

### Paint a Clear Picture - CFO Strategies for Measuring Performance and Board Communication

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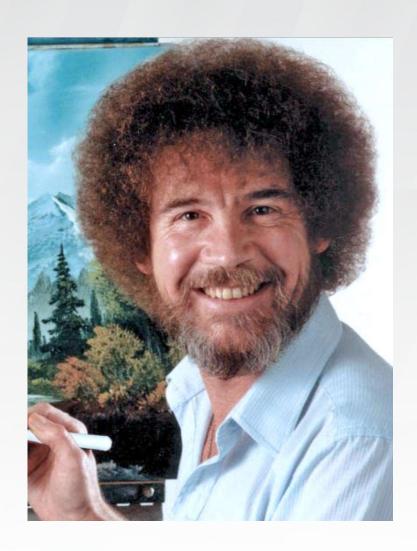
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What are we going to do today?



### Painting – Fun Facts!

- People have been painting for over 30,000 years (caves, not canvas)
- Painters used to store their paints in the extracted bladders of animals like sheep (gross)
- Oil paint takes over 2 weeks to fully dry (acrylic takes 10 minutes)
- It takes 570 gallons of paint to re-paint the white house
- In Scotland, a painted red door traditionally means your home is mortgage-free











### **Meet the Presenters**



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## FORVIS' Healthcare Practice

#### **FORVIS Knows Healthcare**

1,030+

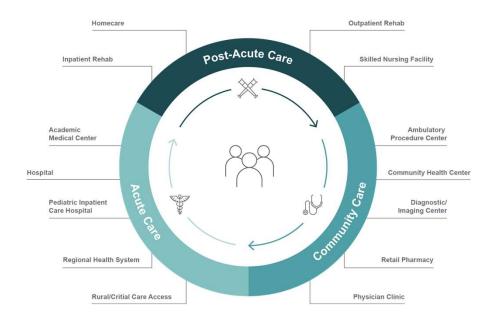
6100+
Healthcare clients

175+
PPMDDs

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#### **Serving the Entire Continuum of Care**



92

Healthcare Net Promoter Score Modern Healthcare

9<sup>th</sup>

Largest Healthcare Consulting Firm



1st

Largest Healthcare Auditor



2nd

Largest Healthcare Tax Preparer

Sources: UCX survey NPS score; Modern Healthcare's Largest Management Consulting Firms 2023 ranking; OMB data via the Federal Audit Clearinghouse based on HHS CFDAs for number of Single Audits performed: and Cause IO based on Form 990s for non-profit healthcare providers

### **Agenda**

- Strategies for Measuring Financial Performance
- Board Communication



### Question

#### Which of the following is the highest priority for your organization?

A Managing Cash Flow

B Identifying Cost Reductions

C Understanding how clinical operations impact financials

**D** / Physician & provider management





# Strategies for Summarizing Financials & Operations



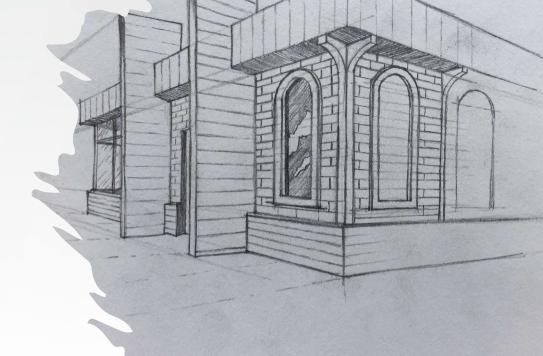
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### **Connecting Goals to Financials**

#### **STEP 1 – Goal Setting**

- Work with the Board and Community to develop
- What do you want for your organization?
  - Stability?
  - Innovation?
  - Improve patient experience?
  - Destination for \_\_\_\_\_ (cancer care, PT and rehab, OP surgery, etc.)



