

Office Hours



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Welcome to Office Hours

- A relaxed, informal mentoring program
- Held every Monday at Noon Pacific Time
- The recording will be available online for a few days
- All recordings will be archived in our member's area



The Reasons

- Being a successful small business owner can be a great experience!
- But it's tough you need training
- I want you to get to know me
- I care I want you to succeed!



Agenda

- In depth discussion of a business success principle
- Closing remarks, special offers, and invitation for next weeks session
- Open Q&A



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Today's Topic:

The View From the Top -The Key Performance Areas of Business



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The Key Performance Areas



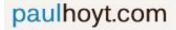
The Key Performance Areas



Agenda

- The Backstory
- The First Insight
- The Second Insight
- The Third Insight
- A Review of Each of the KPAs
- The Magic Sequence





The Backstory

- Before becoming a business consultant,
 - 34 positions
 - 18 different companies
 - Over a 36 year career
- Had several other part-time positions
- All of them in Information Systems, so I saw all of the other areas of the business
- Many of those "close to the top"
- Had two businesses



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Springfield Data Systems

- Computer systems and services
- Springfield Missouri, 1981 1985
- Was very strong in customer service
- Discovered I didn't know much at all about marketing and sales
- Went back into corporate America afterwards "to learn what I needed to learn"
- Intentionally focused on becoming good in my areas of weakness



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Hoyt Management Group

- Small business consulting
- Began in Denver in 2001; moved to CA in 2007
- Noticed that many of my clients had the same problem
 - Very strong in some areas
 - Very weak in others
 - Didn't know what they didn't know
 - They took the job without knowing what the job was



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What You Think the Job Is



What the Job Really Is



The Foundation Factor

- Written in 2004
- Defined the Seven Key Performance Areas of Business and identified the best practices in each
- Has become the basis for many of my consulting engagements



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The Key Performance Areas



The First Insight

- A company has to be strong in all of the areas to thrive long term
- A weakness in any one of the areas will slow you down, and uncorrected, will eventually shut you down



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The First Insight



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Links in a Chain





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The Second Insight



The Second Insight

- Not all areas are of equal importance
- For most companies, Leadership, Sales and Delivery are the most important Key Performance Areas



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The Second Insight



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Weak in Leadership?



Weak in Sales?



Weak in Service?



The Key Performance Areas



The Third Insight

- Before you can sell and deliver something, you have to have something to sell and deliver
- For innovative companies,
 Product Development and Marketing are the most critical Key Performance Areas



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The Third Insight



The Key Performance Areas Review



Leadership

- Creating your Business Model
- Getting a Great Team
- Setting Direction and Developing Plans
- Aligning the Organization
- Inspiring Your Stakeholders
- Executing and Getting Desired Results



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Marketing

- Understanding the Needs and Wants of the Marketplace
- Selecting Market Segments and Routes to Market
- Packaging your Products and Services
- Communicating the Value of your Products and Services
- Branding and Positioning
- Generating Leads

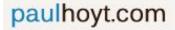


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Sales

- Lead Generation
- Building Relationships of Trust
- Qualifying Opportunities
- Developing Opportunties
- Gaining Agreement
- Getting Results!





Financial Management

- Processing Transactions Efficiently
- Managing Cash Flow
- Running Your Business "by the Numbers"
- Risk Management
- Asset Management
- Managing Your Funding Options
- Managing the Value of Your Business



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Operations and Administration

- Human Resources
- Information Systems and Telecom
- Legal Services
- Administrative Services
- Manufacturing, Kitting, Assembly, and Distribution
- Facilities



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Product Development

- Creating Innovative Products and Services
- Managing Product Lifecycles
- Staying on Top of Technology and Advances in Your Industry
- Meeting Release Schedules & Budgets
- Improving Design Time and Quality



Customer Service

- (Also called "Service and Delivery")
- Understanding that Service is a Product
- Seeing Problems as Opportunities
- Tracking Customer Satisfaction
- Up-Selling and Cross-Selling
- Gaining Referrals



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The Key Performance Areas



The Insights – a Review

- 1. Take a holistic view of your business. If you are incompetent in any one of the areas, you will not survive long term
- 2. If Leadership, Sales, and Delivery are strong, you will have time to correct issues in the other areas
- 3. If you are innovating, Leadership, Marketing, and Product Development are the most important



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The Magic Sequence

- 1. Get education!
- 2. Develop your business model and high level approach (Leadership)
- 3. Focus on Marketing, Product Development, and Customer Discovery
- 4. Focus on Sales and Delivery
- 5. Fill in the gaps and build the other areas of business

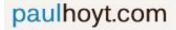


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Homework / Exercise

- Think about where you are in the sequence
- Think about your strengths and weaknesses
- Understand which of the areas need to most attention right now
- If you need help or support, get a mentor or coach



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Open Q & A – in a minute

- Comments and questions on the topic of the day
- Any other issues
- Tell me what your biggest "take-aways" are and what insights you gained from this presentation
- Tell me what you are going to focus on
- Post in the Brilliant Business Group



My Approach

- I love being a CEO Coach!
- I am passionate about getting you the support you need to make amazing progress in the next 90 days
- And provide the fundamental training that you need to avoid huge mistakes that will slow you down or shut you down over the long haul



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Call for Free 30 minute Strategy / Problem Solving Session!

- Agenda
 - Check in with your status
 - Solve a problem or choose a course of action
 - See if I can support you in some other way



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Next Office Hours: June 16th

- Topic is: Your Business Complexity Profile
- Let me know what topics you would like for me to address: <u>www.PaulsSurvey.com</u>
- Do your homework!



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Open Q & A

- Comments & questions on the topic of the day
- Any other issues
- Your take-aways and insights
- Survey: <u>www.PaulsSurvey.com</u>

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