaviors. Set clear boundaries and support teamwork, cooperative work products and collaboration.

## Strategic Leader - Systems Impact

Visionary, Innovator, Calculated Risk Taker, Visible Role Model, and Subject Matter Expertise.

**INTEGRITY:** Spark strategies and vision to uphold Ramsey County infrastructure and business processes to be in alignment with legal requirements and fiscal commitments.

Hold everyone accountable for their behaviors and actions. Make decisions that advance the Ramsey County mission, vision, and values.



## Racial Equity Competency Frame

#### Level 1 - Foundational | Individual Behaviors

Demonstrated Solid Core Competencies in Selected Service Area or Functional Role.

#### Level 2 - Collaborative Partner | Operational Decision Making

Advanced Level of Competencies with Elevated Responsibilities in Selected Service Area or Functional Role.

#### Level 3 - Strategic Leader | Systems Impact

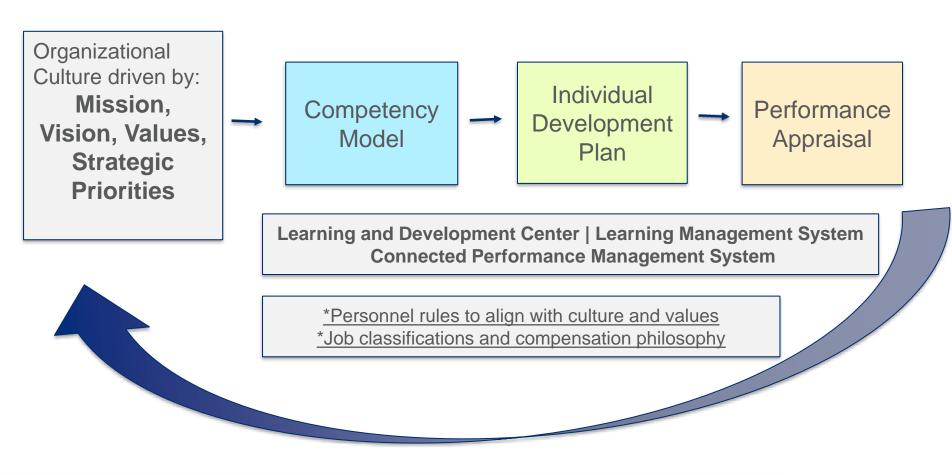
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\* HWST – alignment & synchronization



# Framing the Performance Management Structure & Talent Development Framework



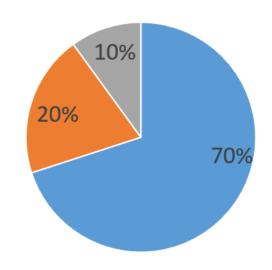


# The Ramsey County Competency Model Reflected in Individual Development Plans

- 70% of development and learning from on-the-job experiences
- 20% of development and learning from coaching and mentoring
- 10% of development from classroom training or reading books

Technical Solutions – Resources for changing workforce

### **Development and Learning**



- On the Job Experience
- Coaching and Mentoring
- Classroom Training



DIOD as Change Champions to redesign Performance Management forms for pilot in HR.

Test ease of use and effectiveness.
Lessons learned to inform a County-wide rollout.



#### COMPETENCY AND VALUES PERFORMANCE RATINGS

Consistently Exceeds Expectations	Employee's performance and behaviors <u>consistently</u> <u>exceed</u> the expectations for the position. This level is reserved for employees who have made significant contributions to the department and the County – above and beyond expectations.
Consistently Meets Expectations	Employee's work performance and behaviors consistently meet the expectations for the position. This level is for employees whose performance and behaviors contribute to goals and objectives by consistently delivering on the expectations for the position.
Developing Skill / Inconsistent Performance	Employee's work performance and behaviors are inconsistent, meeting expectations at some times, but not consistently. Improvement in this area is necessary for success in the position.
Does Not Meet Expectations	Employee's work performance and behaviors do not meet expectations for the position. Performance is well below acceptable and must be addressed immediately.



## Individual Development Plans foster Effective Performance Appraisal Processes

- Repeatable and Predictable
- Clear expectations and accountability
- Encourages growth, learning, and development
- Uniformity and Standardization
- Sense of belonging



#### **EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL**

Ramsey County is committed to continuous improvement and ongoing employee development. This commitment will lead to a positive and fulfilling employee experience, resulting in equitable outcomes and programs for our residents.

At the heart of this commitment is the employee.

We believe employees at Ramsey County have the right to know what is expected of them in their work – and the right to know how they are doing against those expectations – in service of our residents.



# Strategic Performance Management Requires Continuous and Ongoing Engagement



- Iterative process between the manager or supervisor and the employee
- Continues discussion about expectations giving and receiving feedback
- Revisiting expectations as the work continues to evolve



## **Next Steps Performance Management System**

### Pilot over next six months:

- Performance Appraisal Form
- Individual Development Plan
- Performance Improvement Plan

Assess technical solutions through discovery activities throughout 2021. Ensure Racial Equity is woven into the system solutions – harnessing Racial Equity Policy and Competency Model – skill development.

### Additional Priorities 2021 - 2023

- Revamp employee recognition processes
- Develop core training modules for workforce, managers, and supervisors
- Explore a common review date rather than anniversary date
- Align personnel rules, complete job classification redesign, and adopt revised compensation philosophy



# 3-5 Year Progression to Human Resources as a Strategic

#### PHASE 1

- · Build HR team effectiveness
- Begin skill-building in HR team, focused on generalists
- Develop organizational structure for the future
- Continue process re-engineering for foundational excellence
- Create and execute a communication strategy
- Develop competency model, PA and IDP formats
- Create roadmap for County-wide performance mgmt system
- Identify key HR metrics
- Begin changes to county-wide culture: HR as partner in this work
- Integrate with other TARP themes

#### PHASE 2

- Establish broad talent strategy for Ramsey County as an employer
- Drive high-functioning HR operations – accountability and management
- Implement performance management, workforce planning, and talent acquisition strategies
- Implement technology enhancements for performance management
- Support strategic priorities and service team business plans
- Implement key metrics and feedback loops
- Continue integration with other TARP themes

#### PHASE 3

- Working in partnership with the service and strategic teams to deliver effective and efficient HR services & operations
- Deliver on the talent strategy and advance racial equity
  - Talent acquisition
  - Talent development
  - County leadership coaching
- Forward thinking, outward focus HR culture
- Ongoing assessments and evaluations leading to continuous improvements, including technology enhancements
- Metrics to drive business decisions
- Continue integration with other TARP themes

1-2 years

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Start: July 2019





## Thank you

Questions & Discussion



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