

#### STANDARD VIII

## A dedicated, multidisciplinary team of professionals that...

- Manages the day-to-day operations
- Reviews participant progress
- Contributes observations and recommendations based on expertise
- Delivers and oversees the delivery of legal, treatment, and supervision services

#### HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS?



- ✓ Who are these people?
- ✓ What are their roles?
- ✓ What is my role?
- ✓ What am I supposed to share with the team?
- How do I balance this role with my other obligations?
- ✓ What if others don't appreciate my role, experience, input, or obligations?



#### LEARNING STYLE ASSESSMENT

Rank the four words in order across each horizontal line. The word that most describes you would get a ranking of 4. The word that next most describes you would get a 3, and on down to the word that least describes you with a ranking of 1. After you have ranked all of the words, add up the numerical values vertically. You should have a total of four scores. Your score will probably indicate an assortment of styles. The highest score represents your dominant style. Your dominant style is that style with which you are most comfortable.

#### BLUE - TYPE 1 ... WHY?



#### GREEN - TYPE 2... WHAT?

Traits: Innovative, Curious, Logical and Push

Themselves to Improve

Type 2s prefer references, data, and concrete factual information. Remember to provide them with the time to assimilate information into meaningful conclusions. They are logical and like to take time to get to the correct conclusion. They are less concerned with the speed of a decision and more concerned with the accuracy of the decision. They can be irritated by people who "don't think."



#### GOLD - Type 3 ... How Does This Work?



time. They like for meetings to begin and end on time. Efforts made to keep the material presented topical and applicable and the team environment efficient and effective will be greatly appreciated. They are valuable team members for developing time and task schedules, as well as for monitoring task completion.

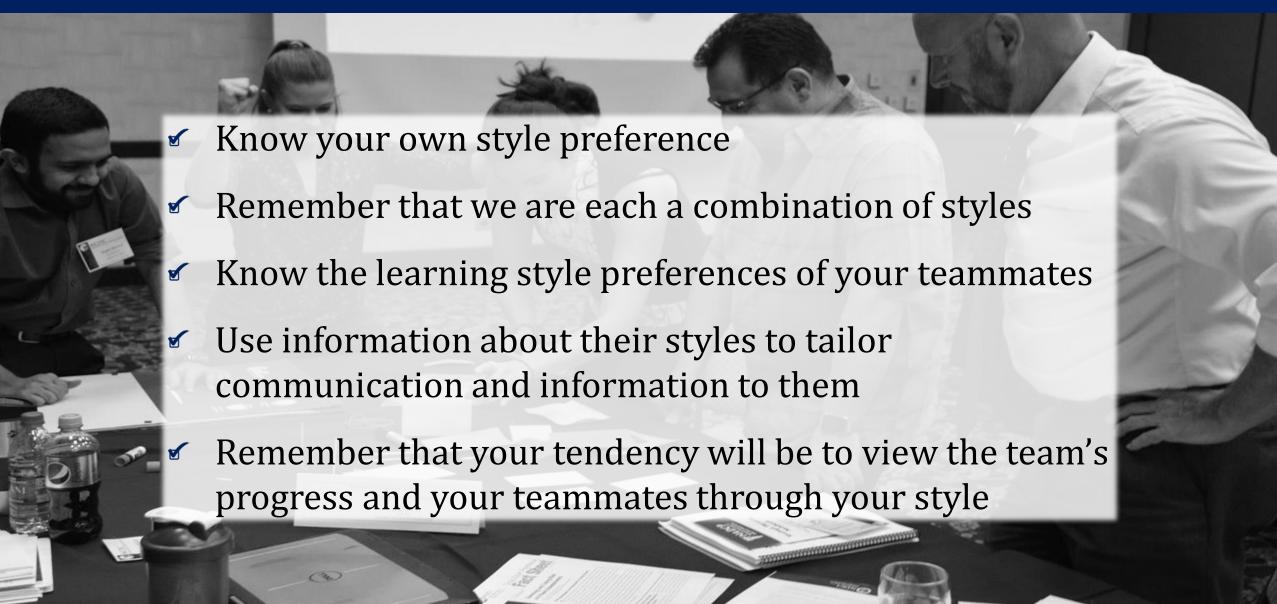
#### RED - Type 4... What If?

