

RELATIONAL COORDINATION ANALYTICS MEASURE · CONNECT · TRANSFORM

RC Training: Tools of Relational Coordination



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Introduction to Relational Mapping

Structuring the Invitation



What Does Relational Coordination Currently Look Like in Your Organization?





Like This? Frequent Communication **Shared Goals** Timely Communication Shared Knowledge Accurate Communication **Mutual Respect Problem-Solving** Communication



Or Like This?



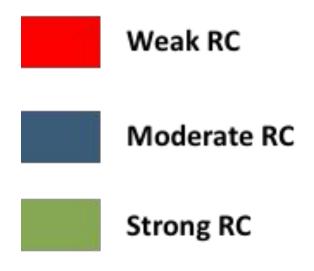
Purpose

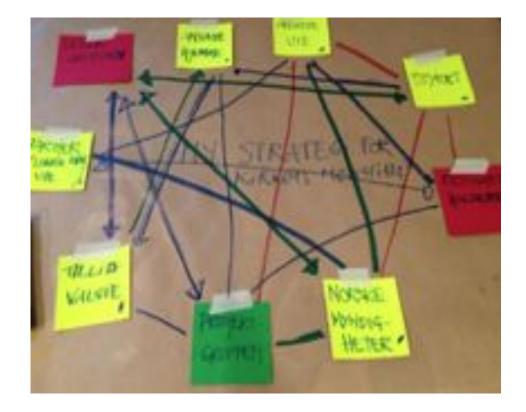


- •Make visible connectedness and interdependence
- •Engage multiple stakeholder perspectives to explore and discuss complex performance challenges
- •Surface sensitive, often unspoken team dynamics in a safe space
- **Develop** early hypotheses
- •Generate new ideas, insights, and strategies for addressing performance challenges

Materials

- Groups of 4-5 people
- 2 sheets of chart paper
- 3 markers





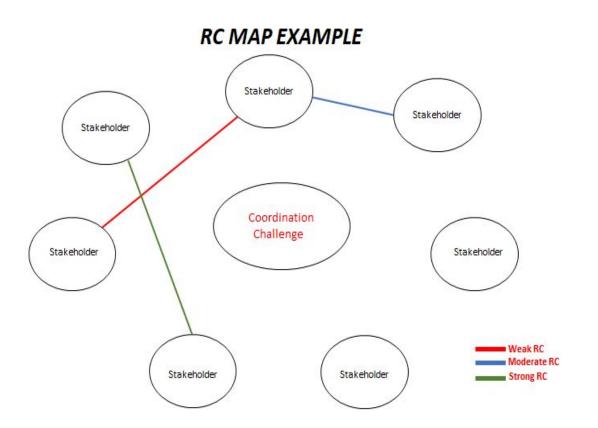


Instructions

- Identify the work process, write, and circle it in the center of your sheet of paper
- List the internal and external stakeholders that need to coordinate to carry out the work process.
- Using markers, identify the current strength of RC between stakeholders

Green lines between stakeholders with strong RC

- Blue lines between stakeholders with moderate RC
- Red lines between stakeholders with weak or no RC



RC = Frequent, Timely, Accurate, Problem-Solving Communication, Shared Goals, Shared Knowledge, Mutual Respect.

Report Out



- Where does relational coordination currently work well? Where might it need improvement?
- How do you think it impacts performance?
- What are the underlying causes?
- What are the biggest opportunities for change?
- Who's missing? Are there workgroups not listed who are critical to the work process?

Variations



• Language

- Collaboration (or Coordination) vs Relational Coordination
- Challenge vs work process
- **Dimension mapping** (e.g. problem-solving communication, shared knowledge, etc.)
- Use of two colors instead of three
 - relationship exist, relationship does not exist
- Assess RC within stakeholder groups
- Others?