DEVELOPING STRENGTHS-BASED PROJECT TEAMS by Martha Buelt and Connie Plowman

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TEMPLATE

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CATEGORY	ORGANIZATIONAL KNOWLEDGE	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	STRENGTHS DEVELOPMENT
Short-Term Goals (1 to 6 months)	Read the company's strategic plan. Conduct informational interviews with each Business Unit manager and learn more about their talents & strengths, and current projects.	Attend a class on corporate finance analysis and budgeting. Hold monthly meetings with my functional manager and discuss how I can use my talents & strengths in my role.	Join a project management professional Association. Attend 2 project management workshops.	Share my knowledge about strengths-based teams with my project team. Engage weekly in strengths conversations with project team members.
Mid-Term Goals (6 months to 1 year)	Interview the company President. Take a class in strategic planning and financial forecasting. Reflect on & list how I have been using my talents & strengths in the organization.	Meet with company controller to grow knowledge of corporate finances. Study the company's annual report and financial statements.	Participate in at least 6 monthly meetings of the Association. Job-shadow a project manager for one week and observe how the PM puts their strengths "in motion."	Meet with at least 5 functional managers to discuss the value of a strengths-based project team culture.
Long-Term Goals (Greater than 1 year)	Observe a meeting of the company's Board of Directors. Apply to be a company representative from the Finance Department to the Board.	Lead a workshop for all project teams on connecting finance, strengths, and project management.	Volunteer for a board position of the Association. Obtain a project management certification.	Give a presentation at all-company meeting on creating & sustaining a strengths-based project team culture.