Traits: Spontaneous, Optimistic, Risk-Takers and Competitive

Type 4 team members are highly interactive. They like to look at the "big picture" and expand it or make it apply to the topic at hand. They are great visionaries, always capable of seeing the big picture and developing innovative methods of obtaining the vision state. They often arrive at the appropriate conclusion in the absence of empirical data. They do not enjoy repetitive tasks.

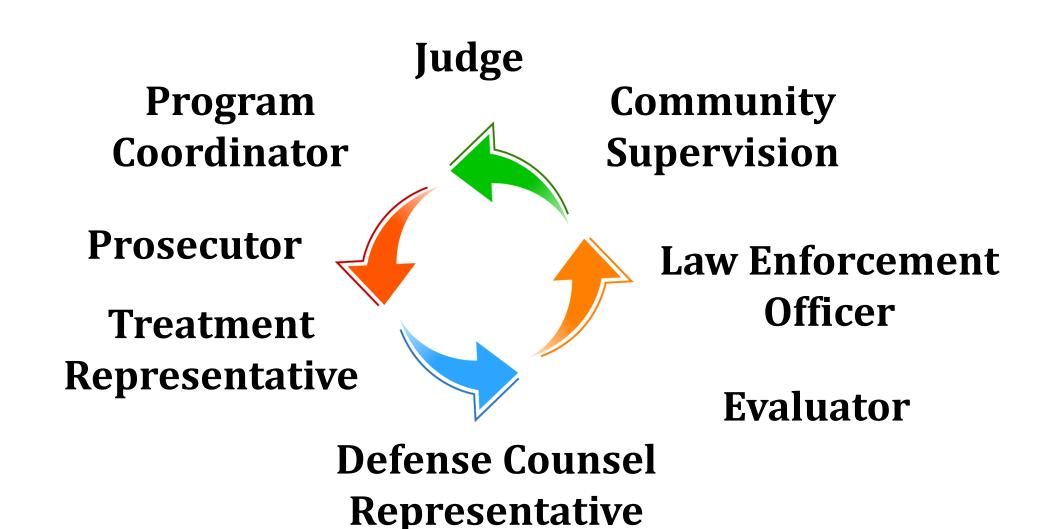








#### TEAM COMPOSITION

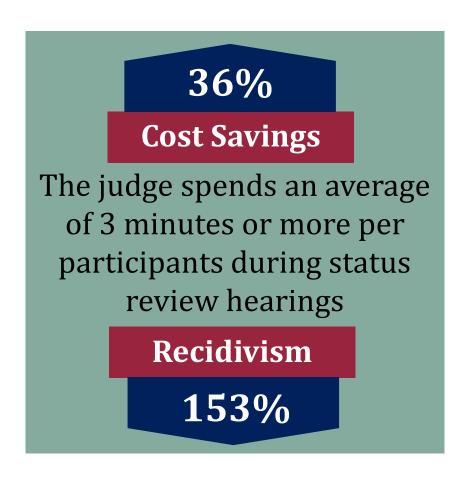


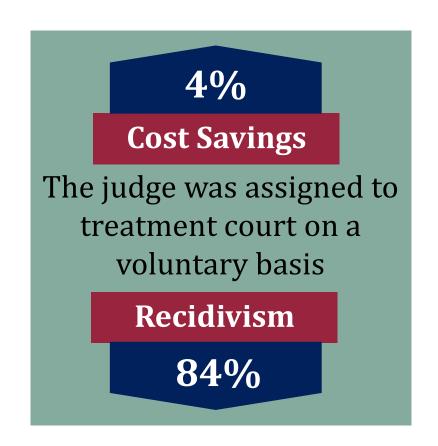
#### **JUDGE**

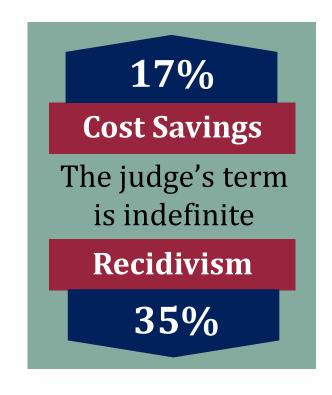
Message: "Someone in authority cares."

