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BACKGROUND

- Our employee engagement survey results in 2015 had several opportunities for improvement.
- Our focus areas of opportunity were feedback/recognition and employee support/teamwork.
- We made an attempt to increase team member engagement for our 2017 employee engagement survey because it would increase patient satisfaction, decrease employee stress and burnout, and increase unit morale.

PROJECT AIM

Increase NSIU employee engagement by 25% from FY 2015 to FY 2017.

PROJECT DESIGN/STRATEGY

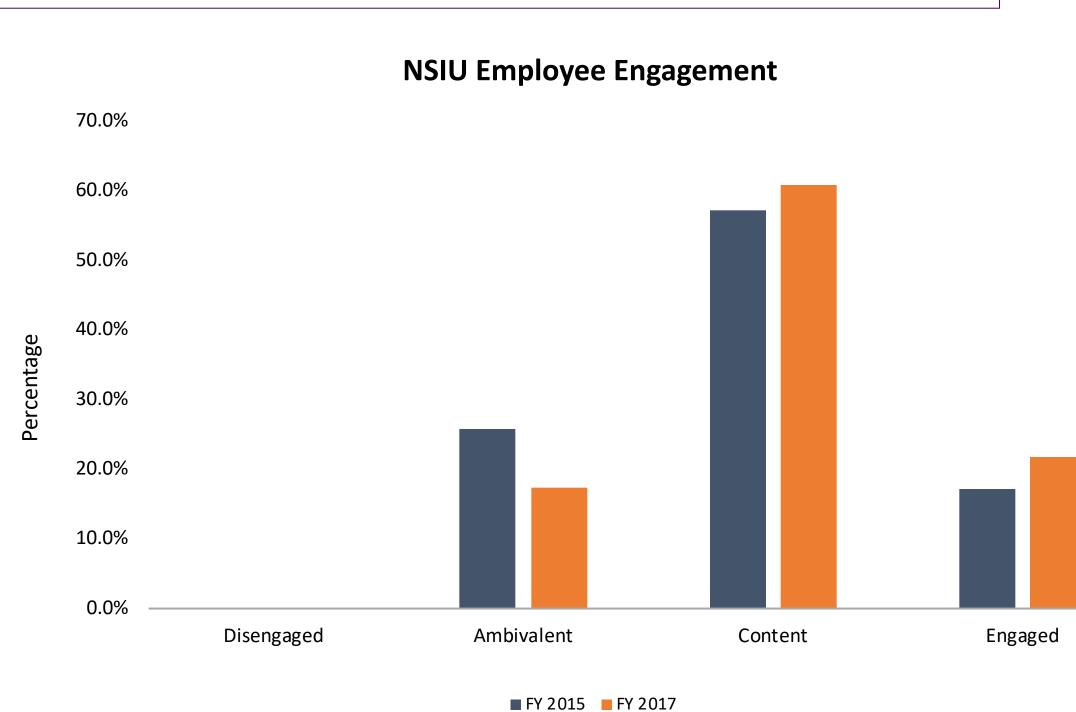
- Engagement Survey data reviewed by leadership and unit staff
- Brainstorming sessions held
- Staff and Leadership identification and prioritization of projects and establish interventions
- Staff members identified, volunteered to work on various teams for suggestions, topics and interventions
- Tested multiple interventions to improve opportunities from Employee Engagement Survey - Feedback and Recognition, Professional Growth, and Employee Support/Teamwork

CHANGES MADE (PDSA CYCLES) Feedback & Recognition **Implementation** Feb. 2015 Thank You Thursdays Implemented quarterly one-on-ones with Nurse Manager Feb. 2015 Employee/Provider of the Quarter Oct. 2015 Charge Nurse focus area of providing recognition increased number of Feb. 2016 E-cards sent to team members Submitted all NSIU RN's names and pictures May 2016 for Nurses week in the Daily Reflector Shout outs in weekly communication updates/staff meetings implemented Oct. 2016 **Daisy Award Submission** March 2017 Nominated 2 RN's for NC Great 100 April 2017 Implementation **Professional Growth** Team building exercises with Organizational Development staff May 2015 Jan. 2016 ANM retreats Feb. 2016 Team Leads Care Partner Education Sessions Aug. 2016 Staff collaboration and submission of NSIU Beacon Application Feb. 2017 Revamped Unit Based Council (UBC) Feb. 2017 **Employee Support/Teamwork Implementation** Staff wedding/baby showers July 2015 Dec. 2015 Bimonthly outings, transitioned to quarterly per UBC recommendations Dec. 2015 Annual Christmas party Social Media page created Feb. 2017

RESULTS/OUTCOMES

- The percentage of employees that were Ambivalent in 2015, decreased in 2017 by 8% - meaning those team members shifted over to content and engaged (there were no team members disengaged for either survey period)
- The percentage of Content team members increased by 7% and Engaged team members increased by 4% from 2015 to 2017. In conclusion, our attempts to increase employee engagement was successful





LESSONS LEARNED

- Employee engagement is affected by Management support & participation
- You can't force team members to be engaged – it is something that they must want to do

NEXT STEPS

- Share with Unit Based Council (UBC), Quality Board, Shared Governance Councils – Quality of Care, Safety, EBP and Research Council
- Track our results further with the next Employee Engagement Survey FY 2018
- Perform additional interventions to increase engagement

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