The Role of the Leader in Visual Management

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Let's Deal With The Work

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Background

- 30+ years in health care IT management
- Founding advisor at Next Wave Health Advisors currently interim CIO at University Hospitals in Cleveland
- CIO at University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers (3+ years)
- CIO at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston (12+ years)
- Experience working for software vendor and consulting firm

Objectives

- Provide overview of multi-year journey and lessons learned by:
 - UMHS leadership
 - IT leadership
 - CIO
- Understand challenges of visual management:
 - Leaders at multiple locations
 - Electronic vs. manual boards
 - Incorporating visual boards into management meetings and huddles
 - Perception of duplicate effort

UMHS on the Lean Journey

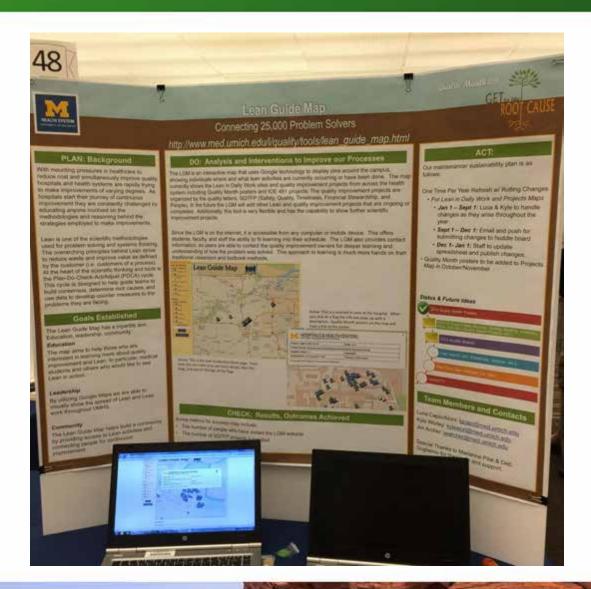
- Michigan Quality System
- Managing to Learn A3 thinking and problem solving
- Lean Leader On the Job Development Program
- Daily Management System

"My goal is to develop 25,000 scientific problem solvers – every UMHS employee."

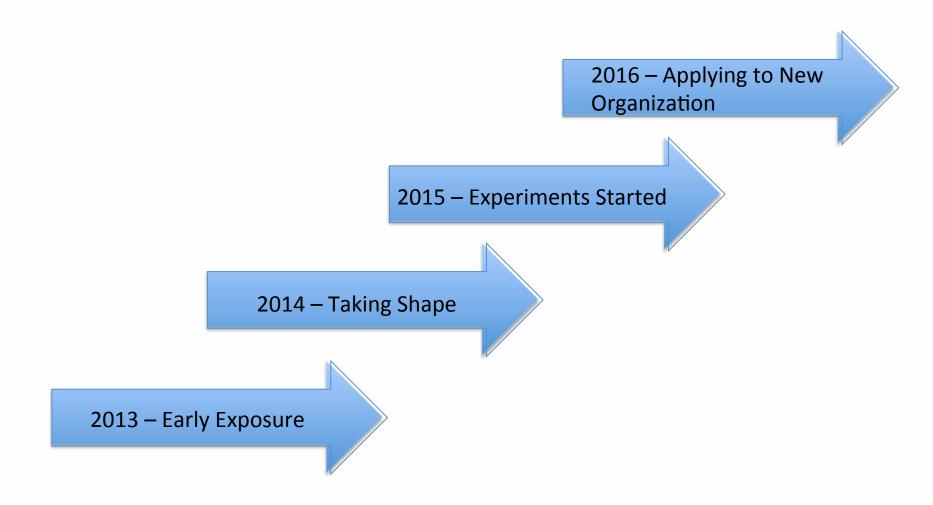
Jack Billi, MD

Connecting 25,000 Problem Solvers

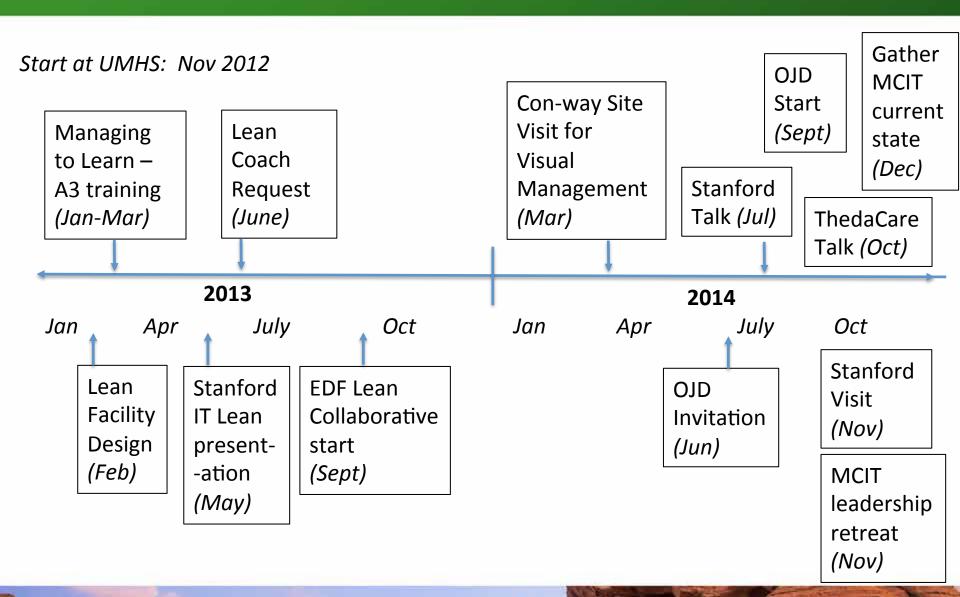
Quality Month
Display showing
the Lean Guide
Map app at
UMHS



