





# Strengthening Connections & Collaborations



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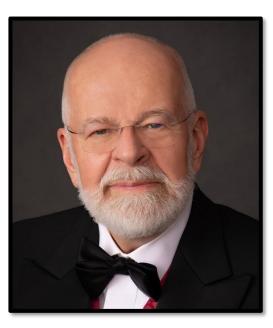
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# So, you want to grow your palliative care service...

### Palliative Care Services Exist to...

Serve our Customers & Stakeholders

# Strategies to strengthen connections and collaborations

- = effective leadership
- & trusting relationships

# Starts with Understanding Self

Then effective strategic planning

## Principle 1:

Think Big from the Beginning...
Have a clear Vision for
your Successful Service looks like

## Principle 2:

The best pathway to success is through the advocacy of others!

# Principle 3: It's all about Intentional Relationships!

# Careful Strategic Planning will be Key to Your Success...



### **Overview of Strategic Planning**

### 1. OVERALL CONCEPT

• Define the Overall Purpose of your initiative

### 2. SITUATION ANLAYSIS

- Conduct an Environmental Analysis
- Conduct a Stakeholder / Customer / Competitor analysis
- Establish their Needs

### 3. STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, THREATS ANALYSIS

- Conduct a SWOT analysis
- Strengths and weaknesses are internal to your initiative
- Opportunities and threats are external to your initiative

### 4. VISION

- Write a Vision statement for your initiative that inspires others with an image that pulls them forward
- A vision statement defines what you desire the situation will be in if your initiative is successful

### 5. MISSION

- Write a simple, concise Mission statement for your initiative
- A mission statement defines what your initiative will do

### 6. VALUES

- Define the Values that your team will use to guide how your team works together
- Values are our core beliefs and principles that guide our day-to-day activities as a team

### 7. GOALS FOR THE NEXT 2 - 5 YEARS

- Create 2 3 strategic Goals for your initiative
- Focus on your Circle of Influence

### 8. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- Define S.M.A.R.T. Objectives for each goal = Specific, Measurable, Agreed Upon, Realistic, Timelines
- Define specific Action Steps to accomplish your objectives
- Track your measures: Outputs / Outcomes
- Outputs What is produced to reach your objective (Examples: survey tools, evaluations, articles, action steps, etc.)
- Outcomes The overall accomplishments, objectives or goals which documents, validates
  or proves the success of the initiative.

### 9. ONGOING - SET UP REGULAR MEETINGS TO CHECK PROGRESS

 Bring the team together for meetings to check progress, celebrate milestones, adjust for changes, problem solve and keep activities on track.

# Start with a Careful Environmental Analysis

Customers: Any person or organization who will use and directly benefit from our service

Stakeholders: Any person or organization who will benefit indirectly, or be impacted by our service

# Who are Your Most Important Customers?

Patients & Families...?

NO!

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- 1. Referring physicians & managing teams
- 2. Patients & families
- 3. Organizational administration
- 4. Funders

# What do Your Customers Need from You? Help to achieve their goals!

## Help... Depends on Perspective...

- 1. Physicians & Teams Care for their patients & families (their way)...
- 2. Patients & Families
- Family-centered, patient-focused care... Symptoms, suffering, decision-making...

3. Administrations

 Organizational goals, quality care, high user satisfaction, finances

4. Funders

 Right person in right bed with the right funding... Avoiding sky-rocketing costs

# What Can the Palliative Care Doctors & Team Members do...

Get to know the Referring Doctors & Managing Teams

What are their needs and goals?

### How...

Routine practice of Consultation Etiquette...

### Rules of Consultation Etiquette...

- 1. Be accessible... Expect calls in the afternoon
- 2. Be responsive... Same day / within 24 hours
- 3. Call the referring service

Find out about the case

Clarify the request... " What are you hoping for?"

