

## Employee Engagement @ CPL

OCTOBER 2022

## Timeline - 2021

June 2021 – Employee Engagement survey conducted by Employers Resource Council

October 2021 – Survey results shared at Town Hall with all CPL employees

November 2021 – Employee Engagement Committee convened

Brainstorming sessions



## **Employee Engagement Committee**

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James Clardy, Materials Hand. Bianca Jackson, Shelf Division Yari Rodriquez, HR

Lan Gao, Youth Services. Forrest Lykins, Rockport Summer Salem, Property Mngt.

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## **Survey Highlights**

- 67% participation rate
- 69% overall engagement/satisfaction score
  - Exceptional (75% or higher) subscales included: Supervision, coworker cohesion, value & innovation, performance & alignment, and employee engagement
  - Good (60-74%) subscales included: Job design & challenge, training, organizational support, and autonomy
  - Possible Need for Improvement (50-59%) subscales included: Leadership & inclusion
  - Needs Improvement (49% or lower) subscales included: Recognition & rewards, and development & growth



## Timeline 2022

**April 2022** – Employee Engagement Committee shared interim report at Town Hall (All Staff Meeting)

Narrowed focus on key initiatives derived from brainstorming sessions

May 2022 – Board of Trustees approved receipt of the Stevens Fund and dedicated it to be used toward Employee Engagement activities

**August 2022** – Employee Engagement Committee provided update at Town Hall on priority initiatives

September 2022 – Launch 2022 Employee Engagement survey

October 2022 – Board of Trustees Update with policy recommendation





## Culture of Appreciation and Recognition

- Socialize and Celebrate Continue opportunities for employees to socialize and celebrate.
- CPL Showcase Implement program to showcase employees and functions.
- 3. Easy, informal recognition Provide branches/departments the resources to show appreciation and provide informal recognition
- **4. Formal and frequent with a little competition** Develop and implement a more frequent recognition program to highlight staff and departments with a tinge of competition to replace WOW.



### 1. Socialize and Celebrate

#### Examples:

- Game nights (trivia, in-person or remote)
- Outings (sporting events, team activities (softball, bowling, etc.)
- Recognition activities
- Reward ceremonies
  - Service awards celebrations

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### 2. CPL Showcase

- Assist employees in understanding and appreciating the work of one another
  - Many employees do not understand the functions outside of Public Services
- Increase knowledge and understanding of types of jobs
  - Supportive of Career Development efforts (another priority of Employee Engagement Committee)
- •Create opportunities to highlight Public Services branches/departments and their uniqueness.

- Start Small Target 2-3 CPL Showcases for 2023.
  - For example Highlight Woodland and AMH.



# 3. Easy and Informal - Resources to Show Appreciation

On the Spot - peer to peer - or manager - "Shout Out" cards:

- Can be completed by anyone
- Displayed in break room, bulletin board, entrance to department.
- Or digital use Office 365 "Kudos", Yammer, etc.

Manager discretionary "appreciation" resources to support recognition activities

- Nominal gift cards
- Resources for pizza, donuts, ice cream, etc.

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## 4. Formal and Frequent Recognition Program

Periodic nominations (brief explanations) from anyone (peers, managers, etc.) for either individual work or group work. Encourage at least one submission from each department.

- "Shout Out" cards
- Mission Moments

Short review/voting period – Intranet or Survey Monkey

- Opportunity to highlight and communicate all the great work being done for all to see
- A tinge of competitiveness

Top winners get to select from menu of rewards.





## 1. Career Development Support

### Mentorships/Coaching

- Self-driven to enhance one's professional development.
- Voluntary
- Opportunity to connect less experienced employees with more experienced colleagues – mutual learning and mutually beneficial.

### Job Shadowing

 An opportunity for CPL employees to shadow a specific position or location/department.



### 2. Educational Assistance

#### **Education Assistance Program**

- October 2022 Policy and plan document to be presented to the Board of Trustees
- Effective January 2023; \$25,000 allocated.
- \$2,500 per person annual maximum
- Supports traditional college courses as well as certifications
- Structured so no tax consequences for recipients (complies with IRS Section 127)
- Eligibility:
  - Full time and part-time regular 1 year of service with CPL
  - Substitutes and pages 18 months of service with CPL



## 2. Educational Assistance (continued)

#### College Now

- All Staff educational session(s) to familiarize employees with College Now services.
- Type of assistance:
  - Educational advising
  - Developing plans for completing degrees and certifications
  - Helping with debt and financing.
- One-on-one sessions conducted on personal (not work) time since sessions may include spouse, children, etc.
- No cost to CPL; no cost to employee



## Questions???