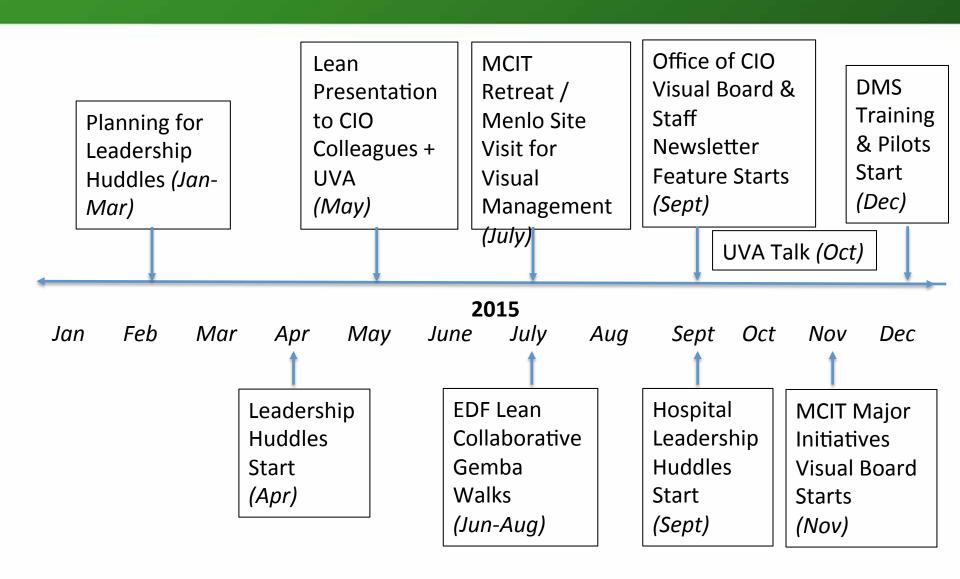
A Leader's Journey



Early Exposure and Taking Shape



Experiments Started



Importance of Learning from Others

- Stanford CIO presentation to colleagues
- Con-Way site visit with UMHS executive leadership
- Stanford Health Care CEO, Amir Rubin, Grand Rounds
- ThedaCare System former SVP, Kim Barnas, Lean Thinkers Series
- Stanford site visit by UMHS executive leadership
- UVA CIO presentation to colleagues
- Menlo site visit with IT leadership
- Univ. of Virginia EVP Health Affairs, Dr. Richard Shannon, Lean Thinkers Series

Lean Leader On the Job Development (OJD)

- 15 month program for cohort of 15 health system executives from system, hospitals and medical school
- 2 primary goals:
 - Develop individuals as lean leaders apply to own area
 - As a team, design the necessary systems and processes for the organization
- Michigan Operating System to reduce unnecessary variation and achieve standardized work at all levels
- Organizational changes impacted ability as team to make significant progress
- Influence vs control

IT Leadership Retreat

- Early planning for huddles and visual management
- Enlisted support from lean coaches
- Raising awareness and getting team buy-in
- Viewed Stanford IT lean video
- Role play using existing basic daily huddle from a **UMHS** unit

IT Leadership Huddles - The Problem

- Too many IT committee, team, workgroup and 1:1 status meetings – lot of overlap
- > 80% of leadership time spent in meetings
- Discussions and decisions conducted via email due to lack of availability for meetings
- More email than time to read it all
- Project status reports too detailed, time delayed



"No, Thursday's out. How about never—is never good for you?"