Reflect, "This sounds like a very challenging case "

See the patient... Talk to the nursing, other staff Talk to patient & family

### ...Rules of Consultation Etiquette

- 4. Call the referring service
  - Before you write in the chart
  - Share recommendations & 1 educational pearl
  - Commiserate, validate emotions
  - Negotiate acceptable Rx, roles & responsibilities
- 5. Write the note... No chart wars!
  - Summarize the pertinent
  - Provide your impression, make your suggestions

## Impact of Doctors & Team Members...

- Helping the Referring Doctors & Managing Teams meet their needs & achieve their goals...
- Providing patients & families with the best possible care as defined by the Referring Doctors & Managing Teams
  - → They will ask for more Palliative Care services, and advocate for more resources

# What can the Palliative Care Program Leaders do...

Get to know the Administrators & Organizational Leaders

What are their needs and goals?

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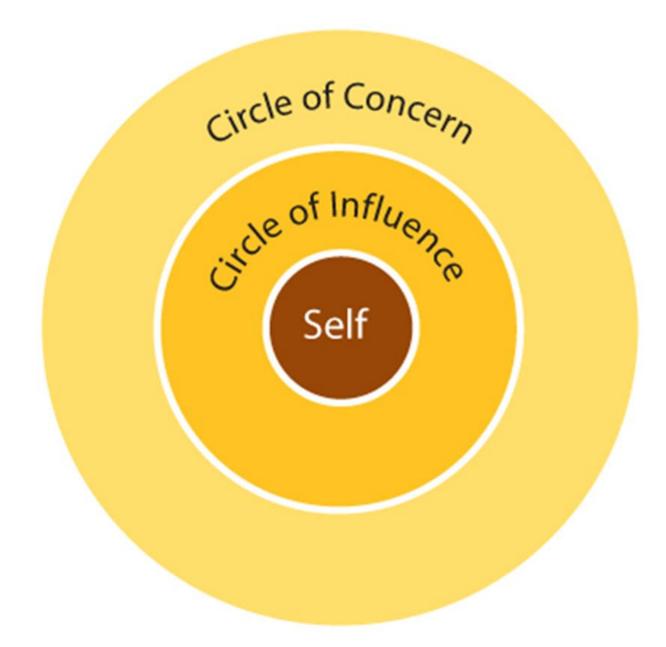
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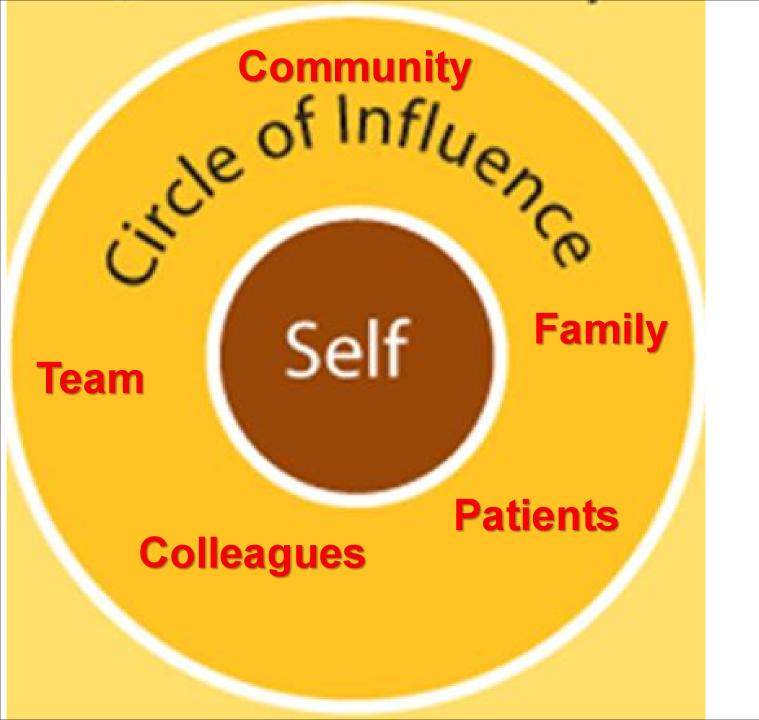


### **Circle of Concern**

Important to you BUT . . . .

