

Reflection on Presentation

SW 843

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Strengths

When I walking into this process, I was excited that we could pull together a good presentation because I felt that all three of the members were intelligent people. I felt that we could all work together professionally and, for the most part, we did. All three of us are smart, mature, supportive, and cooperated to get the job done.

Limitations

I was very disappointed in the actions of ---. After a group discussion and delegation of tasks, he essentially went over the heads of the group and re-delegated tasks and worked on others' tasks. Up until this point, I had a great respect for ---. He has an immense amount of knowledge and experience. He readily admits that he is a perfectionist and has been worse in the past, but he just kept changing things without consulting with the group; he would show us after the fact about the changes and why he made them. --- and I got a little frustrated with it.

---, by nature, is a passive, somewhat quiet person. She did not take a large leadership role, but waited until she was told what to do. However, in her defense, she had the least amount of "free time" out of all of us, and was available in limiting time frames.

I felt that I should have prepared more for this presentation, although it was difficult with --- continuing to change it. However, I did not take a stand and encourage him to quit changing things until three days prior to the presentation. Furthermore, once the tasks were delegated, I only focused on what was assigned to me rather than focusing on the whole presentation. As the tasks changed, I then had to quickly change my script rather than being prepared with the whole thing.

Revisions

I would take out most of the information about bureaucracy and only make a mention of it when talking about integrating the mediation model into our organizations. I would also change the group presentation to compare/contrast managers/program staff and their respective *tasks*, rather than qualities. Again, ---'s idea, but I didn't say anything about it. Had I been a little better prepared, maybe I would have felt more comfortable offering a different suggestion.

Critiques

I felt that the evaluations were fairly accurate. We struggled in the area of diversity and integrated it way too late in the process. --- had to remind us that we needed it, so we scrambled to put it in. It's unfortunate that it happened that way. I do agree that there should have been more interaction with the audience, but again, it was so hard to develop a sound, solid presentation when things kept changing.