

# TRANSITIONS

## Team Purpose



**Session Purpose:** Utilizing a discussion on purpose, provide clarity to team on priorities during time of uncertainty.

### **Session Overview:**

During unprecedented times, exploring purpose can provide guidance and focus for the future. Defined as “your reason for being”, a purpose statement should be one sentence that defines why your team exists. As change occurs, purpose statements bring team back to their central mission, while providing a framework to explore new opportunities.

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### **Session Outline:**

VERIFYING PURPOSE QUESTIONS	FACILITATION NOTES
<p>What is our purpose at CSU?</p> <p>Why do we do the work we do?</p> <p>What inspires our team to do our work?</p> <p>How are we uniquely qualified to contribute to CSU?</p>	<p>Have team discuss all four questions.</p> <p>If your team does not have a purpose statement, look for common themes.</p> <p>If your team has a purpose statement, review group comments. Do the comments align with current purpose statement?</p> <p>Based on overall discussion, how would we define/redefine our over-arching purpose?</p> <p>Please Note: Ask team to please not focus on wordsmithing. The goal is not to generate a purpose statement but to use discussion to evaluate team focus and priorities during this unprecedented time.</p>



<b>DEFINING THE SHORT-TERM QUESTIONS</b>	<b>FACILITATION NOTES</b>
<p>Based on purpose, what areas need to be our priority?</p> <p>Based on our change in work environment, did any new processes/procedures enhance our ability to do our jobs?</p> <p>If so, how do the new process/procedures serve our overall purpose?</p>	<p>Have individuals generate list of priorities for team. Based on responses, you may have to organize by themes.</p> <p>Rank team's priorities. Consider using various tools for prioritizing. Both of these tools have a survey component:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lino offers an online white board/post-it-note option for free: <a href="http://en.linoit.com/">http://en.linoit.com/</a></li><li>• Poll Everywhere has a free service for 25 or less participants. Polling is anonymous on this tool.</li></ul> <p>Narrow down to critical priorities.</p> <p>Have group discuss question on new process/ procedures. Generate a list of processes/procedures to evaluate.</p> <p>Evaluate each new process and procedure using final question.</p>
<b>NEXT STEPS QUESTIONS</b>	<b>FACILITATION NOTES</b>
<p>How do we maintain our areas of priorities?</p> <p>How do we focus on our priorities?</p> <p>Given our priorities, can we currently implement any new processes/procedures?</p> <p>Next steps?</p>	<p>Ask team to generate ideas for maintaining priorities. A possible strategy for facilitating is to divide group up according to their responsibilities (if remote, could be assignment to report back on discussion in future meeting).</p> <p>Decide as a group the strategies you will implement.</p> <p>A simple way to decide the question on implementing new process/procedures is to allow some time for discussion, then have team vote on decision to implement or not. Consider using Poll Everywhere or Linoit as tool to vote.</p> <p>Ask team for any ideas on next steps</p>