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# **Tuckman's Team Development Model**

- achieving effective and satisfying results
- members find solutions to problems using appropriate controls

### **Performing**

- members work collaboratively
- members care about each other
- group establishes a unique identity

Task Behaviours

- identifying power and control
- gaining skills in communication
- identifying resources

## **Storming**

- expressing differences of ideas,
- · reacting to leadership
- members independent/ counterdependent

- issues

- feelings and opinions

# Remember

**Norming** 

building

Each step builds on the previous one

members agree about roles and

decisions are made through

negotiation and consensus

processes for problem solving

- Each step prepares for the performing stage
- Attempting to skip any step affects performing negatively

**Interpersonal Behaviours** 

With every new challenge, the process repeats

# **Forming**

making contact/bonding

establishing base level

identifying similarities

agreeing on common goals

developing trust

expectations

members are dependent

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#### Stage 1 "Forming"

- individuals are not clear on what they're supposed to do
- the mission isn't owned by the group
- wondering where we are going
- no trust yet
- high learning
- no group history; unfamiliar with members
- norms of the team are not established
- people check one another out
- people are not committed to the team

#### Stage 2 "Storming"

- roles and responsibilities are articulated
- agendas are displayed
- problem solving doesn't work well
- people want to modify the team's mission
- trying new ideas
- splinter groups form
- people set boundaries
- anxiety abounds
- people push for position and power
- competition is high
- cliques drive the team
- little team spirit
- lots of personal attacks

#### Stage 3 "Norming"

- success occurs
- team has all the resources for doing the job
- appreciation and trust build
- purpose is well-defined
- feedback is high, well-received, and objective
- team confidence is high
- leader(s) reinforce team behaviours
- members self-reinforce team norms
- hidden agendas become open
- team is creative
- more individual motivation
- team gains commitment from all members on goals

#### Stage 4 "Performing"

- team members feel very motivated
- individuals defer to team needs
- no surprises
- little waste-very efficient team operations
- team members have objective outlooks
- individuals take pleasure in the success of the team
- "we" versus "I" orientation
- high pride in the team
- high openness and support
- high empathy and trust
- superior team performance
- OK to risk confrontation

# Action Steps "Forming" to "Storming"

- set a mission and goals
- establish roles within the group
- recognize need to move out of "forming" stage
- identify the team, its tools and resources
- leader(s) need to give direction
- figure ways to build trust (not demand it)
- define a reward structure
- take risks
- bring group together periodically to work on common tasks
- assert individual power
- decide once and for all to be on the teams

# Action Steps "Storming" to "Norming"

- team leader(s) should actively support and reinforce team behaviour, facilitate the group for wins, create positive environment
- ❖ leader(s) must ask for and expect results
- · recognize and publicize team wins
- agree on individuals' roles and responsibilities
- buy into objectives and activities
- listen actively to each other
- set and take team time together
- everyone works actively to set a supportive environment
- ❖ have the vision "we can succeed!"
- request and accept feedback
- build trust by honouring commitments

#### Action Steps "Norming" to Performing"

- keep up the team wins
- maintain traditions
- praise and support each other
- self-evaluate without fuss
- · recognize and reinforce "synergy" team behaviour
- share leadership role in team based on who does what the best
- share rewards for successes
- communicate all the time
- share responsibility
- delegate freely within team
- commit time to the team
- keep raising the bar/new, higher goals
- be selective of new team members; train to maintain the team spirit