Hypothesis

- More timely, focused communication on what really matters
- Real-time problem resolution
- Reduce time in meetings
- Reduce amount of email
- Reduce the "swirl"



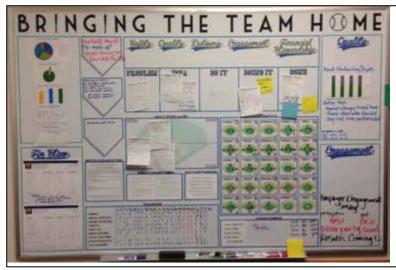
Proposed Solution

- Twice weekly leadership huddles
- 20-30 minutes max
- Online meeting to accommodate multiple locations and distributed nature of team
- Scripted process
- Focus on surfacing problems, triaging, and sharing improvement ideas
- Metrics focus on a single operational concern

Investigating Huddle Boards at UMHS



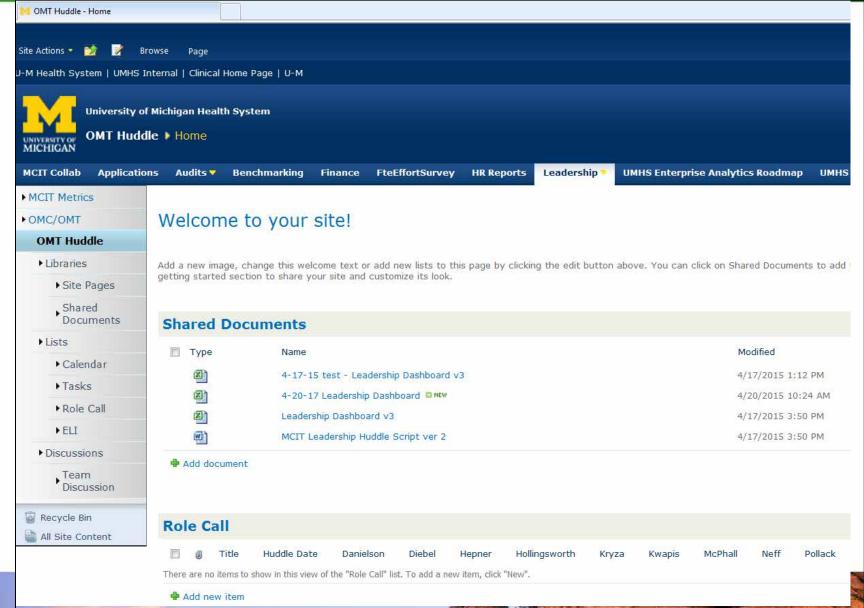




IT Leadership Huddle Board

- Used Adobe Connect for our online huddle
- SharePoint site has links, notes, tasks
- Proceedings of each meeting recorded in "visual board" spreadsheet
- Metrics created with Splunk

Huddle Documentation on SharePoint Site



Balanced Framework

- Same balanced framework that UMHS leadership was defining for setting goals, priorities and measures:
 - Safety: To avoid harm to patients, employees, students and visitors.
 - Quality: Do the right work in the right way the first time to obtain the intended clinical and/or administrative outcome. Do not pass on a defect.
 - Delivery/Timeliness: Timely execution.
 - Financial Stewardship: Resource stewardship.
 - People: Create optimal environment to engage, develop and empower individuals and teams to improve performance.

The Scripted Process

Safety

 Report issues with systems, applications, process, or environmentals that have or may result in adverse or sentinel events; determine actions and assign leads

Quality

 Report any major incidents, operational Red/Yellow status, security issues or trends of concern; determine actions and assign leads

Delivery/Timeliness

- Review our metric for High/Urgent tickets. The goal for this metric is no high/urgent tickets greater than 1 week old.
- Time permitting, we review the real-time dashboard at the end of the meeting
- Report issues affecting major initiatives, project prioritization, deployments or service desk trends; determine actions and assign leads

The Scripted Process (continued)

Financial Stewardship

 Report any major financial issues regarding Operating or Capital Budgets, variances or process concerns; determine actions and assign leads

People

 Discuss resource management issues including key vacancies, resource availability, or significant morale or Employee Engagement issues; determine actions and assign leads

