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We all know sponsors are important, but...

We still struggle to get them to do what is needed to support adoption and change success

Agenda

- Why sponsorship matters
- Activating sponsors by:
 - Building Sponsor Awareness
 - Creating Sponsor Desire
 - Developing Sponsor Knowledge
 - Fostering Sponsor Ability
 - Providing Sponsor Reinforcement

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Sponsors Are Critically Important In all 11 of in Driving Success Prosci's studies, active and Sponsorship correlates with **project success** Percentage of projects that met or exceeded objectives visible based on sponsor effectiveness sponsorship 29% 39% was the #1 contributor Very ineffective Ineffective Moderately Extremely sponsors sponsors effective effective sponsors sponsors to success © 2020 Prosci Inc., Best Practices in Change Management Prosci

Velocity of change

Pandemic response requires sponsorship

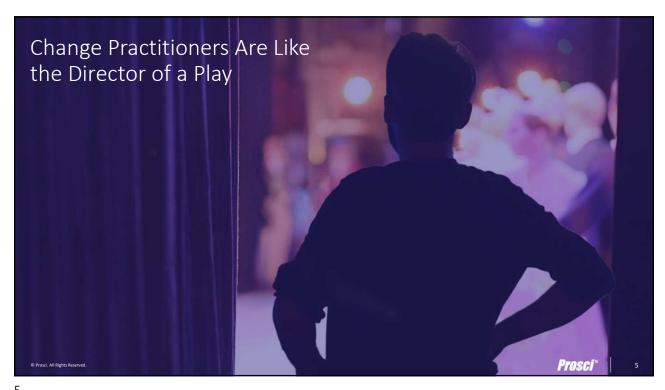
Future of the workplace changes will require sponsorship

The Great Resignation will be impacted by sponsorship

Hybrid workplaces will create unique sponsor challenges

Crucial pivot from "pandemic response" to "organizational evolution"

Sponsorship matters even more in today's environment



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Core Roles in Effective Change Management

Employee-Facing Roles



- Authorize the change
- Fulfill three key roles: (ABCs)
- Sponsor
- Actively and visibly participate throughout the project
- Build a coalition of sponsorship with peers and managers
- Communicate directly with employees



- Support direct reports in their change journeys
- Fulfill five key roles: (CLARC)
- People Manager
- Communicator
- Liaison
- Advocate
- Resistance Manager
- Coach



Change Practitioner

Enabling Roles

- Apply structure and intent to change
- Enable and equip other change roles
- Collaborate on a unified approach with the project manager



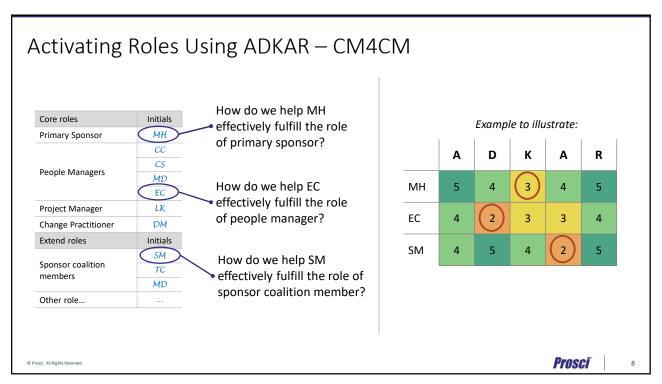
Project Manager

- Design, develop and deliver the technical solution with employee adoption and usage in mind from the beginning
- Collaborate on a unified approach with the change practitioner

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Building Blocks of Individual Change – ADKAR					
	ADKAR element	Definition	What you hear	Triggers for building	
Α	Awareness	Of the need for change	"I understand why"	Why? Why now? What if we don't?	
D	Desire	To participate and support the change	"I have decided to"	WIIFM Personal motivators Organizational motivators	
K	Knowledge	On how to change	"I know how to"	Within context (after A&D) Need to know <i>during</i> Need to know <i>after</i>	
Α	Ability	To implement required skills and behaviors	"I am able to…"	Size of the K-A gaps Barriers/capacity Practice/coaching	
R	Reinforcement	To sustain the change	"I will continue to"	Mechanisms Measurements Sustainment	
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Common ADKAR Barrier to Sponsor Role Fulfillment No knowledge of the specific ABCs of Sponsorship Α R "You know which teams got the best sponsorship from me? The Example tactics for building ones that told me exactly what sponsor Knowledge: they needed me to do." · Change Management Sponsor Briefing Excerpts from the research Former Executive, Fortune 20 Telecommunications Sponsor Plan Examples of good sponsorship

