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Executive Summary

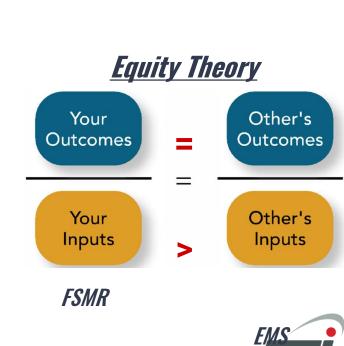
- Tension caused by the realignment
- Outlook on the realignment
- Why the EMS position should be merged with the FSMR position
- Basis for future promotions
- Overall solution and conclusion



How Realignment Creates Tension and Decreases Motivation

It's clear that the realignment has caused an inequity between the EMS & FSMR employees, these are some of the causes and effects of the realignment:

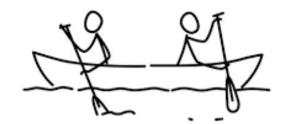
- The FSMR position is compensated equally but given more responsibility
- EMS employees may get offered less advancement opportunities
- FSMR employees may feel undervalued if an EMS employee is promoted instead of them
- EMS employees will be underprepared when moving into management



Outlook For Current Realignment

The current realignment structure could potentially cause:

- Decrease in job satisfaction
- A greater percentage of turnover
- Increase complaints to management
- Lack of team cohesion
- Sudden and/or dramatic group norm shifts







Why The EMS Position Should Be Merged With FSMR

- Natural move in the right direction
 - Follows a natural progression already set in motion
 - EMS position left without much support
 - FSMRs feel contempt based on promotional plane and lack of equity
- "Alignment is the bridge between strategy and execution" (AMA)
- Sets a fair basis for equal pay
- Shared responsibilities evenly distribute the workload



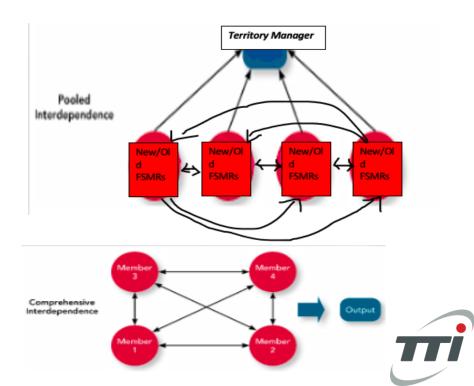
Converting EMSs to FSMRs

- When employees feel they are being proportionately compensated for their work, their work satisfaction and company loyalty increase
- As EMSs transition to FSMR positions, TTI gains a more well-rounded company workforce - human capital development
- Human capital development increases a company's market advantage (IMD)
- Room for expansion: More FSMRs mean TTI can cover more location



Team Composition Is Critical For Success

- Comprehensive Interdependence between new and experienced FSMRs and their locations
- Pooled Interdependence between stores and territory managers
- Goal congruence and equal inputs between FSMRs will alleviate tension



Reevaluating Promotional Requirements for Fairness

During this shift

- Requirement that new FSMR employees have one year of experience before entering the pool for promotion
- After one year conduct a comprehensive performance evaluation
 - -Covers skill development and progress made as a new FSMR
- This will decrease tension between older FSMRs and newly trained FSMRs when it comes to promotions
- Creates greater justice for FSMRs feeling contempt toward previous EMS workers, while also giving newer FSMRs a chance to develop their career once situated in their position
- This promotional buffer allows older FSMRs to ease their worries about being surpassed for advancement



Solution/Conclusion

- Overall we recommend taking this course of action:
 - 1. Have the EMS workers transition into FSMR positions
 - 2. Offer previous EMS managers a role in training new FSMRs
 - 3. Establish mentor-mentee relationships between new and old FSMRs at each location
 - 4. Provide team incentives and bonuses under each territory manager
 - 5. Set a 1 year requirement for FSMRs to be pooled for promotion



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