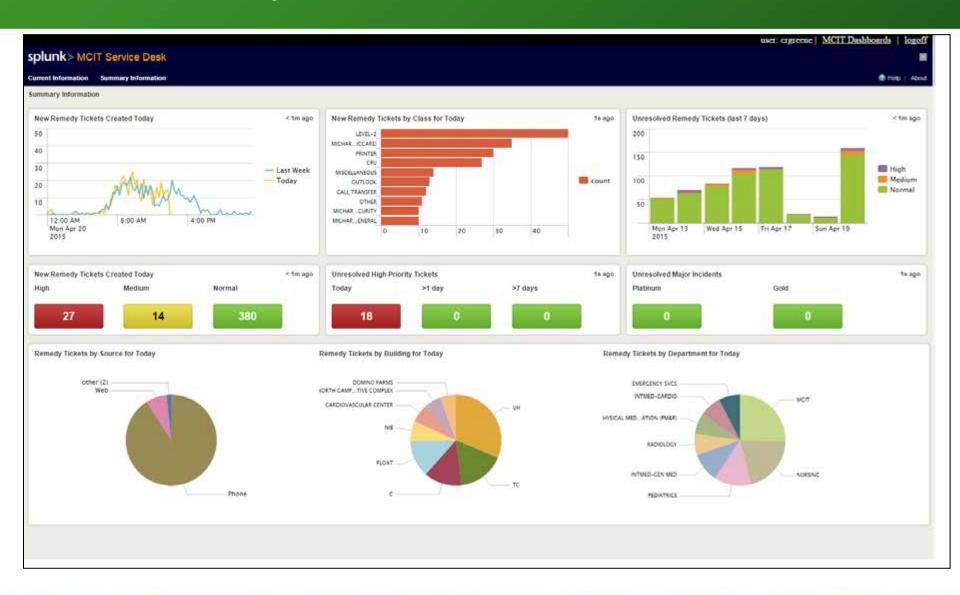
Closing

- Call for Everyday Lean Ideas (ELIs); update status of any previous ELI being tracked on the SharePoint site
- Call attention to outstanding tasks on the SharePoint site; review new tasks being added from today's Huddle
- Call for staff recognition or good news story that represents why we do what we do

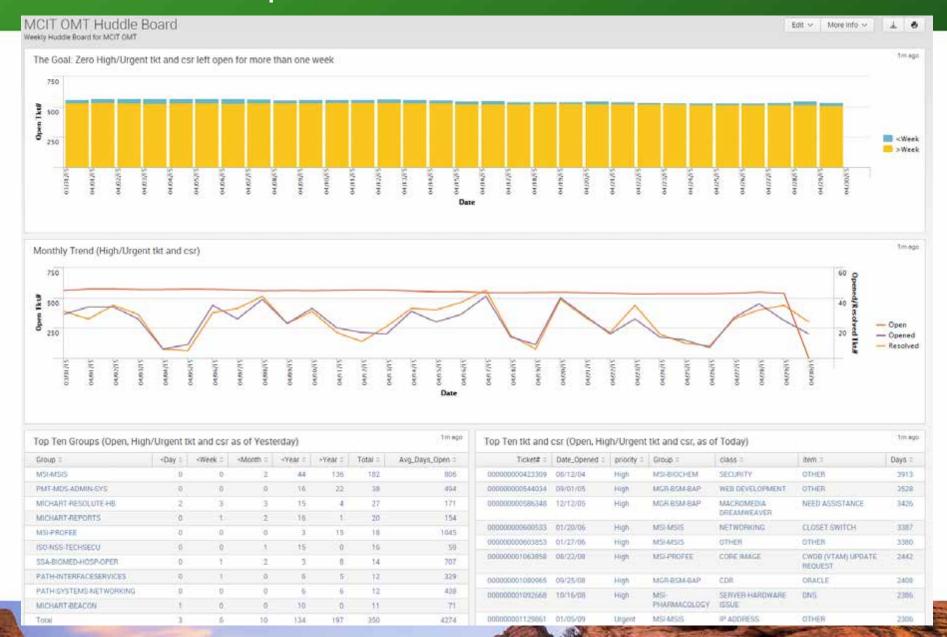
Online Record from Each Huddle

| MCIT Leadership Visual Management Board DRAFT | | | | | |
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| Remarks /Problems | | | | | |
| Status Legend Green = 0 issues Yellow = 1 to 3 issues Red = > 3 issues | | | | | |
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| | Issues | Target | Status | Owner/Lead | Defined Action Items |
| Safety | Significant Safety issues | Zero | | | |
| To avoid harm to patients, employees, students and visitors System and application failures resulting in an adverse or sentinel events | | | | | |
| Quality | Significant Quality issues | Zero | | | Defined Action Items |
| (Do the right work in the right way the first time to obtain the intended clinical and/or administrative outcome.) | | | | | |
| Major incident, operational red or gellow, security, break/fix TKTs | | | | | |
| Delivery/Timeliness | Significant Delivery/Timliness issues | Zero | | | Defined Action Items |
| Timely, efficient, and effective delivery of our services | Current metric: X urgent/high tickets > 1 wk old | 0 > 1 week | | | Review high/urgent tickets for your division or teams; work to cleanup or resolve within targeted time |
| requests for new initatives, high priority TKT TAT, Service Desk FCR | | | | | |
| Financial Stewardship | Significant Financial issues | Zero | | | Defined Action Items |
| Timely, efficient, effective, execution | | | | | |
| Major budget variances, need for funding | | | | | |
| People | Significant People issues | Zero | | | |
| Cleate optimal environment to engage and empower teams to excellent performance, achieving ideal experiences & high customer satisfaction. | | | | | |
| Resource availability, important vacancies, morale, rumors, engagement | | | | | |
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| Every Day Lean Ideas! Leadership Sharing | | | | | |
| Metric: 100% participation at each local level experimenting | | | | | |
| with Lean in Daily work tools (huddles, visual management | | | | | |
| boards, ELI, etc) | | 100% | | | |
| Supporting Data | | | | + | |
| https://miops.med.umich.edu/ | | | | | |
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| Recognition or good news story | | | | | |

Metrics from Splunk Available Online



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In the Beginning. . .