Typically, a trial court judge leads the treatment court team; however, in some jurisdictions a judicial officer such as a magistrate or commissioner may preside over the treatment court.

#### JUDGE - RESEARCH





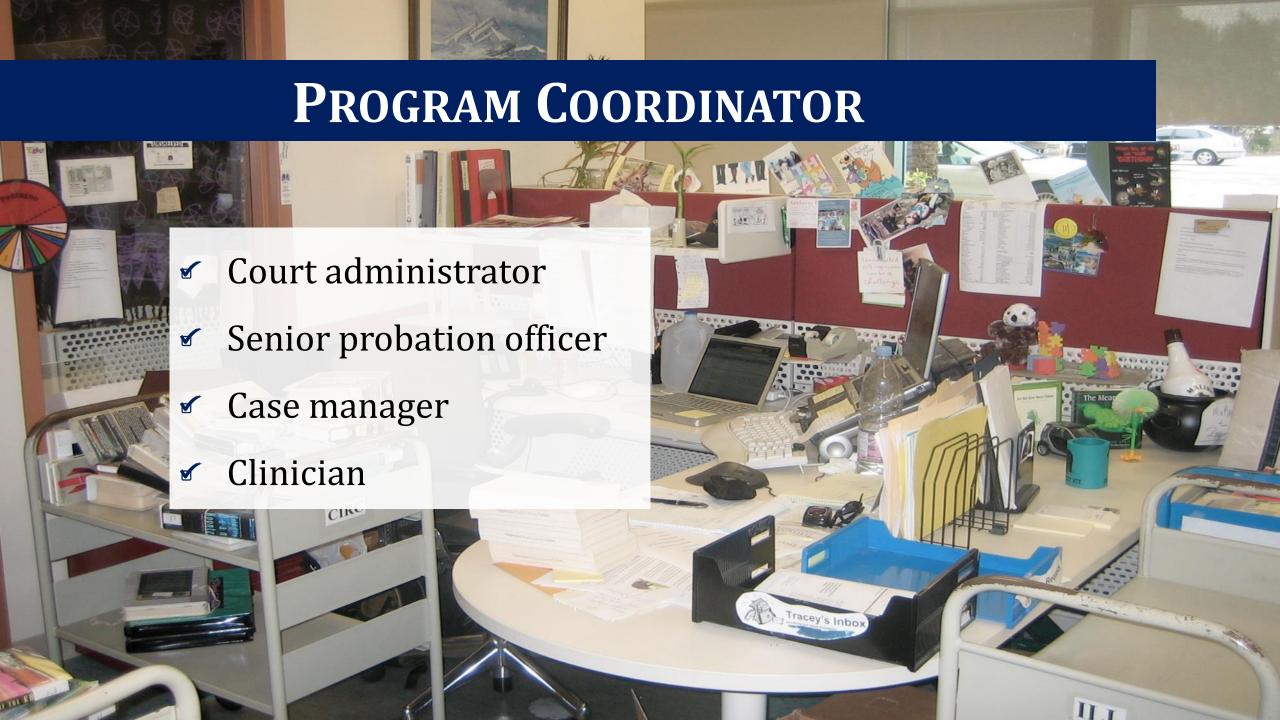


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#### JUDGE – DUTIES



- ✓ Leader of the team
- Knowledgeable about policies and procedures
- Knowledgeable about client's case
- Knows them by name
- Encourages them to succeed
- Emphasizes treatment
- Not intimidating
- Approachable
- Lets them tell their story
- Treats them fairly and with respect
- ✓ Impartial does not prejudge



#### PROGRAM COORDINATOR - DUTIES



- Maintains accurate and timely records
- Oversees fiscal and contractual obligations
- Facilitates communication between team members and partner agencies
- Ensures that policy and procedures are followed
- Oversees collection of performance and outcome data
- Schedules court sessions and staff meetings
- Orients new hires