To Sponsor vs. Your Sponsor To Sponsor Your Sponsor verb noun To increase change results and A human being. outcomes by fulfilling the roles of A person. actively and visibly participating Typically a leader that has the throughout, building coalitions, ability to charter, fund, legitimize, communicating directly and support change initiatives. Prosci

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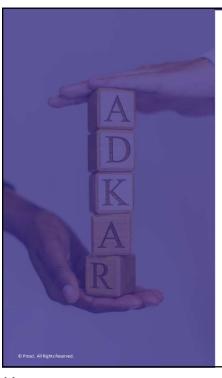
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ADk	ADKAR Applied to "Being a Great Sponsor"					
	ADKAR element Definition for Sponsorship Common Barriers		Common Barriers	Activation Tactics		
А	Awareness	Of the need to be a great sponsor (and of the need for CM)				
D	Desire	To participate and support being a great sponsor				
K	Knowledge	On how to be a great sponsor				
А	Ability	To implement required skills and behaviors of a great sponsor				
R	Reinforcement	einforcement To sustain fulfilling the role of great sponsor				
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ADKAR Applied to "Being a Great Sponsor" Common Barriers Activation Tactics A D K A R

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Building Sponsor Awareness

Restraining Forces and Obstacles for Awareness:

"Can't I just tell them to do it?"

"We've changed before without this fluffy stuff."

"Change can't be managed, it just happens."

"My role isn't really that important."

How might we build Awareness of the need to be a great sponsor?

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Stop Talking About What You Do; Start Talking About What You Deliver

Three tips for building buy-in and commitment for CM by focusing on what you deliver (not what you do)



Context



Problems



Language

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WHAT YOU DO

Change Profile

Impact Assessments

Risk Assessment

Role Roster

Change Management Strategy

ADKAR Blueprint

Sponsor Plan

People Manager Plan

Communications Plan

Training Plan

Performance Tracking

Feedback Collection and Analysis

Sustainment Strategy and Plan

WHAT YOU DELIVER

Infuse empathy into our initiatives and add a human face to change impact

Accelerate outcome achievement and deliver people-dependent project ROI

Increase the likelihood of meeting project objectives, on time and on budget

Reduce costs and risks of poor adoption like resistance, attrition, conflict and frustration

Close the gap between requirements and results, and between outputs and outcomes

Make change success repeatable and scalable by applying methodology, structure and intent

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"I conduct readiness assessments, complete impact analyses, build strategies, create change management plans and support integration into project plans."

"I help us capture the portion of project benefits that depends on employee adoption and usage."

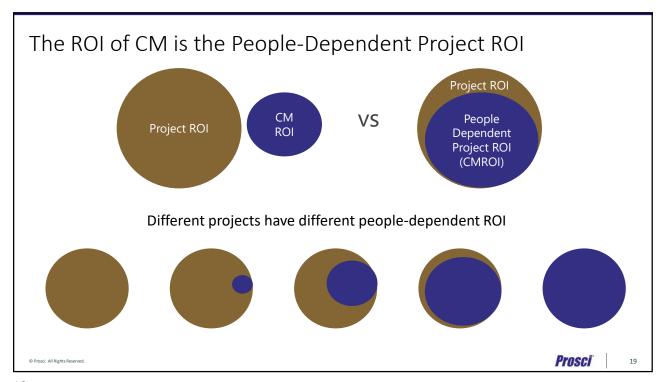
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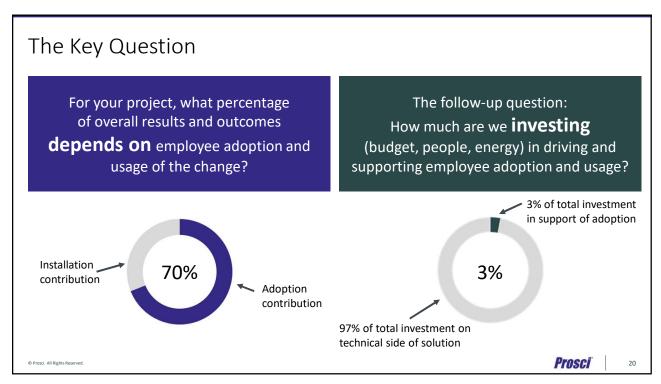
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"An ounce of context is worth a pound of isolated facts."

