Developing and Integrating an Effective Process for Working Capital Management

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Overview

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• Developing a Process for a Working Capital Strategy
• Working Capital Strategy Implementation
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About Sunrise Senior Living

Sunrise Senior Living, LLC operates approximately 300 communities in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. It is considered the premier provider of senior living services.
About Sunrise Senior Living
Developing a Strategy

Importance of a working capital strategy

- Ensures that enough cash is on hand to pay short-term liabilities
- Balanced against the need to maximize investors’ return
Developing a Process for a Working Capital Strategy

ELEMENTS OF THE STRATEGY

- Balance sheet review
- Forecasting
- Management approval
- Implementation
- Reporting
Developing a Process for a Working Capital Strategy

Understand your balance sheet

- Current assets/liabilities
- Breakout of items that are not truly current
- Variable Interest Entity (VIE) and balance sheet noise
- Point-in-time look at your working capital position
Developing a Process for a Working Capital Strategy

Create a meaningful forecast

- Leverage the budget and capital plan, but don’t be a clone
- Trend analysis
- Reflect actual timing
- Variance analysis
Developing a Process for a Working Capital Strategy

Management Sign Off

• Use forecast and balance sheet review to generate your working capital number

• Management and investor approval
Working Capital Strategy Implementation

Receivables

- Speed up collection times
- Offer electronic payment options
- Eliminate redundant processing
- Identify hidden receivables
Working Capital Strategy Implementation

Payables

• Standardize vendor terms
• Separation of duties within AP system
• Electronic payments within vendor terms
• Utilize best practices to secure payments
Working Capital Strategy Implementation

Intangibles

- Communication of strategy
- Empower team leaders
- Central decision maker
- Regular implementation discussions
Reporting

• Know your audience

• Types
  – Daily
    • Cash position
  – Monthly
    • Forecast
  – Annual
    • Review and reconciliation of forecast to budget and capital plan
Risks

• Fundamental shifts of business
  – Acquisitions
  – New product offerings
• Unforeseen events
• Miscommunication within company
Working Capital Process Summary

- Track Liabilities
- Trend and Variance Analysis
- Establish WC Communications for Management
- Leverage Technology
- Empower Employees
- Create a Safety Net
Questions?

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