- First huddle: conference line problems, cancelled
 12 minutes in
- First lesson: establish standing backup conference call arrangement for future
- Exposed processes lacking to monitor certain metrics in spite of data being collected and available
- Tracking action items and ensuring follow-up
- Exposed silos of information requires everyone to be on same page with data and issues (i.e. online dashboard)

In the Beginning. . .

- Learning what to mention/ raise so not just management check-in but truly surfacing problems
- Able to highlight something that needs escalation vs getting lost in volume of email (i.e. key contract requiring UM CFO signature)



Early Results

- Team motivated to reduce meetings, email volume
- Getting the twice a week huddles on everyone's calendar was a challenge
- Causing us to rethink the purpose and value of current leadership meetings
- Awareness among staff that leadership cares about time-to-resolution

Revised Approach

- PDCA in June led to changes
 - Assign problem solving and hold accountable to return
 - Tasks need single owner
 - Leave phone line open for further conversations as needed
 - Ensure resolution at staff level when possible, not always escalate to huddle
- PDCA late 2015 led to additional changes
 - Script changed to 10 second follow-up and roll call
 - Increased connection to daily hospital leadership huddle
 - Improved tracking of follow-up items
 - CIO led

Learning from Others – Menlo

- Quarterly IT leadership retreat focused on our lean journey – in particular visual management
- Site visit to Menlo was cornerstone
- Irony of software company using so much paper and manual tracking processes
- Debrief on what we learned and our action plan

Menlo Site Visit



Hospital Leadership Huddles

- Started Mid-September as part of Daily Management System being developed
- Held daily at 10:05AM following the two facility based patient safety huddles
- Format:
 - 10 second follow-ups
 - Patient safety huddles report out
 - Roll call
- Close tracking of short and long term follow-up items
- In person in centrally located conference room with phone option for offsite participants
- Summary published within few hours
- Learned from them and vice versa

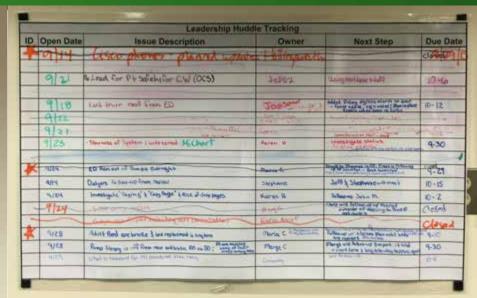
Hospital Leadership Huddles

Ground Rules

- Phones on vibrate and all electronic devices put away for huddle time
- Start on time/ end on time
- Follow roll call standard work.
- One person speaking at a time—no side conversations
- · Listen while others report
- Keep report short and to the point---30 seconds or less
- Problem identification in the huddle- problem solving outside the huddle
- Only report if there is something to escalate to this group for awareness or problem solving — it's okay to have nothing to report
- Attendance in person is preferred, only call in where impossible to attend
- · No alternates unless you are out of town
- No guests or observers other than huddle support staff for now; designated alternates may come for learning

Phone line Ground Rules

- · Put phone on mute
- . Do not put phone on hold
- If late do not announce arrival
- · Wait for your name during roll call to bring forward issues
- At the end of roll call the lead will ask if anyone arrived late-you can announce your name for attendance and bring issues forward at that time