@daveElf





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"People don't buy a quarter-inch drill bit, they buy a quarter-inch hole. You've got to study the hole, not the drill. The drill is just the solution for it."

Theodore Levitt (Leo McGinneva) German American economist and professor

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Costs and risks of poor adoption and usage

- abandoning of service/tool change
- additional project costs
 additional time
- · additional training
- additional travel
- alienation of team members
- ambiguity
- anger
- audit failures
 audit findings
- bad attitudes
- · bad decisions
- budget cuts affecting project
- buying new technology over and over
- canceled project
- cash flow
- change calendars change overload
- change requests
- changing requirements changing timelines
 complications
- conflict
- confusion
- contractual penalties cost of a new technology tool
- customer dissatisfaction · cycle of project failures
- cynical employees

- declining morale

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- decreased confidence in management
- delayed implementation
- delayed results
 delayed rollout
- dissatisfied customers
- distrust in leaders
 domino effects on other projects
- egg on leader's face
- employee disengagement
 employee experience · employee frustration
- employee loss
 employee resistance
- · excess time spent on task
- extended contracts
- · extended project schedules extended utilization post
- implementation
- · failed efforts
- failed project results
- · failed projects
- failure to deploy a major implementation · failure to provide accurate details
- fear of new systems
- frustration
- · further organizational 'scar
- going back to the drawing

- go-live delay halting project
- "here we go again'
 high turnover
- hyper-care costs
- - impact to customer
 - inconsistent ways of working
 - · incorrect information
 - lack of adoption
 - lack of comprehension of roles and responsibilities lack of transparency
 - lack of trust from end users of
 - lengthened time to ROI
 less delivered for more money
 - · longer delivery to market
 - losing excellent employees
 losing key team members

 - · losing resources losing the audience of change
 - · loss of clients
 - · loss of credibility
 - loss of efficiency
 - loss of high performing talent
 - · loss of institutional knowledge loss of key accounts
 loss of key talent
 - · loss of market value
 - · loss of money
 - loss of moral
 - loss of staff · loss of time
 - · loss of trust low adoption
 - low morale

- mis-integration
- missed implementation dates
 missed requirements
- missed target ROI
- missing key milestone dates
- missing revenue goals
- morale degradation
 morale issues
- more hand holding
- more training negative comments
- negative customer impacts
- negative employee morale negative impact to reputation
- of the project and sponsors negative impacts to future change
- negative impressions of program
- new system not used
 no results
- no usage
- over budget overtime costs plummeting service levels
- poor customer experience
 poor customer service
- poor marketing
- poor results poor service offering
- productivity drops project delays
- project failure pull out part of functionality
- · pulling in consultants to help post-change
- reboot re-communicate

- re-design
- re-development • redo
- reduced trust in process and
- project team
- re-engineer
 - re-explaining
 - regret
 - regulatory impacts
 - re-implementation
 re-launch
- remediation
- re-organization
 repeated training
- replace resources
 - replace the entire software
 - with a new one
 - replace with new system
 re-planning
 - reputational risk

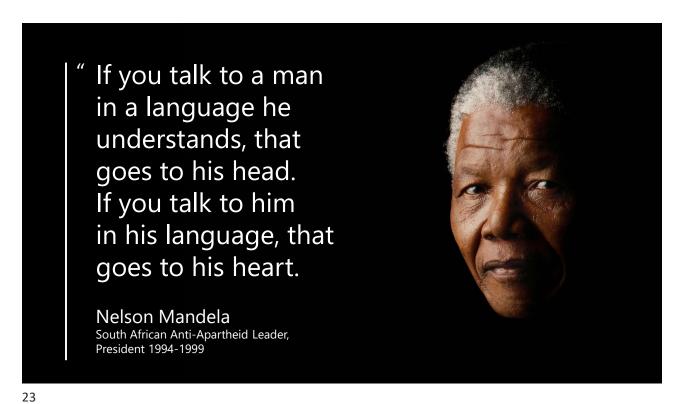
 - re-scope resentment
 - resignation
 - resistance to future change resistance when it didn't exist
 - initially
 - resources resources undesignated
 - · re-start of projects • re-train
 - re-training · reverting
 - · rogue solutions and shadow
 - ruined relationships

- salary costs
 schedule change
- scope change
 scope creep
- · shadow systems and all
- maintenance costs for those silos between teams
- · silos within integrator team
- · staff dissatisfaction
- staff turnover
 stagnant workers
- stakeholders not available starting from square one again
- time away from work to deal with system errors
- travel

terminations

- trust issues with leaders • turnover
- uncertainty
- · unfilled vacancies unhappy leaders
 unnecessary processing
- unnecessary software development unorganized training
- unrealistic deadlines unused systems · using incorrect success
- wasted man hours · wasted production time
- "we've had enough' work disruption/stoppage

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Words Make Worlds: Words to Stop Using / Start Using

"Executives speak three languages: finance, finance and finance."