### Connecting Goals to Financials, Contd.

### STEP 2 - Financial Feasibility

- Driven by CFO
- How do these goals impact the financials – is this a good move?
- Pro-Forma, Forecasting

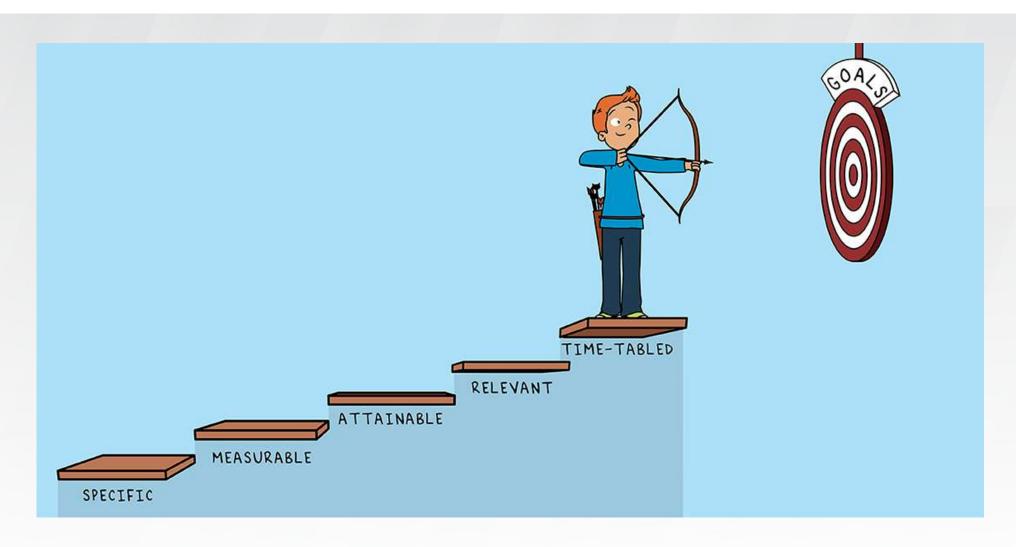


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### STEP 3 – Strategic Plan

- Moving from 'goal' to 'plan'
- Work with the Board to develop
- Short-Term and Long-Term components





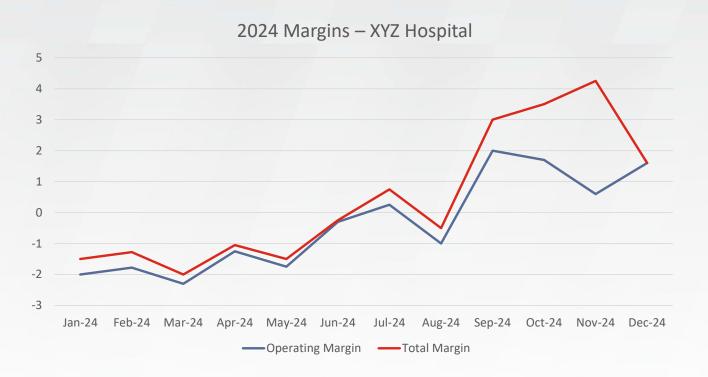
### What are the Drivers?

- Figure out what metric or data point would answer the question as to whether a goal is being met or not
- Show trends NOT BUDGET TO ACTUAL! Look at PY to CY or, even better, compare 3 years of data
- Charts yay! Graphs yay!Words nay!





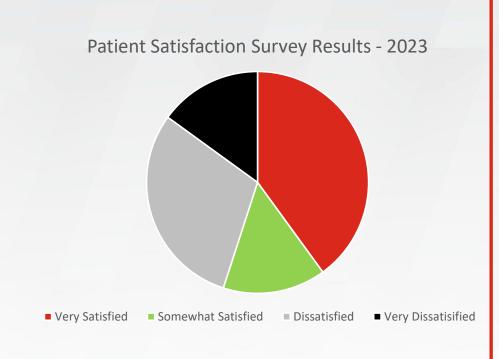
### Measurable Goals – Example 1 (Stability)

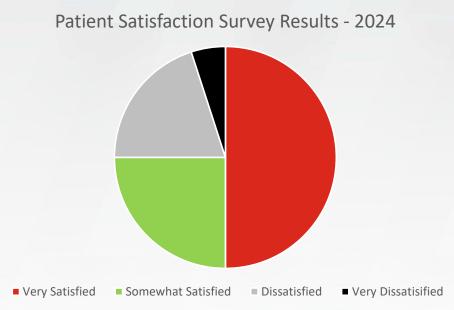


	Operating Margin	Total Margin
Jan-24	-2	-1.5
Feb-24	-1.78	-1.28
Mar-24	-2.3	-2
Apr-24	-1.25	-1.05
May-24	-1.75	-1.5
Jun-24	-0.3	-0.25
Jul-24	0.25	0.75
Aug-24	-1	-0.5
Sep-24	2	3
Oct-24	1.7	3.5
Nov-24	0.6	4.25
Dec-24	1.6	1.6