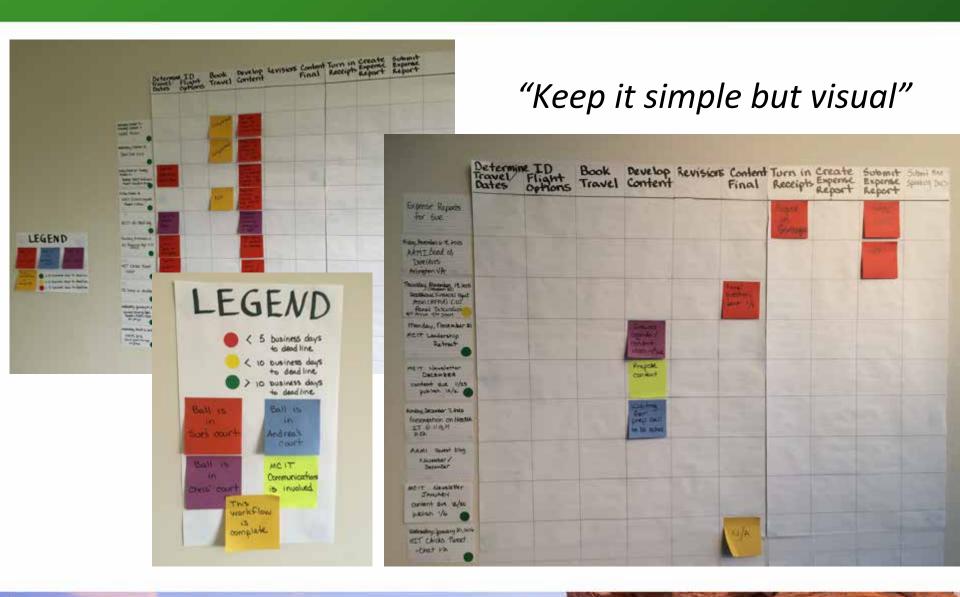




Office of the CIO Visual Board

- Scope: CIO driven initiatives requiring staff support
- Small team in one physical location
- Numerous examples of shared tasks falling through the cracks and scrambling at last minute
- Two support staff broke down the common tasks involved in our shared work and who typically does what. Chris helps with a lot of content and Andrea handles logistics.
- Comments from many about irony of CIO using manual visual board with sticky notes and markers
- Added in communications team
- Other department admins visited to learn

Office of the CIO Visual Board



View from Staff

Andrea: "The visual board helps me when we are working on things as a group. I know who owns each task and I can look at the board to see the due dates."



Chris: "I was excited about starting the board because sometimes it was hard to remember 'Who's on first?' with all the different commitments. It is great to walk in and see exactly where each project is at, and who has the next step. Because we use color, I can tell instantly if I have a lot to do, and how soon. One unexpected advantage is handoffs. Our work is like a Venn diagram: there are three of us, and sometimes the work belongs to just one person, or two, or all of us together. Before the board, it wasn't always easy to know this. Now, because we look at the board together, these handoffs and downstream impacts come up naturally in conversation."

Spreading the Word

- CIO blog covered Lean often many staff subscribed
- Monthly IT staff newsletter now includes Lean feature
- Goals:
 - Educate
 - Raise awareness amongst staff
 - Show commitment from leadership to our lean journey and experiments

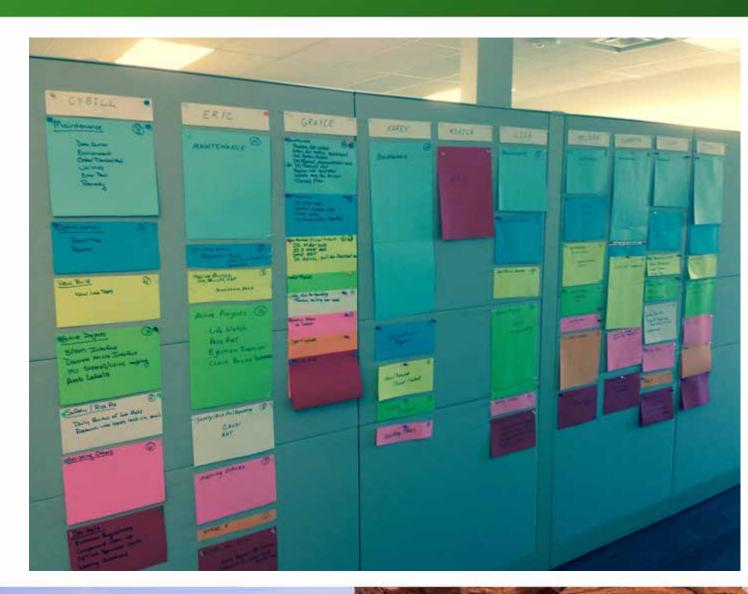
IT Experiments

- Huddle and visual board experiments spread in IT as managers heard from leadership and considered what their teams could do
- Order Entry team started a resource planning board
- Training Services team started huddles 3 times per week and dealt with challenge of staff being in many different locations
- Key metrics: number of open tickets, number of classroom training sessions, training satisfaction, & % of classroom surveys completed

Order Entry Team Resource Board

Key:

- Color coded for different categories of work
- 1 inch = 1 hour
- Max 32 hours per week



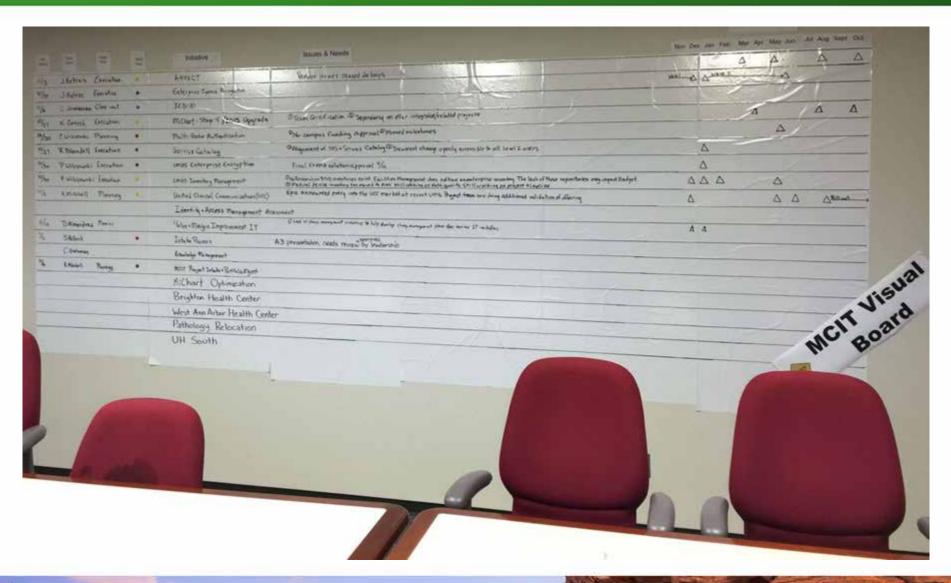
Major Initiatives Visual Board – The Problem