Jeff Hiatt, Prosci Founder

Communications

Training

Stakeholders

Resistance

Resilience

Assessments

Templates

Change Management

Success

Return on Investment

Benefit Realization

Results

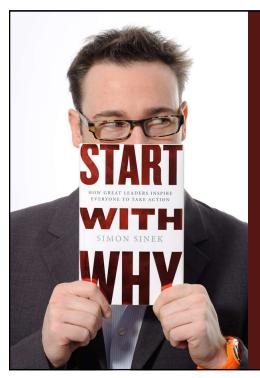
Outcomes

Objectives

Sustainment

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"People don't buy what you do, they buy why you do it."

Simon Sinek

American Leadership Author, Start With Why

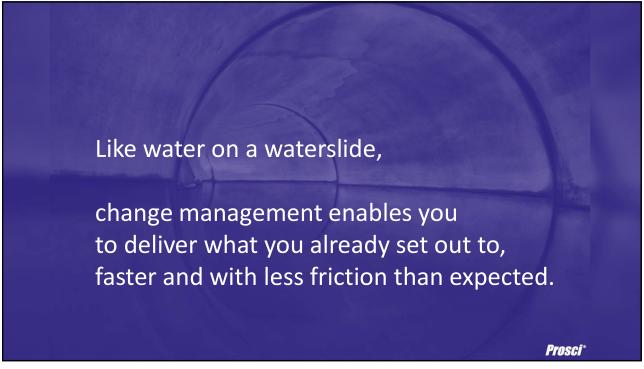
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Your crisp, clear, concise, compelling case for CM to senior leaders (leveraging context and language):



- Engage hearts and minds to deliver successful change
- Ensuring your people are prepared, equipped and supported in order to embrace and adopt the change - delivering organisational benefits and ROI
- Good change management turns solutions into benefits.
- Harnessing people power to achieve results
- How would you like to engage the resources you already have to make your vision reality?
- Improve implementation for our people and avoid pain, rework and redo
- It's how we achieve the people dependent results
- Mobilising people to deliver business results and people dependent portion of ROI
- Realise the full value of ROI through individual adoption.
- Transform your business outcome through individual success and adoption

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Tips for Activating Awareness

- Identify and prioritize the people-dependent project ROI
- Highlight the costs and risks of poor adoption and usage of the solution
- Demonstrate the impact and importance of great sponsorship
- Connect sponsorship to what keeps them up at night and what gets them up in the morning

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Creating Sponsor Desire

Restraining Forces and Obstacles for Desire:

"Is it really that important?"

"That sounds like a lot of work."

"Is it going to be worth the effort?"

"It feels like we are taking a step back."

"What's in it for me?"

How might we build Desire to participate and support being to be a great sponsor?

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Who wants change?

Who wants to change?

Who wants to lead the change?

"Getting Past the Head Nod"

Passive Buy In

Active Buy In

Change management as an EXPENSE

Change management as an INVESTMENT

"Sure. That stuff sounds great. Go do what you need to do."

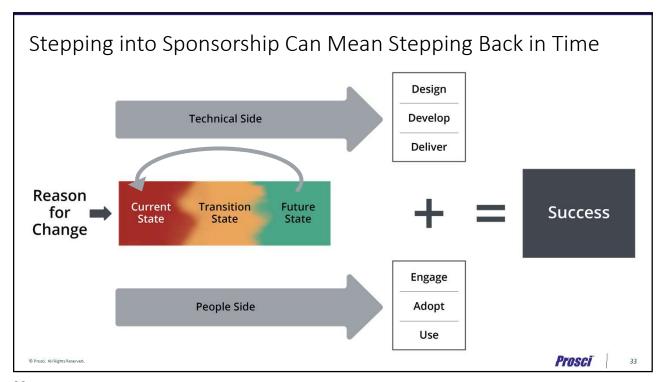
"Wow. What do you need from me?"