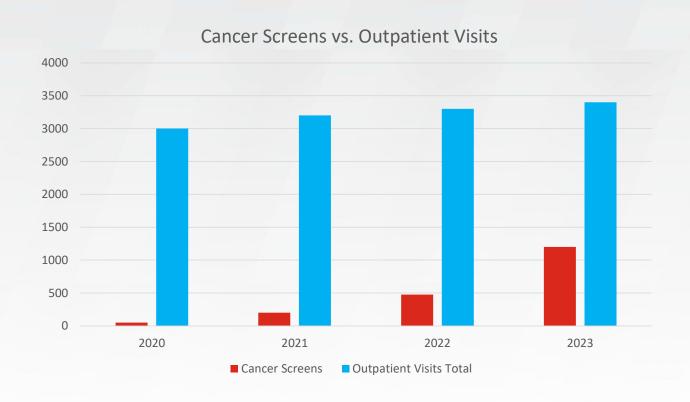
### Measurable Goals – Example 2 (Improve Patient Experience)







### Measurable Goals – Example 3 (Become a Destination for Cancer Care)





### Measurable Goals – Example 4 (Increase Physician Productivity)



### Benchmarking – Do It!



### Question

### Which of the following would be beneficial in your financial reports to the Board?

- **A** Benchmarking
- **B** Charts & Graphs
- **C** Comparative Data









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### Roles & Responsibilities of Board of Directors

#### **Establish Vision, Mission & Values**

Guide & set the pace for its current operations & future development

#### **Set Strategy & Structure**

- Determine the business strategy & plans
- Ensure the organizational structure is appropriate to implement the strategies

#### **Delegation to Management**

• Delegate, monitor & evaluate implementation of strategies by management



### **Primary Duties of Board of Directors**

#### **Establish Longevity**

- · Provide continuity for the organization
- Long-term planning

#### Governance

- Govern the organization by broad policies & objectives by continually review its work
- Evaluate results to plan/budget

#### **Accountability**

- Account to the public for the services of the organization
- Provide for fiscal accountability, approve the budget & formulate policies



### Gain an Understanding

When you look at your
Board, what is the largest
challenge they face in
understanding your
organization?

Lines?

Physician Management?

Information Overload?

Operational Complexities?

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Healthcare Reimbursement?

industry?

Lack of Interest?

Changes in pressures in the

Changes in Volumes & Service

### Question

### When was the last time you changed your basic financial reporting to your Board?

- A Within the last 6 months
- **B** Within the last 6-12 months
- C / Within 1-3 years
- D / Greater than 3 years





### Gain an Understanding

- How do you turn these challenges into opportunities?
  - Survey for their interests
  - Education on topics
  - Use of operational metrics & key performance indicators (KPI's)
- "Goldilocks Dilemma"
  - Too much
  - Too little
  - Just right





### Strategy

- Know your Board plan and develop a strategy to reach your audience
- Be clear and concise
  - Use graphs and comparisons
  - Develop the context for them
  - How does this fit in our strategy?
- Transparency is key for Board confidence
  - "Bad news is not like fine wine, it does not get better with age"





Strategy, Contd.

Gain credibility

- Consistent historical data
- Use clean and well-designed deliverables
- Should support the strategy



### **Expectations Into Action**



- Over the years, we've seen a wide range of approaches
  - 4 graphs
  - 60 pages
- Neither of these extremes addresses one of the primary problems between Boards and CFOs

Surprising the Board is not a good thing

### **Expectations Into Action**



- Evaluation of your Board needs
- Planning communications to meet the needs
- Ask for feedback
- Experiment with the data
- If your reporting hasn't changed in the past 2-3 years is the information relevant?

"Simple can be harder than complex: You have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make it simple. But it's worth it in the end because once you get there, you can move mountains."

-Steve Jobs



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