- Hub and spoke model with CIO
- Silos in spite of focused efforts to break them down
- Leaders focus on own projects accountable for
- Not as aware of interdependencies as needed
- Need frequent review of project health by leadership team

Major Initiatives Visual Board: Getting Started

- Bi-monthly written Major Initiatives report to senior leadership
- Determining which of the Major Initiatives should be on visual board
- Not fancy, just the basics markers, lines, sticky notes
- Early resistance to manual board and thinking it was duplicate effort
- Staleness of it after 1 month

Major Initiatives Visual Board – Initial Version



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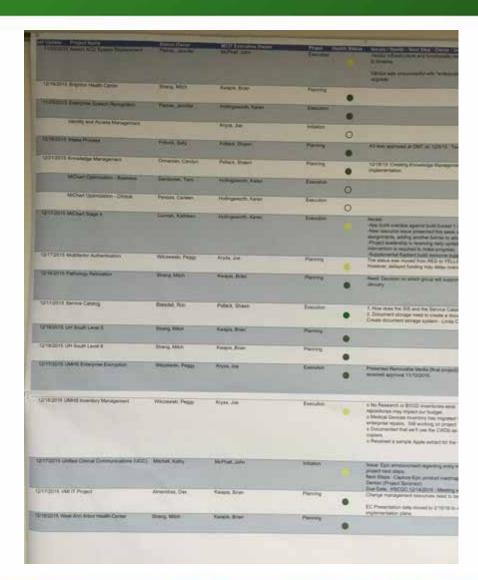
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Major Initiatives Visual Board: Refining

- Push to keep it current and use it in meetings and huddles
- Set expectations and provide broad direction but let program owner manage it
- PMO switched to printed/plotted version generated from system
- Installed tackboard strip to hang it up
- Rolling 9 months vs set 12 months
- Ok to write on it

Major Initiatives Visual Board – Next Version

- Last Update
- Project Name
- Status Owner
- IT Executive Owner
- Phase
- Health Status



Major Initiatives Visual Board – Next Version

Issues:

- Needs
- Owner
- NextSteps
- Due Date

A3 was approved at OMT on 12/9/15. Team working on implementation scope, strategy and timeline.

12/18/15: Creating Knowledge Management Tool RFP for vendor submission. Request is for pilot and full MCIT/MSIS implementation.

Issues:

- -App build overdue against build bucket 1 and 2 milestones.
- -New resource issue presented this week when the recently Radiant AC resigned, requiring updates to build task assignments, adding another barrier to addressing overdue build timelines.
- -Project leadership is receiving daily updates on build progress to provide more transparency into status, and identify whitervention is required to make progress.
- -Supplemental Radiant build resource support is being requested (2RadiantACs) to mitigate

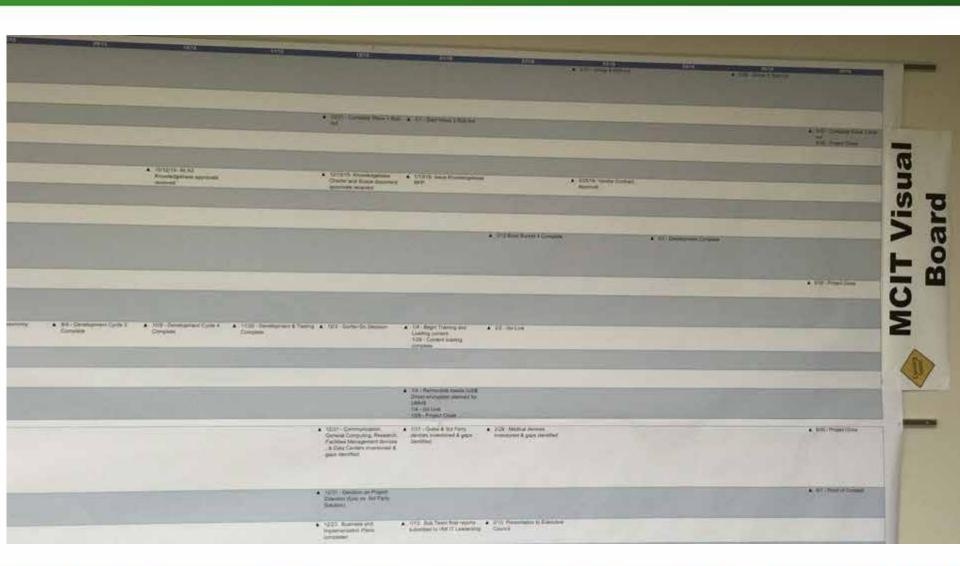
The status was moved from RED to YELLOW since Campus funding was approved.