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Three Levels of Buy In for Change Management				
Conceptual	"The people side of change is critical and a must-have, not a nice-to have."	Buy-in The head nod		
Contextual	"CM is important enough on this project to commit the time, energy and resources."	Resources (†		
Contractual	"You play a key role in driving adoption, and we need you to take this action."	Role activation to execute activities in CM plans		
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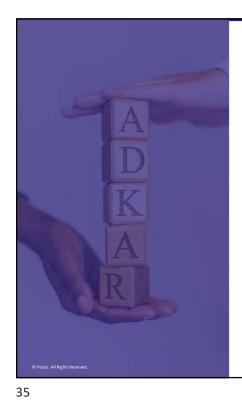
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Tips for Activating Desire

- Verify there is sufficient awareness of the need for change management and sponsorship
- Shift the mindset from CM as an "expense" to CM as an "investment" in achieving the results they already signed up to deliver
- Build all three levels of commitment: conceptual, contextual, contractual
- Support the time travel needed for a sponsor to reground in the current state

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Developing Sponsor Knowledge

Restraining Forces and Obstacles for Knowledge:

"I've run plenty of changes before."

"What are you going to teach me this time?"

"I thought I was done when I signed the check and charter."

"Don't worry, I have the lead consultant doing all of the tasks assigned to me."

> How might we build Knowledge to be a great sponsor?

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Role of Sponsorship During Change from the Research



ABCs of Sponsorship



Actively and visibly participate throughout the project

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Build a coalition of sponsorship with peers and managers



Communicate directly with employees

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Role and Responsibilities



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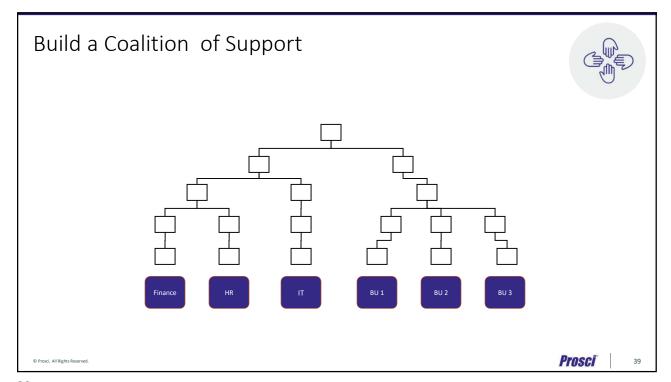
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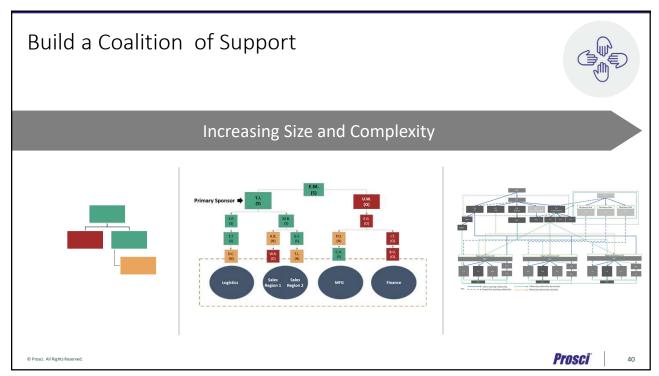
Active and Visible Participation Throughout Support the team Proactively remove obstacles Provide resources and control the budget Own the change, build excitement and enthusiasm, be the first adopter

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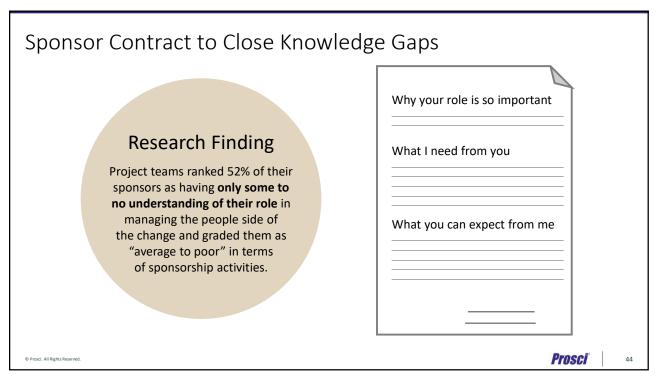