#### Prosecutor – "Nonadversarial Approach"

#### Typically an assistant district attorney

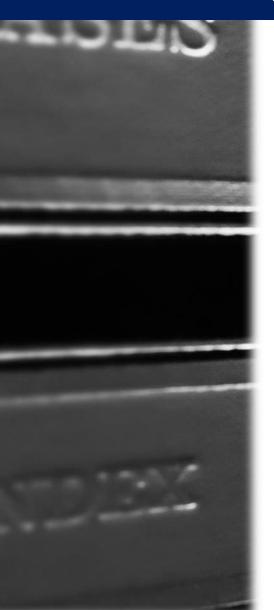
- Assigned to work with the treatment court team
- Advocates for public safety and victim interest
- Reviews the case and determines if participant is eligible for program
- Files all necessary legal documents
- Holds participants accountable for meeting their obligations
- May help resolve other pending legal cases that affect participants' legal status or eligibility

#### Prosecutor – "Nonadversarial Approach"

LAW

- Agrees that a positive drug test or open court admission of drug possession or use will not result in filing of additional charges
- Makes decisions regarding the participant's continued enrollment in the program based on performance in treatment rather thank on legal aspects of the case, barring additional criminal behavior

#### PROSECUTOR - RESEARCH



171%

Cost Savings

Prosecutor attends staffing

Prosecutor attends court sessions

Recidivism

35%

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#### Defense Attorney – "Nonadversarial Approach"

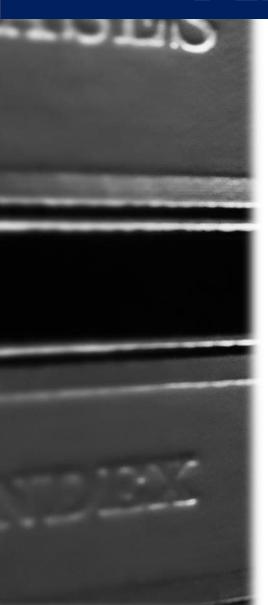
## Typically an assistant public defender or private defense attorney specializing in treatment court cases

- Contracted to work with the program to provide consistency
- Reviews the arrest warrant, affidavits, charging document, and other relevant information, and reviews all program documents (e.g., waivers, written agreements)
- ✓ Advises the participant as to the nature and purpose of the treatment court, the rules governing participation, the consequences of abiding or failing to abide by the rules, and how participating or not participating in the program will affect his or her interests

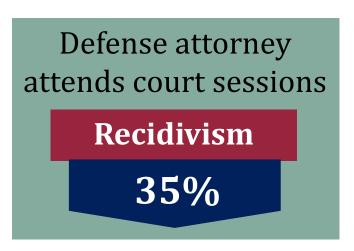
#### DEFENSE ATTORNEY - "NONADVERSARIAL APPROACH"

- Explains all the rights that the participant will temporarily or permanently relinquish
- Gives advice on alternative course of action, including legal and treatment alternatives available outside the program, and discusses with the participant the long-term benefits of sobriety
- Explains that because criminal prosecution for admitting to substance or alcohol use in open court will not be invoked, the participant is encouraged to be truthful with the team

#### Defense Attorney – Research







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#### **COMMUNITY SUPERVISION**

# Typically a probation officer or pretrial services officer

- Performs drug and alcohol testing.
- Conducts home and/or employment visits.
- Provides case management as participant goes through program
- ✓ Delivers cognitive-behavioral interventions that are criminogenic risk and need focused.

#### TREATMENT REPRESENTATIVE

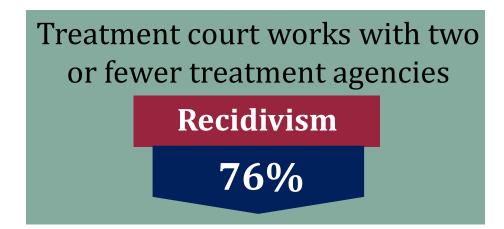


#### TREATMENT REPRESENTATIVE - RESEARCH

Treatment communicates with court via email

Recidivism

119%





Treatment court offers mental health treatment

Recidivism

80%

3x greater savings when treatment includes a phase on relapse prevention

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Manages delivery of treatment services

