Performance Plan – Sample Development
April 2016 through March 2017

Name, Job Title

Disclaimer ... consider including in every performance plan

Note:
This note applies to the entire document. The standards reflect guidance for the evaluation of performance at the “Meets Expectations” or “Exceptional Performer” levels. They are not to be interpreted as fully inclusive but give a “sense” of the type of performance needed. Sub-standard performance of a significant or ongoing nature, but not listed in the performance standards, can result in a “Needs Improvement” rating.
Below are Sample General Statements – *They must be modified to fit your needs and approach!!*

In order to achieve the rating level shown, all of the elements contained in the standard must be fully met.  **OR**

In order to achieve the rating level shown, most of the elements contained in the standard must be met.  **OR**

In order to achieve the rating level shown, most of the elements contained in the standard must be met, except that in all cases, elements 1 and 3 of each standard must be met.  **OR ... ????**
Accountability – [Objective or subjective?]

Meets Expectations
1. Consistently follows appropriate policies, procedures and rules
2. Consistently follows through on items, assures accurate completion of responsibilities
3. Timely and accurately completes payroll and leave documents
4. Responds to e-mails and phone calls promptly, generally within the same day
5. Work is generally accurate and on-time
6. Comes to work as scheduled without being late
7. Requests needed schedule changes and absences in advance
8. Responds to requests on-time, attentive to deadlines OR when a deadline is set but cannot be met, advises supervisor well in advance and requests change or extension

Exceptional Performer (assumes full achievement of Meets Expectations)
1. Only rarely is a deadline missed ... and then only for non-priority or sensitive items
2. Supervisor receives frequent unsolicited compliments on the quality of work
3. Frequently assists others in their work without compromising quantity or quality of own work
4. Identifies and implements, with approval, at least 3 methods of improving process efficiency – where the procedural improvements are of significance
Interpersonal Relations -- **[How will you know that these occur?]**

**Meets Expectations**
1. Consistently completes responsibilities and delivers services in a professional, engaged manner as part of the overall departmental team – ongoing
2. Considerate of others perspectives and demonstrates the building of effective relationships throughout campus
3. Fosters a sense of participation and set of behaviors among direct reports supporting a well functioning environment as evidenced, at a minimum, by a lack of interpersonal conflict-related complaints

**Exceptional Performer  (assumes full achievement of Meets Expectations)**
1. Is observed being sensitive to and respectful of others in all situations and frequently garners unsolicited compliments
2. Supervisor observes frequent and consistent occurrences of active and effective team building behaviors
3. Always demonstrates an “approachability” trait – members of the team are observed going to <NAME> on a reasonably frequent basis for assistance
Job Knowledge  *[Be careful of “test” oriented statements.]*

Meets Expectations
1. Generally correctly applies appropriate policies, rules or procedures in performing work
2. Participates in developmental activities – <items considered could include professional development seminars, relevant college course work, conferences, etc.>  
3. Effectively integrates information from multiple sources in completing assignments  
4. Quality of work outcomes, interactions, outputs demonstrates grasp of relevant principles and concepts

Exceptional Performer  *(assumes full achievement of Meets Expectations)*
1. Is recognized as the “expert” in numerous processes, procedures, and practices – is the ”go to” person for matters of complexity (not just routine items)  
2. In matters requiring more than routine judgment, consistently demonstrates not only a full grasp of the issues at hand, always considers effect and consequences of alternatives – “thinks through” matters to achieve optimum results or effects
Communications  *Objective and subjective – examples and observations*

**Meets Expectations -- ongoing**
1. Communicates with department staff and supervisor timely, accurately and in a thorough manner
2. Actively assures that open and frequent communication exists
3. Written communication, presentations, etc. are clear, well organized and generally free from error
4. Communications are, with minor deviations, professional, business-like and appropriate

**Exceptional Performer  (assumes full achievement of Meets Expectations)**
1. Supervisor receives numerous unsolicited compliments regarding interactions and communications
2. Always presents an outgoing, friendly and professional demeanor and style
3. Communication consistently demonstrates insight, sensitivity, and appropriateness to the purpose of the communication
Customer Service  *Isn’t this why most jobs exist?*

**Meets Expectations**
1. Provides courteous, friendly and professional customer service
2. Discovers customer needs and helps customers understand how CSM capabilities meet their needs
3. Assures strong customer service by actively assisting employees research and resolve *<what kind>* problems.
4. Researches answers to questions in a timely manner when information is not known or readily available

**Exceptional Performer  (assumes full achievement of ME)**
1. Frequent unsolicited positive feedback on customer and client interactions are received by the supervisor
2. Interactions demonstrate “world class” service and follow up.

*What terms need definition?  How will you know?*
Individual Performance Measure (IPM) -- Classification

Meets Expectations:
1. Complete all classification requests within 30 days of receipt
2. Only infrequently are classification decisions appealed
3. Establish written internal standards for panel review by October and provide to supervisor
4. Keep well organized, auditable records as appropriate.
5. Feedback evaluation rated at least 80% ... What does this imply?

Exceptional Performer:  (assumes full achievement of Meets Expectations)
1. Complete all classification requests within 10 days of receipt
2. In almost all cases, conduct one-on-one discussions with submitting supervisors and employees
3. Supervisor receives frequent positive feedback on classification decisions and services
4. No classification decisions are reversed on appeal
5. Feedback evaluation rated at 93% satisfaction with services or higher
IPM -- New Employee Registration Sessions

Meets Expectations:
1. Assure that the information presented is comprehensive and is timely updated – ongoing
2. Analyze and update information presented on an as needed basis, but not less often than in March and October, make recommendations to supervisor regarding updates coincident with analysis.
3. Assure timely and accurate coordination between HR and Payroll regarding non-resident and resident alien processing – ongoing (and critical to performance that meets expectations).
4. Develop feedback instrument and achieve an average evaluation of at least 80% -- by September for instrument and evaluation data for review use thereafter.

Exceptional Performer: (assumes full achievement of Meets Expectations)
1. Submit orientation program and materials to professional association for presentation at regional conference and have submission accepted by association
2. Achieve a 95% rating on feedback instrument – average for year; no complaints received and no individual rating less than 85%
Overall
Meets Expectations:
No Core Competency or IPM may be below Meets Expectations; some may be above, but not to the overall rating level described in Exceptional Performer

OR

All IPMs must be at least Meets Expectations and 4 of 5 Core Competencies must be at or above the Meets Expectations

OR

Accountability, Interpersonal Relations, Communications must be at least Meets Expectations; both IPMs must be at least Meets Expectations. When Job Knowledge or Customer Service is rated Needs Improvement, an offsetting Core Competency or IPM must be rated Exceptional Performer.

OR ...?
Overall
Exceptional Performer
Three of five Core Competencies and all IPMs must be rated Exceptional Performer; no Core Competency can be rated Needs Improvement

OR

All Core Competencies and half of the IPMs must be rated Exceptional Performer; none of the other half of the IPMs can be rated Needs Improvement

OR

Customer Service, Interpersonal Relations, Accountability, Communications and both IPMs must be rated Exceptional Performer; Job Knowledge cannot be rated as Needs Improvement

OR ...?