Concrete Build a Coalition of Support Action Items Engage across Cultivate management support of the project the organization Clarify roles and establish Create, work and maintain a expectations with mid-level and network of change agents frontline managers Encourage senior leaders Solicit and listen to to participate and support management feedback the change Prosci



Concrete Communicate Directly with Employees Action Items Communicate support and Advocate the change to impacted promote the change groups that might be resistant to impacted groups Communicate the end vision Vocally support the change Clearly and succinctly explain the Create awareness about the "what's in it for me?" (WIIFM) of specifics and the need for change the change to impacted groups Prosci



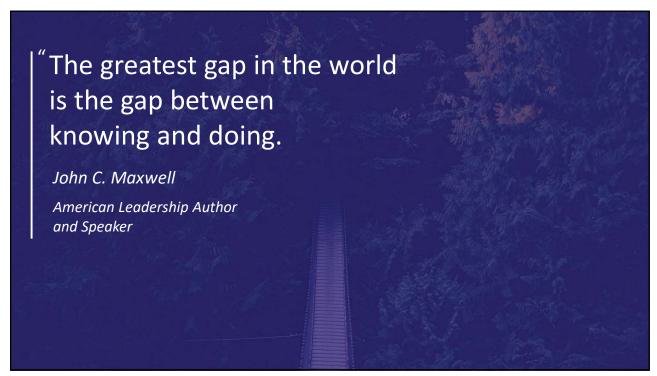


Tips for Activating Knowledge

- Build foundational knowledge of ABC roles
- Make the roles concrete with specific actions
- Use a sponsor contract to define importance and expectations
- Be specific

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Fostering Sponsor Ability

Restraining Forces and Obstacles for Ability:

"I don't have the time."

"What exactly am I supposed to do?"

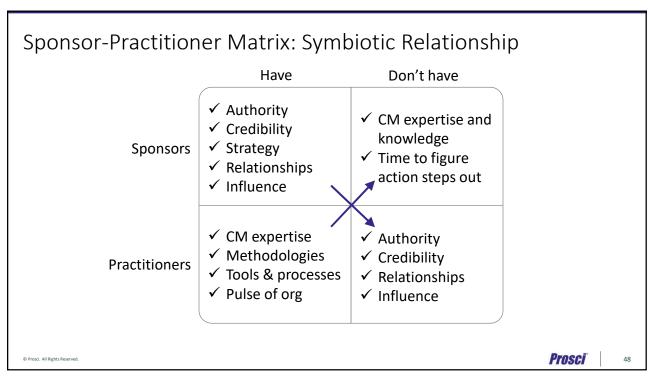
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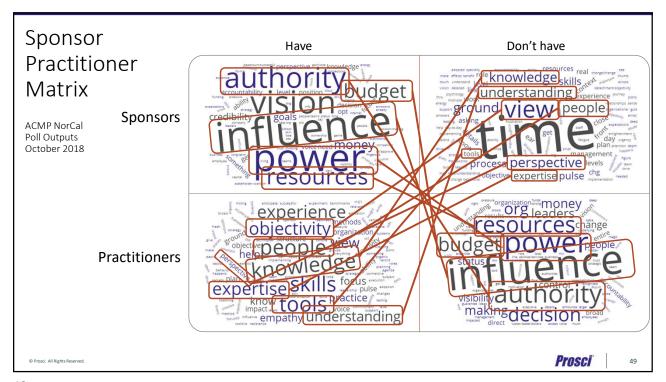
"Is there someone who can coach me?"

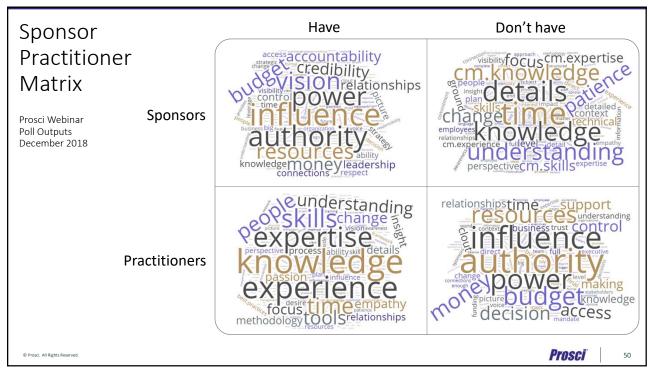
"I don't have the time."

How might we build Ability to be a great sponsor?