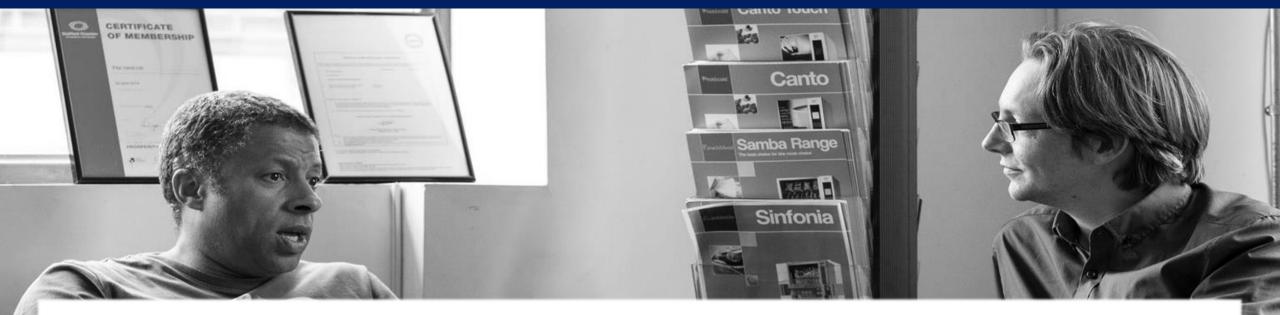
Samba Range

Sinfonia

NECTA

- Administers behavioral or cognitive-behavioral treatments that are documented in manuals and have been demonstrated to improve outcomes
- ✓ Provides clinical case management at least one individual session per week during the first phase of the program
- Provides relapse prevention and continuing care
- Develops a continuing care plan with participants

# TREATMENT REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES – REFER TO STANDARD V – VOL. I



Best results if treatment lasts at least 9 to 12 months

(with at least 200 hours of counseling over the course of treatment)

6 to 10 hours of counseling weekly in the initial phase

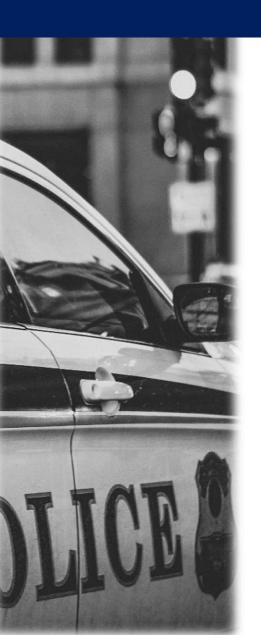


#### BENEFITS OF COLLABORATION



- ✓ Assists with home or employment visits
- ✓ Observes participants in the community "eyes and ears of the team"
- ✓ Acts as a liaison between treatment court and police department, sheriff's office, jail, and correctional system
- ✓ Assists in identification of potential treatment court clients

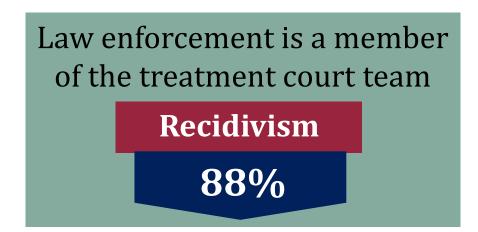
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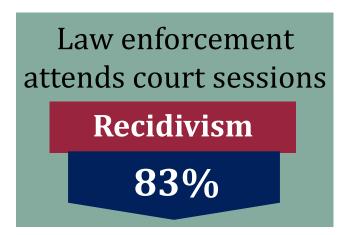


- ✓ Promotes positive interactions with law enforcement
- ✓ Processes and serves warrants
- ✓ Provides problem-solving assistance
- ✓ Real-time communication of what is happening in the community









#### **EVALUATOR**

Typically an independent skilled evaluator or professor from a local college, college student, statewide evaluator, or local county evaluator

- Examines whether the treatment court is adhering to best practices and participant outcomes no less than every 5 years
- Helps the team identify the performance data elements to be collected
- Identifies a comparison group for the evaluation

#### VETERAN MENTOR COORDINATOR



Typically a Veteran volunteer who is able to coordinate and supervise the volunteer mentor program.

