# Leveraging Talent in a Field Organization

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#### Unique Challenges

Getting to know the teams

Ability to relocate

Development from afar

Consistency across leaders/geographic areas

#### Know Your Talent

#### Assess your associates and keep it up to date

### You need a talent assessment process

- Keep it consistent across regions/leaders
- Make sure leaders understand the methodology or you will have inconsistency
  - Ideally, an HR partner drives this

### What level you assess is a question for your organization

- Some organizations only assess certain levels of management
- Others go deeper
  - If you have the means, do it those below manager are your future leaders

#### Know Your Talent Methodology

Managers and second level managers assess talent

In person conversations most effective

Capture certain data points

- Name, role, years in role, performance, potential, relocability, readiness for promotion
- Get what you need but keep it simple as possible

#### Talent Profile 9-Box grid

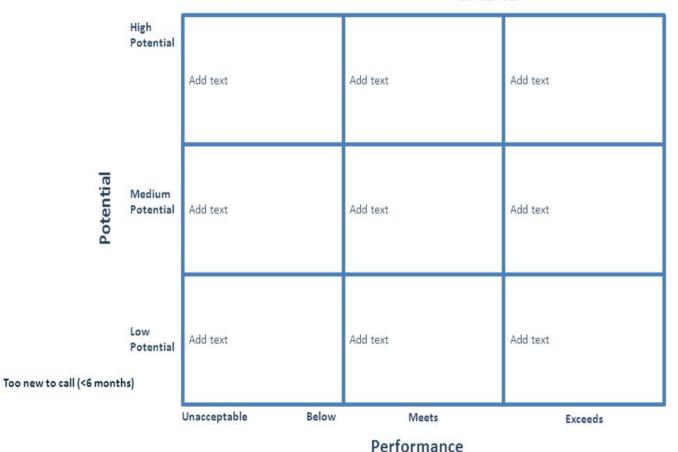


#### Notes to Leader

Map your people to clearly identify talent within GWF & where they are deployed. Carefully think through placements - don't just use the middle box as a 'catch-all'.

Identify if your people are not meeting performance standards effectively, and coach them early.

Placement will vary for individuals from review to review, depending on performance & potential rating, and movement into different roles.







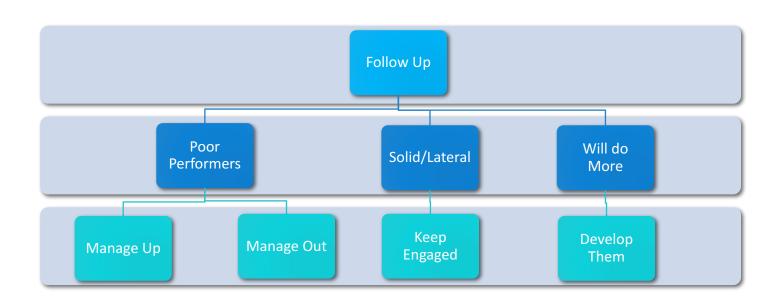


#### Know Your Talent Capture It

Once you assess your talent, you need a means to capture it and use it

- Options include
  - Software
  - Homegrown solutions like SharePoint, Google Drive, spreadsheets
- While the conversation and process of assessing your talent is valuable itself, you can only truly leverage your field talent if you can access the data

# Know Your Talent Follow Up





#### Develop Them

#### Centralized Programs

- Formal development programs focused on leadership and management competencies
- Examples
- "University/College" programs can be combo of virtual and inperson
- Outsourced or in-house leadership programs

#### **Regional Driven Programs**

- Programs that grow in and are driven by a leader in a geographic region
- Examples
- "Top 10 programs"
- "Captains"
- Sounding boards/review panels

#### Developmental Roles & Promotions

- Special projects/assignments
- Formal succession plans to roles

#### Leverage Them

# Once you know your talent you have a ready pool for

- Special assignments
- Advisory panels
- Promotional opportunities

## Know your talent

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