Chapter 1 : How to Improve Learning With Performance Management: 5 Steps

Employee training is a tool that managers can utilize to help employees bridge the gap between their present level of performance and their desired level of performance. The challenge for the organization is to design training options that give employees the information or skills they need and then.

As the contributing writer, Liz Ryan, wrote: Performance reviews are expensive, time-consuming and pointless. They are worse than pointless because they get employees focused on the wrong things. But should we really abandon the process? Read the Autodesk case study. As recently reported on Talent Management , at least some workersâ€"namely, Millennial workers â€"welcome performance reviews and even want to have them on a more rather than less regular basis. At the same time, however, a notable percentage of workers many older continue to view the performance review with suspicion. The Problem with Performance Reviews The problem with the existing approach to the performance review is twofold. First, no one likes to be labeled. This sets off extreme responsesâ€"puts employees on the defensive. In this respect, ranking employees during reviews is also directly linked to high churn in the workplace. Another key problem is that performance reviews are based on false perceptions of human growth. Employees may also fail to bring a growth mindset to their work and stagnate. Fortunately, there are ways to overcome the limitations of existing performance reviews. Link Performance Reviews to Recognition and Promotions Employees need to feel like their reviews are valuable. Undergoing a review is already stressful. If there is no reward at the end, employees will end up feeling like their time and energy is simply about the need to generate metrics for their organization. Make a concerted effort to ensure that performance reviews are directly linked to employee recognition e. This, of course, means having clear benchmarks for success. If you rely on reviews for recognition and promotions but apply arbitrary standards, you risk being accused of favoritism and your efforts will backfire. Make Reviews a Positive and Collaborative Experience The best way to ensure reviews are effective is to involve employees. The process should feel and be collaborative. Also, invite employees to provide feedback on the review process itself. Is the timing appropriate? Are the criteria clear? What would they like to see change about the process itself? Link Reviews to Training and Development If performance reviews identify problems but fail to offer solutionsâ€"or leave the solutions up to employees aloneâ€"they will likely hold little value. The goal, after all, is to create a process that has some degree of built-in value for both the employer and employee. To do this, ensure that critiques are not simply offered but also connected to specific training goals. If an employee has made a compliance error, this may simply mean asking them to engage in a refresher course on compliance, or on a specific compliance issue. If the employee has poor group dynamics, explore why. If its a personal issue and they are under stress at home, the employer may suggest outside support services. If they simply have yet to develop great teamwork skills, the employer can explore additional training to help them respond to the deficit.

Chapter 2 : Linking Training Programs with Organizational Goals

Unclear goals and misalignment of enterprise efforts can limit both organizational and individual performance, resulting in reduced engagement levels. Seldom do organizations cascade goals from the corporate office to departments to individual employees. Without this line of sight, companies struggle to manage overlapping accountabilities, workforce redundancies, and conflicting activities. It is not enough to simply conduct the annual strategic planning session and share these goals via corporate communications or team meetings. Organizations must align and cascade goals throughout the company to drive transparency, manage progress toward goals on a continuous basis, and evaluate overall strategy with individual performance. These six steps provide a guide on how to cascade organizational goals, align them with your performance management process, and create a relevant employee development plan that is connected to business strategy. Goal Development Success begins by developing three to five business goals that can be accomplished in a year. It is important not to focus on more than a few goals in a given year in order to maintain laser focus. Goals should be based on your strategic plan and act as guideposts to help the company achieve its mission. Goal Alignment and Measurement Once an organization sets its top-level business goals, it can begin to align those goals to specific business units, divisions, or departments. Each senior leader should develop their three to five strategic imperatives and ensure they tie directly to the corporate goal. If we continue with the corporate revenue example above, this could break out into multiple imperatives. The outcome of this step is the definition of how and when each division will achieve the strategic imperatives within a designated timeframe. Once all divisional goals are established or agreed upon, it is important to discuss them in an open forum to identify misalignment of goals across the company. The most common mistakes that occur during this phase include poorly defined goals, lack of metrics to measure success, lack of goal prioritization, and open-ended timeframes. Cascading Goals After management has completed and agreed on the top-level goals, managers can then begin to cascade goals down to teams, individuals, or both. The cascading process positively impacts the performance of the company and increases value across the board. With cascading goals, employees understand: Goal Management Goals identify what an employee needs to do to move toward the attainment of the corporate strategies. Setting goals involves a continuous process of decision making. Goal setting should be a joint process between the employee and manager. Managers must ensure that they are in a position to help employees develop and review their goals. Agreement on the goals will help ensure a mutual commitment to achieving them. The process of goal setting applies to everyone, whether a chief executive officer, nurse, or assistant. Most career goals will include both short- and long-term activities. Also, when creating goals, people should allow for the fact that circumstances will often change. Goals must therefore be kept under review during each performance review cycle. Employees should track important tasks assigned to each goal and include start and stop dates, as well as metrics for success. By setting up this structure, employees are able to break down goals into a number of small tasks that they need to do each day in order to achieve a positive outcome. The following broad guidelines will help employees set achievable goals. State each goal as a positive statement. If employees do this, they will know exactly when they have achieved the goal, and can take complete satisfaction from having completed the task. When employees have several goals, managers should assign each one a weight and priority. This helps employees avoid feeling overwhelmed by too many goals, and directs their attention to the most important ones. It is important to set goals that can be achievedâ€"they should be kept small and achievable. If a goal is too large, then it can seem that employees are not making progress toward it. Employee Performance Management Establishing, monitoring, and updating goals are an important talent management process, but tying employee performance to the achievement of goals is a crucial step in measuring accomplishments. The performance components that can be measured include both individual and team goals. Employees must evaluate each goal against specific performance measures. Measures are the yardsticks used to determine how successful the accomplishment was