- ✓ Establishes a Hierarchy of Communication
  - ✓ Liaison between the volunteer veteran mentors and the veterans treatment court team
- ✓ Recruit, train and maintain the volunteer veteran mentors
- Supervise the volunteer veteran mentors
- ✓ Practices a *Veteran Centered Approach* and encourages others to do the same



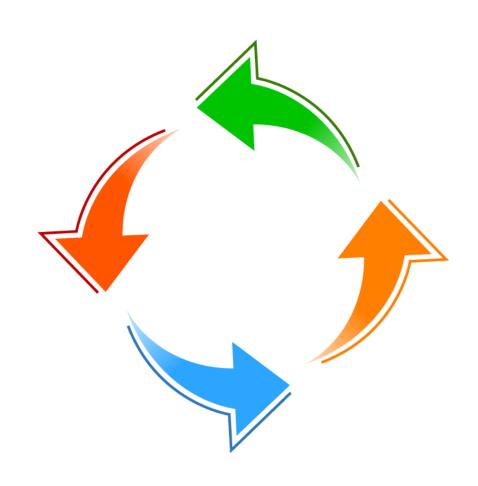
### VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH (VJO)

The VJO is a Veterans Affairs (VA) employee, under the Homeless programs at the VA

- Acts as a liaison between the VTC Team and the VA.
- ✓ Provides information on veteran eligibility for VA services as well as the types of services which are available to them.
- ✓ Assists with the coordination of referrals for the veteran participant to medical/behavioral health professional within VA.
- ✓ Is a "boundary spanner" among correctional, judicial, VA and treatment staff.

#### ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

- Case Manager
  - ✓ Court
  - Supervision
  - ✓ Treatment
- Peer Recovery Specialist
- ✓ Others?





### **ACTIVITY**

## Brainstorm the following questions and share with your team:

- What are the essential functions of your role in treatment court?
- What are your ethical obligations?
- What are the biggest challenges abiding by these obligations and serving on a treatment court team?
- Name at least three things that encourage communication.

#### **DESPITE TRAINING**

- Poor communication
- Not following directions
- Dismissing procedure/Drift
- Not relying on your training
- Working individually
- Panic, yelling, name calling
- Dysfunction



#### WORKING WITHIN A TEAM



People learn in many ways

Learning styles impact how team members will reach solutions

Experience does not equate better outcomes



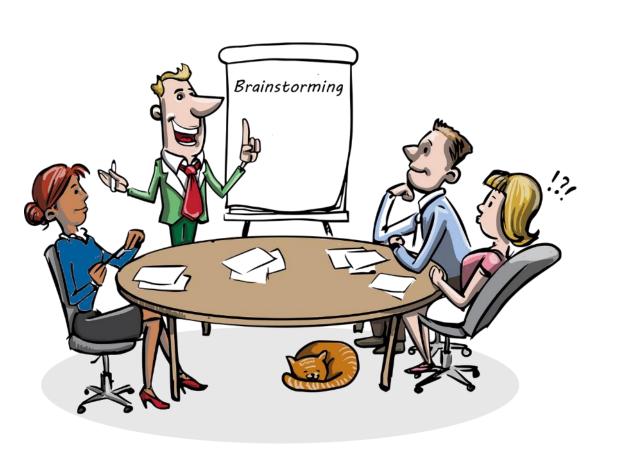
#### WHAT MAKES THE PERFECT TEAM?

#### **Project Aristotle**

- Building off Project Oxygen to find what makes a great manager
- "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts"
- Wanted to determine what makes a team effective



#### What is a Team?



#### **Work Groups vs. Teams**

- Work groups have least amount of interdependence
- Teams are highly interdependent

#### **Measuring Effectiveness**

 Qualitative assessments and quantitative measures – team members' evaluations and performance data

#### **Impacting Effectiveness**

- Team composition
- Team dynamics





## Five questions an effective team should be able to affirm

- 1. Can we, as a team, take a risk without feeling insecure or embarrassed?
- 2. Can we count on each other to deliver high-quality results on time?
- 3. Are our goals, roles, and execution plans clear?
- 4. Are we working on something that is personally meaningful to each of us?
- 5. Do we fundamentally believe that the work that we're doing matters?



#### **Overall Results**

 What really mattered was less about who is on the team, and more about how the team worked together

#### **Important Factors**

- 1. Psychological safety
- 2. Dependability
- 3. Structure and clarity
- 4. Meaning
- 5. Impact

## Factors Not Significantly Connected to Effectiveness

- Co-location of teammates
- Consensus-driven decision making
- Extroversion of team members
- Individual performance of team members
- Workload size
- Seniority
- Team size
- Tenure



#### Being on the Same Sheet of Music





### **QUESTIONS?**

