### PCC USERS CONFERENCE June, 2018 Holding Employees Accountable







# Objectives

#### Understanding the Hiring and Firing Process

Understanding Employee Evaluations and Compensation

### Identify Payroll Process and Benefits Administration

- Employing and Credentialing Physicians and Mid-Level Providers
- Review of Labor Laws

Developing a strong job description

Should be as detailed as possible to provide a clear picture of the responsibilities and required skills

Recruiting for the position

- Internal vs. external postings
- ► What does the ad say?
- Evaluate the cost and effectiveness



Initial Screening

- Interviewing can be time consuming
- Resume screening
- Initial phone screening
- Prepare a list of questions and maintain consistency

#### Interview questions

- Be aware of federal, state and local laws that govern the interview and hiring process
- Employers cannot base employment decisions on personal characteristics such as:
  - Age, Race, Sex, Religion, National Origin, Disability

Ask questions relating to skills and abilities

Engage the candidate in meaningful responses



- Qualities of effective interview questions include:
  - Open-ended questions
  - Case-based questions or tests
  - Behavioral questions

#### Examples:

- What kind of events cause you stress on the job? Provide an example and explain how you handled the stress
- Explain a time when you had a conflict with a co-worker. How did you handle the situation?
- On a scale of 1-10 how honest are you? Why do give yourself this score?

- Assessment Tests
  - Additional tools to provide insight and information
    - Aptitude or General Intelligence Tests
    - Proficiency Tests
    - Personality and Psychological Tests
- Background Checks, Criminal Checks and References
  - Obtain a signed release from the candidate
- Introductory Period / Probationary Period
  - Evaluate proper fit for the position

# Discipline and Termination

- Performance Improvement Plan (PIP)
  - Expectations of performance improvement should be met within a specified timeline
  - If not met, further action is required
- Termination for Cause
  - Must adhere to all labor laws
  - Conduct exit interviews
  - Documentation of the cause of termination
- Reduction in Force
  - Document the process and selection criteria for layoffs
  - Perform an analysis to detect red flags for discrimination

# Evaluations

Employee Performance Evaluation

- Provides managers the opportunity to provide feedback to employees
- Tool used to display strengths and weaknesses
- Easier and often more beneficial to focus on education or improvement efforts, not compensation
- Formal Recognition Plan

# Staff Motivation

- Verbal acknowledgements
- Hand written notes
- Small gift certificates
- Listen and value opinions
- Provide opportunities for personal development
- Be honest with and follow through with staff
- Provide mission statement and culture of caring for people

# **Record Keeping**

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- Each employee should have their own personnel file which includes: signed application, tax filing status, certifications or professional licenses, and employment agreement contracts.
- Additional files may include: performance reviews, disciplinary actions, background checks, references

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- Files that should be locked and kept separate include:
  - Workers' compensation
  - ►OSHA compliance
  - ► Family and Medical Leave
  - Medical Records
  - ►I-9 forms

# Compensation

- Compensation
  - includes salary, benefits and paid time off
- Achieve perceived equity by employee
  - Identify a pay range for each job classification
  - Benchmark pay scales to other organizations
  - Identify adjustments for years of service, special training, certifications and performance evaluations
  - Figure in benefits to your total compensation package
  - Identify yearly increase policies
  - Confidentiality

# Employee Manual/Handbook

Must have guidelines in place to follow and protect the company

Should include a introduction and vision of the company, general employment information, and specific policies.

Should be given at the point of hire and a form signed by employee acknowledging the manual was given and understands its content

## Employee Manual/Handbook

- Sexual harassment news has swept across the country as leading men in Hollywood and politics have been ousted due to a flurry of allegations. Therefore, it's a good time for HR professionals to take a look at their anti-harassment policies and procedures to make sure they're updated
- Drug-testing policies and practices need reviewed and consider consulting counsel before taking any adverse action following a positive drug test for marijuana in a state in which medical or recreational use is legal

## Employee Manual/Handbook

Breast-feeding is protected from discrimination under the federal Pregnancy Discrimination Act (PDA) and employers cannot treat requests for breast-feeding accommodations different from other accommodation requests

Harassment Training for all management

# Recruiting a Provider

- Effective Recruiting
  - Verify a match with the culture of the clinic
  - Timing for new residents
  - Plan ahead for costs of recruiting
  - Also need to sell to the spouse
  - Budget for starting a new practice
  - Clearly state compensation, call schedules, benefits, and working conditions
  - Allow enough time between hire and first day of work ----CREDENTIALING--

# Labor Laws

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- Set standards to govern workers right and protect against discrimination
- A manager who oversees human resources should be familiar with federal and state employment laws.

# Labor Laws

#### Labor Law examples

- ► Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
- ► Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
- Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)
- Workers' Compensation Laws
- American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Discrimination and Wrongful Termination
- Sexual Harassment
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

### **Customer Satisfaction**

#### Marketing

How we portray or "sell" our services

#### **Business Development**

Services we provide, relationships with others, new developments

#### Processes

Efficient, effective, quality focus, no errors, good communication, standards, documentation

#### **Employees and Culture**

Right people, good training, respect, integrity, belief in mission



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