However, delayed funding may delay overall project timing. More info to come.

Need: Decision on which group will support this project: MSIS, MCIT RDC, MCIT MDC - Christine to schedule meeting January

- 1. How does the SIS and the Service Catalog align
- 2. Document storage need to create a document storage location that will be openly accessible to all with a Level 2 IC Create document storage system Linda Cox 12/04/15 completed 12/28

Major Initiatives Visual Board – Next Version



Major Initiatives Visual Board: Lessons Learned

- In conference room where leadership team regularly met and seen by many others
- Importance of transparency
- Use during huddles and leadership meetings focus where project health either red or yellow
- Ask: What help is needed to move red to yellow and yellow to green?
- Challenge of getting group ownership vs leader ownership
- Not everyone based at that location

Daily Management System Pilots

- Goal: Develop Lean Daily Management System in IT
- 5 vertical teams participated in DMS workshops led by lean coaches:
 - Order Sets
 - Data Courier
 - Apps Packaging
 - Network Architecture
 - Reporting
- Vertical teams ensure all leadership levels involved

DMS Team for Order Sets



Huddles: Daily at 2:05

Go Live: Nov 9

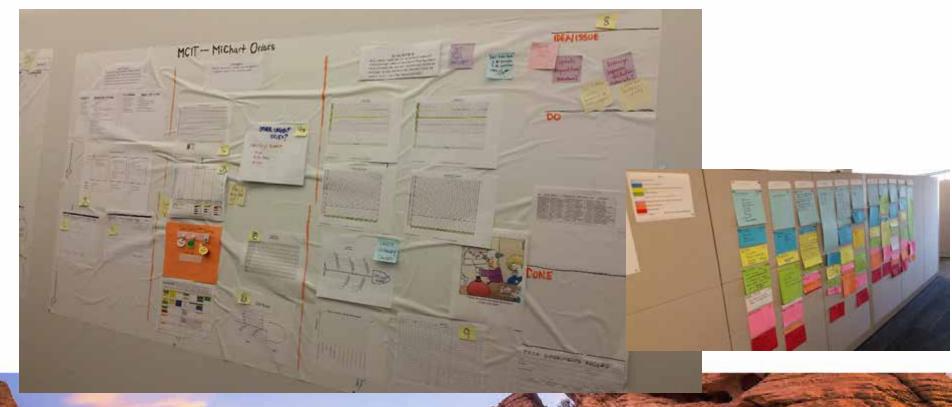
Metrics: Order-sets - simple – 2 wk TAT

Order sets – complex – 6 wk TAT

Defining "simple" and "complex" order sets

- Tracking and understanding barriers to meeting TATs

- Regularly including review of workload visual



2016 - Applying to New Organization

- Early experience and observations at University Hospitals
 - System level Operations Effectiveness (OE) group
 - My initial exposure at Operations Committee Week 2
 - Hospital presidents presented patient satisfaction 2015 metrics and 2016 plans
 - Visual management and huddles in place throughout community hospitals
 - No visual board at corporate office except in OE area
- OE provides well documented guide that includes information on huddles, visual boards, gemba walks
- Coming next emphasis on executive leadership training at system level

IT Experiments to Start

- Potential champion:
 - One of IT senior leaders has Stanford lean experience
 - Same leader is already doing daily huddles and visual boards for monitoring project and issues
- After first several weeks clear how huddles and visual board can help address gaps in IT
 - Silo projects lacking close review of interdependencies
 - Hub and spoke approach with CIO vs cross team communication
 - Planting seed with IT leadership
 - Drafting list of projects with high impact, visibility, and interdependencies

Key Takeaways / Lessons

- Leader as champion
- Need to be vocal and visible
- Limits of "just do it" approach
- Need for overall program owner and driver to partner with
- Letting go so others can develop and shape it
- Willing to experiment and not get stuck on perfection
- Be patient but persistent
- Ownership by the entire team
- PDCA

Reflecting On and Sharing My Journey

- On the Lean Journey August, 2014
- Importance of Rounding or Going to the Gemba August, 2014
- Making Time for Reflection November, 2014
- Leadership Huddles: Not Just Another Meeting March, 2015
- So What's the Problem A3 Thinking July, 2015
- Leaders Learning Lean Time for a Field Trip July, 2015

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- Go to the Gemba, Seek to Learn August, 2015
- Reducing Costs While Increasing Value September, 2015
- Are We Ready for the Business of the Day October, 2015
- October is Quality Month October, 2015
- Quality Month: Sharing Improvement Stories October, 2015
- Keep it Simple and Visual November, 2015



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