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Picking potential leaders – Part Two

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The Law of the Inner Circle:

Those who are closest to me will determine the level of my success. Your inner circle will prop you up or pull you down as a leader. You cannot afford to place the wrong people by your side. Here are questions 5-11 that I ask when choosing potential leaders:

5. Can they create or catch a vision?

Are they able to become a part of someone else's vision before they demand that others follow their vision? Do they add value to the vision given to them? Do they show a high level of commitment to the vision? Are they passionate about the vision?

6. Do they show a willingness to take responsibility?

7. Do they finish the job?

The bookends of success are initiative and closure. If you cannot initiate, you cannot make things happen. If you cannot close, things that could happen never will.

8. Are they emotionally strong?

No one can lead without being criticized or facing discouragement. A potential leader needs mental toughness. I don't want a mean leader, but I do want a tough-minded leader who confronts reality and pays the price of success.

9. Do they possess strong people skills?

Leaders with people skills will be more enjoyable to work with, and they will get more accomplished.

10. Will they lead others with a servant's heart?

A servant-leader leads to see others succeed.

11. Can they make things happen?

Some people make things happen, and others wonder what happened. Make sure a potential leader can produce.

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Network News



Region 9 had the amazing opportunity to meet in Honolulu April 24 & 25, 2006. With most of the Network members present (we missed Judie and Juno!!), we discussed the strength of our community partnerships and how to develop curriculum. By teleconference, Paul Newacheck discussed evaluation of programs and of individual impact. Janis Connellan updated everyone on the FOA and its implications. Leolinda also arranged for the participants to be part of a Medical Home review with the last year residents. It was interesting to see the doctors after they had been trying Medical Home Concepts for a few years. They presented best-case scenarios and asked for feedback and comments. Having a "hands-on" experience made the meeting more meaningful to the participants. It was an excellent time of sharing and networking.

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- <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/11/AR2006061100815.html>
How states' changes are reshaping Medicaid.
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More antipsychotics being prescribed for children, rarely for treatment of psychotic disorders, one study finds.
- http://today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=healthNews&storyID=2006-06-07T174805Z_01_COL764054_RTRUKOC_0_US-AGGRESSIVE-TEENS.xml
Researchers found no association between ADHD and substance-use initiation.
- http://www.cmwf.org/usr_doc/Collins_gapshtins_920.pdf
Latest findings from the Commonwealth Fund biennial health insurance survey.
- <http://www.trilogyir.com/article.cfm?id=152>
Missouri Mental Health Department Launches a Community-Based Web Site for People with Disabilities.
- http://www.cmwf.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=376823&#doc376823
This report examines the extent, causes, and consequences of instability in public coverage programs for children and families. It focuses particularly on the phenomenon of "churning," which occurs when individuals lose and regain coverage in a short period of time.
- <http://www.ambulatorypediatrics.org/article/PIIS1530156706000633/abstract>
An abstract from a study evaluating the effectiveness of an oral health educational intervention designed to increase proficiency of pediatric residents in oral health.
- <http://www.ucp.org/uploads/ForgottenChildrenFINAL.pdf>
A case study about children with special needs in Foster care.

Responsibilities gravitate to the person who can shoulder them.

--Tom Stoppard

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