### NO:

- Direct Connection
- Influence
- Control

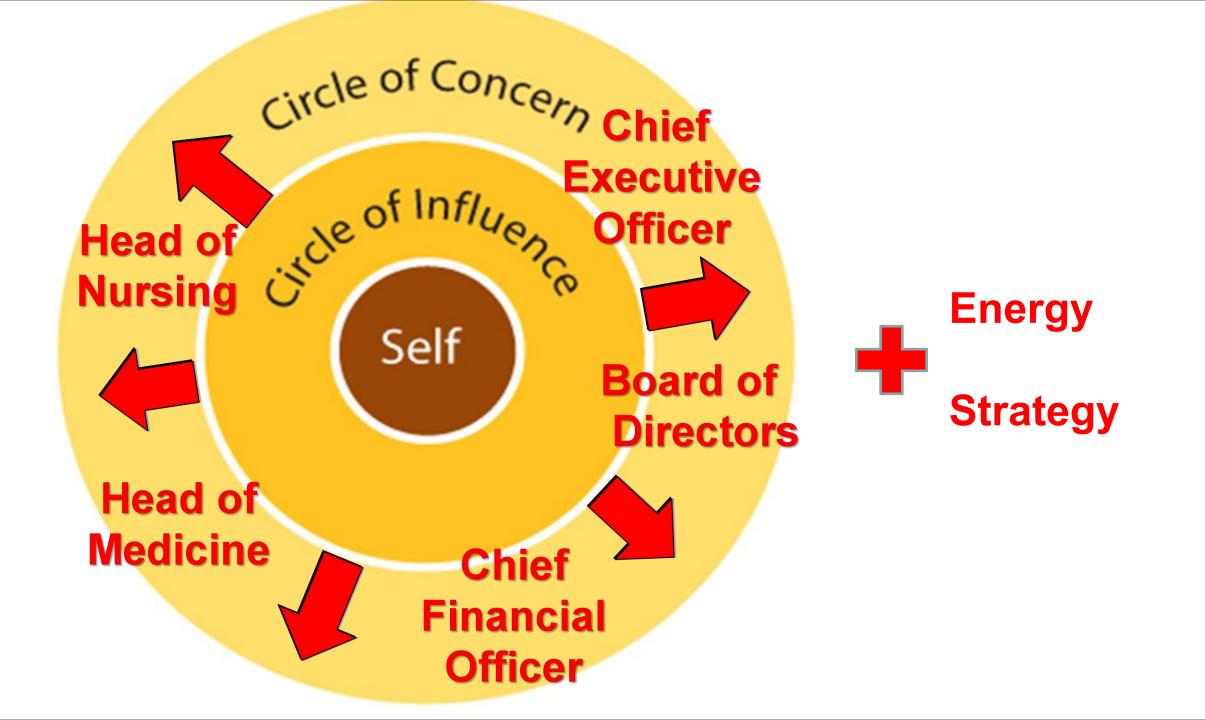


### Circle of Influence

Important to you AND . . . .

### YES:

- Direct Connection
- Some Influence
- Some Control



### **Inquiry Before Advocacy!**



### **6-Step Protocol**

1. Getting Started

**Inquiry / Discovery** 

- **ASK** 2. What does the person / team know?
  - 3. How much does the person / team want to know?

### **Sharing**

- **TELL** 4. Share the information
- **ASK** 5. Respond to emotions / feelings
  - 6. Summarize, plan, followup

Thinking?

Feeling?

Worried about?

Afraid of?

Hoping for?

**Expecting?** 

...Tell me more...

### Impact of Program Leaders...

- Helping the Administrators & Organizational Leaders achieve their goals
  - → They will support more Palliative Care services, and provide more resources

### Be Careful What you Wish for...

Careful Attention to Developing Relationships,
Building Trust by Practicing Consultation Etiquette
& Inquiry before Advocacy will almost certainly
strengthen connections & collaborations!