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Tips for Activating Ability

- Understand and navigate the symbiotic relationship in the Sponsor-Practitioner Matrix
- Make sponsor activities as easy to complete as possible to increase the likelihood they happen
- Leverage new capabilities and opportunities in the hybrid workplace
- Proactively address the time challenge

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Providing Sponsor Reinforcement

Restraining Forces and Obstacles for Reinforcement:

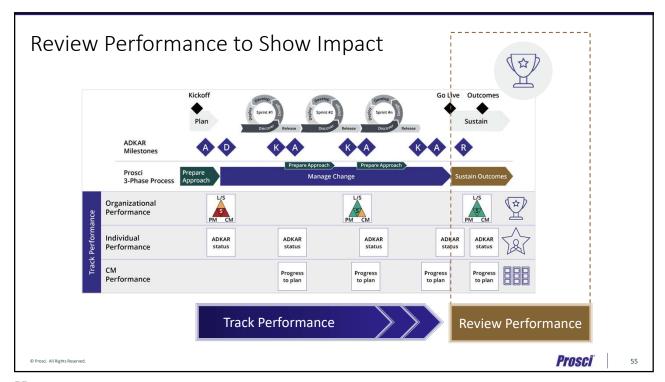
"I don't think it really mattered."

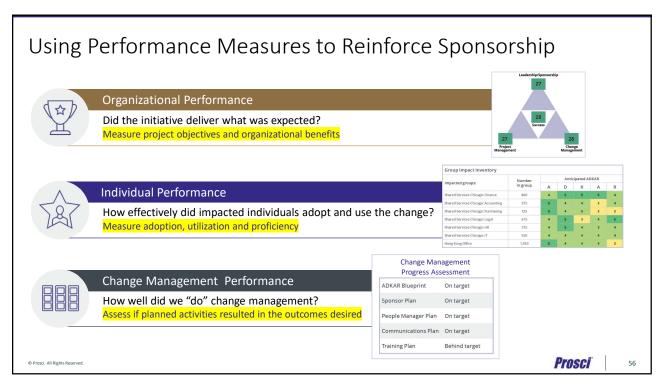
"We would have made the change happen anyways." "Interesting, I'm already on to what's next."

"Was that okay?!?"

How might we provide Reinforcement to continue being a great sponsor?

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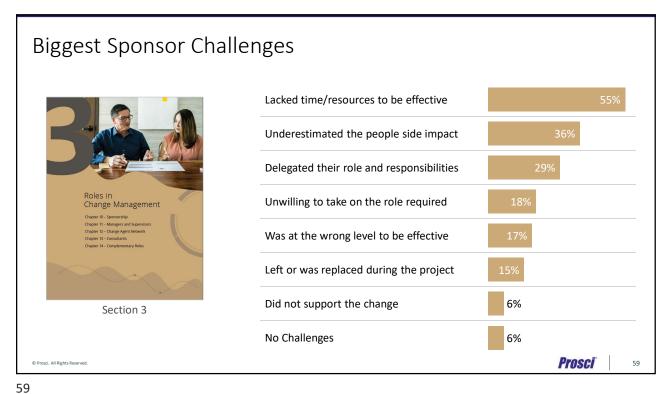
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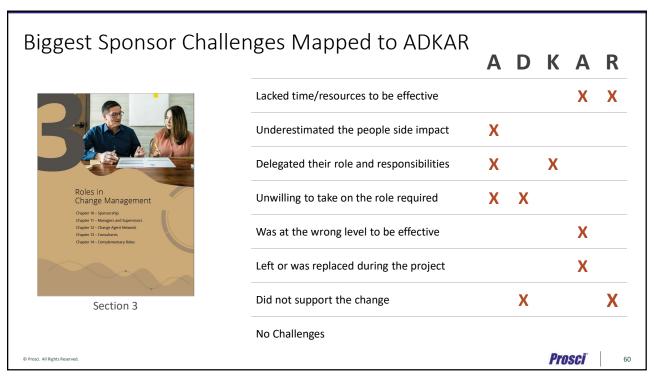
Tips for Activating Reinforcement

- Track and review performance on three dimensions: organizational, individual and change management
- Show the impact in words and numbers
- Express gratitude your sponsors are people, too!
- Say "thank you"
- Connect their sponsorship back to what keeps them up at night and what gets them up in the morning

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Activating Sponsors with ADKAR Summary

Awareness	Desire	Knowledge	Ability	Reinforcement
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