that the employee produced. Companies use lots of useful measures including quality, quantity, timeliness, productivity, financial, and cost effectiveness, to name a handful. Once the employee has evaluated progress against the measure, they should solicit manager feedback as well as feedback from other constituents, such as peers and customers. Prompt feedback addressing employee performance is an essential component of a successful performance management program. Employees need immediate feedback on how they are doing if they are to stay motivated and engaged. Although feedback can come in many forms, written documentation on the actual performance plan is recommended, as well as a face-to-face to conversation to review the plan and brainstorm ways to improve next year. Employee Development Planning Performance reviews and input from managers and others sets the foundation for professional and personal development. Having a systematic process provides visibility into talent gaps and allows the linkage of learning plans to specific skill and performance gaps. Having a personalized employee development plan ensures that employees identify new knowledge, skills, and abilities to pursue and the learning resources needed to reach specific goals tied to organizational needs. Much like LinkedIn and Facebook, employees are regularly engaged in the performance development process because it is social and in real-time. Employee engagement can be significantly improved given the right information and tools. Performance management programs that incorporate cascading goals aligned down to the individual level, and that enable continuous collaboration and monitoring of results with an extended community will result in engaged employees. Talent management technology has made all of this possible, and companies are reaping benefits in retention, financial rewards, and productivity. We encourage you to explore these options and put a process in place that makes talent management effective, enduring, and exciting for all involved. Development Planning helps you create an employee development plan for your entire team, which accelerates the development of your people.

Chapter 3 : Linking Training to Performance on Vimeo

To improve performance, companies are shifting resources from training executives, mid-level managers, and technical specialists to emphasise skill development of frontline employees. One-third of the companies McKinsey polled used most of their training resources on frontline employees, up from 22% five years ago.

Share on Facebook Strategic HR decisions establish standards for each job role to define its competencies. Then, performance management systems measure employee achievement relative those competencies. Managers use performance management systems to assess and reward the behavior of their employees. Additionally, a strategic human resource management function handles the recruiting, interviewing, hiring and development of all personnel required to ensure your company can achieve its goals. Setting Organizational Goals As part of the strategic planning process, an organization defines its goals and objectives. For example, a company may decide to focus on specific IT trends such as cloud computing, data security and global markets. As a result, strategic direction may dictate whether a company maintains research and development spending. For example, a strategic HR department can publish self-assessment tools that allow an employee to determine how she rates in terms of attributes. These attributes might include accountability, reliability, integrity and customer-centric behavior. Performance gaps may reveal a need to improve in one or more areas. Establishing a specific, measurable and attainable goal makes it easier for an employee to achieve her objective. Goals should also be realistic and time constrained. To complete the process, managers usually require employees to submit a development plan. Only after approval can the employee begin completion of her defined activities. Work usually involves a combination of technical and professional skills. For example, if a business needs to make a shift from doing business one way to transforming to using new processes and technology, skill in change management becomes a priority. Managers need to recognize, through performance management processes, individuals who can act as leaders and help others achieve strategic goals. Providing Training Strategic HR management allows you to recognize the need to offer training and development opportunities that ensure personnel can respond to challenges both now and in the future. Workshops, seminars and self-paced podcasts, videos and job aids can help prepare employees to address problems in the workplace. By analyzing performance review results, HR administrators identify problem areas, such as communication, collaboration and business acumen. Then, they can offer learning and development options. Or, if all employees appear to lack technical knowledge about a new infrastructure, the success of the entire company may depend on addressing performance gaps. The HR department needs to rise to the challenge of developing, delivering and evaluating training that meets this learning need.

