IWH - Financial Incentives Symposium

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A Workplace Perspective

Must be:

- Based on performance.
- Meaningful to the recipient.
- Timely.



Workplace and System Performance Measurement

- Establish a clear set of expectations/metrics.
- Must separate insurance and H&S performance measures.
- Not influenced by politics

H&S Measure Alignment

Is there a common set of H&S measures that are understood and used by the workplace and the "system" to measure performance?

NO

How can you decide on incentives without measures?

Workplace H&S Metrics

- Measured by Trailing and Leading indicators.
 - Lost Time Injuries are a poor measure of H&S performance
- Management system audits
- Non-Occupational injury and illnesses
- WSIB Costs
- Indirect Costs

Workplace Performance



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Direct Costs of Injuries

- WSIB premiums
- Claims administration fees

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Additional Costs of Injuries

- Long Term Disability
- Sick Leave
- Vehicle damage
- Equipment damage
- General Liability Costs
- Litigation
- Lost productivity and quality
- Replacement Labor / Overtime
- Damage to Customer Relations & Public Image

Good H&S Performance is Good Business

- WSIB/CME published "Business Results Through Health and Safety" – outlines the relationship.
- H&S performance is clearly a business performance issue in the workplace.
- Engaged employees are safer and produce better business results.
- WSIB insurance costs and incentives reinforce the focus on prevention and management of claims.

Workplace Incentives

- Performance management system should tie H&S performance to compensation at all levels of the organization.
- It does not effect what people do day to day.
- It does creates a need for people to work together to develop improvement plans and track progress.

Do System Financial Incentives Influence Behaviour

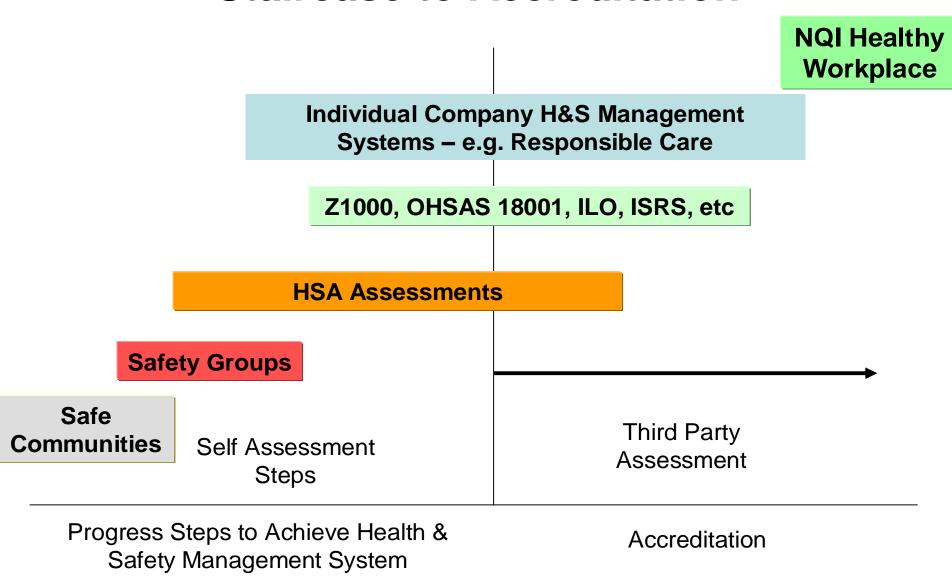
- Claim Cost influence behaviours
- Current system based financial incentives don't directly impact H&S prevention activities in a workplace – too uncertain.
- Incentives do help the workplace focus on ensuring that required insurance benefits are provided in an efficient and effective manner.
- Incentives should focus on activity based programs that recognize implementation of OHSAS 18001 like H&S Management systems.

System Incentive Opportunities

Accreditation - H&S Management System

- Provide a Health and Safety management system framework – OHSAS 18001.
- Provide meaningful recognition to high performers – tilt the playing field.
- Provide recognition that will encourage others to come.
- Eliminate "system" administrative burden.

Staircase to Accreditation



<u>Accreditation</u> Performance Recognition

- Need to develop a meaningful recognition process that includes a financial incentive as part of the continuum.
- Recognition must be aligned with, but not over lap (duplicate), existing incentives.
- Not all meaningful incentives are financial.
- Not be influenced by politics.
- Great companies are not perfect.

Two Week Waiting Period

- Qualifying/Accredited employers would self insure for the first two weeks.
- Keep their own healthcare reporting log – just like the OSHA Recordable Log.
- Significant financial incentives for the WSIB and qualifying employers.

Thank you