Workplace Group Conflict Intervention

Examples of

Sequentially Sort Issues Down Through the Levels

Goal Confusion

- over meeting quality standards and acceptable performance
- > over organizational Policies and Procedures
 - pay
 - promotions
 - recruitment
 - discrimination complaints
 - whistleblown complaints
 - absenteeism
 - tardiness
 - use of organization's time
- over oversight vs. autonomy
- > professionalism
- safety practices

Role and/or Responsibility Confusion

- lack of clarity on Performance/Behavioral expectations
- group members reporting on others
- group members evaluating others
- leaders' boundaries of authority
- leaders' role modeling appropriate leader behaviors
- performance responsibilities and accountability
- not establishing consistent leadership style
- not establishing behavior criteria

Work-process Confusion

- how issues or processes are resolved
- how people fill-in behind others
- how oversight is provided; process for providing oversight
- > processes
 - merit increases
 - whistleblower
 - inappropriate behavior communication
 - sharing equipment
 - quality improvement, and new ideas

Leader Challenges

- not exhibiting emotional self-control
- not setting boundaries
- not administrating personnel policies
- not providing oversight
- not clarifying expectations: performance and behavioral
- not appropriately confronting performance/behavioral issues
- not role-modeling leader behaviors
- not resolving issues

Interpersonal Challenges (between or among individuals)

- various conflicts among group members
 - bullying
 - promotional resentment
 - leader / crewmember
- sexual harassment behaviors' affect on female crewmembers
- discriminatory behaviors
- differences among leaders' perspectives

Intrapersonal Challenges (within individuals): Internal, personal conflicts affecting performance and work relationships

- Leaders
 - angry
 - overpromising
 - favoritism
 - "too nice"
 - Highly emotional crewmember behavior
 - Righteous crewmember
- Crewmembers
 - highly emotional
 - righteous
 - bossy
- > Relationship impacts from inappropriate or discriminatory behaviors:
 - sexual
 - racial