Linking Performance Reviews & Training In May , Forbes published an article declaring the performance review to be dead or at least no longer particularly useful. As the contributing writer, Liz Ryan, wrote: "I presided over the annual performance-review process for 10, employees and I regret it now.

Determining when a training solution is the right solution to a performance problem is at the very heart of what we do as learning professionals. Being able to clearly articulate the link between business needs, performance gaps and the impact of the learning solution is where we prove our value as professionals to our business partners. But how do we do that? It Starts with the Business Need Our process starts with the initial request for training, when a perceived deficiency in performance is identified. By analyzing performance deficiencies around training development, we identified performance gaps of training professionals in the bank related to developing training solutions to solve specific business goals. We used the PRM to clearly identify the business need, desired state and performance gaps within a large U. With this approach, the desired state of performance was first identified. Then the current state of performance was identified and the difference between these two states, known as the performance gap is identified. The cause of these gaps was first thought to be solely due to knowledge, skill or ability deficits when, in fact, there was a number of contributing factors to the performance deficiencies. Since a training solution is best used to support increased capabilities in knowledge, skill and ability, it had to be determined that there truly was an actual gap in required knowledge, skill or ability of a sufficient number of associates to justify the development of the course. This process and the resulting information helped us obtain senior leader support for the training solution and helped to have clear and measurable outcomes to measure our success against. Linking Needs, Solutions and Evaluation Once the business need is properly identified, objectives are developed to be observable, measurable and linked to identify business needs through performance objectives. In our case the need was identified as a lack of knowledge and skills around performance needs assessment, instructional design and training evaluation. This also helped facilitate the transfer of the learning to the actual workplace. To determine behavior change on the job and business impact we structured the post assessments to report use of the knowledge and skills on the job 90 days after completing the training and asked both the associates and their managers about the business impacts they had achieved in their workplace that could be directly attributed to the training. The graphic above illustrates the link between the needs analysis we completed using the PRM and training evaluation plan we implemented using pre and post assessments. As shown on the left, the value proposition of the business problem begins the process of determining the business need, which in our case was that trainers throughout the bank had varying degrees of knowledge and skill in using performance consulting, instructional design and training evaluation. This helped identify the behaviors required to achieve the desired state. The desired state was that trainers should be better able to link training solutions to business needs and identify the behaviors that needed to be developed to address the business need. Training professionals throughout the bank were not consistently using industry best practices to develop solutions that would enable their business partners to increase efficiencies, decrease time to market and reduce costs. To change behavior, new knowledge and skills needed to be learned and shared across the bank. The Modules within the course were built around useable chunks of information and case studies to drive home knowledge and understanding. To maximize their learning, the preferred learning styles of the associates were addressed by making content bank relevant and accessible from their desks, eliminating time away from work. This also proved to be very popular with both the associates and their managers, which were captured during the post training surveys and follow-up interviews. The link between training objectives and business needs must be considered at the beginning, instead of at the end of a program, when it becomes an after-thought. The up-front analysis determines whether a training solution is required, what type of performance solution is best and the level of evaluation suited to the solution and the business needs. Implications for Practitioners As training professionals, we must maintain a business focus, analyze performance gaps to be sure that training is the best solution and ensure that any training solution is linked to

performance analysis and identified business needs. In less than 6 months, participations in the self-paced voluntary training course exceed our month participation goal and continue to have great success and support in the bank. The end of course reaction survey consistently provides greater than a 4. The pre and post assessments have shown associates are using their new knowledge and skills on the job immediately or within a week of completing the course. The business impact shown to have the greatest positive impacts was quality, efficiency, reduced re-work, and associate satisfaction. The ROI was achieved after collecting the fully loaded costs and the benefits of the training solution and inserting the numbers in the ROI formula: Summary The evaluation results we achieved were linked to the work we did up front in the performance needs analysis which drove the performance based objectives. These objectives were broken down into learning objectives from which the content was derived. These concepts are not new, but it is even more critical today to show our value as more and more training jobs become candidates for outsourcing. We need to be able craft performance improvement solutions that solve business needs in a cost-efficient manner.

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