EMCP Performance Evaluation and Variable Pay

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EMCP Performance Evaluation

This tutorial provides a brief overview of the EMCP Performance Evaluation system which was designed to facilitate communication and make the process of performance management a win-win for you and your EMCP employee. Page numbers/Appendixes in this tutorial refer to the EMCP Performance Evaluation & Variable Pay Manual.
Definitions

- **Rater** – supervisor doing the rating.
- **Ratee** – EMCP employee being rated.
- **Appointing Authority** - department head or designee having the power to make appointments or changes.
- **Results Evaluation Guide (Appendix D)** - used to assess the scope, effort and skill needed to accomplish the results in the Program Objectives and Accomplishment Component.
Agenda for this tutorial

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Significance of Performance Management

- Successful organizations need high performing managers;
- Assures that efforts of the staff are directed, organized, and planned;
- Provides open communication and high performance expectations;
- Provides consistency in ratings for managers through a common performance management and evaluation system.
Purpose of Performance Evaluation

- To insure there is a common understanding of expectations between Rater and Ratee;
- To facilitate feedback between the Rater and Ratee;
- To encourage high performance;
- Evaluate performance.
Performance Evaluation Components

- There are two major components of the EMCP Performance Evaluation
  - **Form C: Overall Management (mandatory)**
    Measures the managerial actions and competencies needed in the job. For example, problem solving/decision making, managing human resources, fiscal management, customer focus, etc.
Performance Evaluation Components

- **Form B: Performance Objectives (optional)**
  Identifies, measures, and evaluates projects, tasks, and objectives that are accomplished during the rating period.
  - This component is optional and the Rater decides if it will be used.
Rating Period

- Annual rating period for all EMCP employees is from July 1 through June 30.
- Probationary Period – generally 6 months
  - Probation period need not coincide with the July 1 to June 30 rating period.
  - Recommend that the Overall Management Component be weighted heavily during the probationary period to assure possession of basic competencies.
  - Raters are encouraged to conduct a 3 month appraisal during the probationary period.
Where do you find the EMCP Performance Evaluation Manual & Forms?

Go to DHRD website

EMCP Performance Evaluation Process

Beginning of the Rating Period

- Rater reviews Ratee’s position description; formulates goals, objectives, & performance expectations.
- Rater determines if the optional Performance Objectives and Program Accomplishments Component (Forms B1, B2, B3) will be used.
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Beginning of the Rating Period (continued)

- Rater determines Overall Management factor weights and inputs weights on Form A.
  - Identifies and determines the priorities for each factor based on the kinds of operations and needs of the organization during the rating period.
  - Total weights for all factors should equal 100.

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EMCP Performance Evaluation Process

Beginning of the Rating Period (continued)

- If the optional Performance Objectives Component is used, Rater inputs performance objectives and completes the Planned column on Forms B1, B2, and B3.
  - See Appendix A, B, C and D for guidelines, samples, and proper scoring of objectives.
Beginning of the Rating Period (continued)

- Rater and Ratee review and discuss the Overall Management factors and weights, performance objectives and their potential points (if applicable), and overall performance expectations.
  - Rater and Ratee sign Form A to confirm that the weights and objectives were discussed.
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During the Rating Period

- Rater and Ratee should periodically meet to discuss superior performance as well as deficiencies.
- Feedback should be documented on the Discussion Notes (Form D).
- Performance objectives and weights may be modified during the rating period due to changes in circumstances and priorities. Rater and Ratee should discuss the changes prior to making them.
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Process

At the End of the Rating Period

- Overall Management Component (Form C)
  - Review the factors that were selected at the beginning of the rating period.
  - Select the statements that best reflect the performance of the Ratee and enter the recommended points in the box to the right of the factor (see page 9 for a description of the ratings). The scores from Form C will automatically populate Form A and calculate the weighted score.
If the Performance Objective Component is utilized,

- The Rater should evaluate the Ratee’s accomplishments (see page 13 & 14); and
  Complete the Accomplished column on Forms B1, B2, B3 (see Appendix C, section C).
- Enter the final score for the objectives on the Form B Summary sheet.

The overall Final Score will be calculated automatically on Form A. Check the appropriate box in the Overall Rating section.
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**At the End of the Rating Period** (continued)

- Rater and Ratee discuss evaluation, both sign Form A, and submit to the Appointing Authority.
- If the Ratee disagrees with the evaluation, Rater documents on the *Discussion Notes (Form D)*, Ratee completes *EMCP Employee Statement of Disagreement (Form E)* and attaches to Form A (see page 15).
Handling Substandard Performance

- Ratee needs to be informed of deficiencies as early as possible.
- If substandard performance continues a “Notice to Improve Performance” should be issued (page 17).
- Refer to the Performance Appraisal System (PAS) Supervisory Manual for guidance on how to handle substandard performance.
EMCP Variable Pay

- Act 253, SLH 2000, the Civil Service Reform Act, provided new directions and greater flexibility in pay for Excluded Managers—specifically acknowledged variable pay related to performance;
- Implementation of the Variable Pay Program is limited or fixed by the authority of the chief executive of the respective jurisdictions (i.e. Governor for the Executive Branch);
- Variable Pay program will be authorized via executive order (page 18);
- An EMCP employee who received an overall evaluation of “Exceptional” on their annual performance evaluation was entitled to receive a bonus in FY 2008-2009.
Appeals

- Merit increase and/or the size of the increase is not appealable (page 20);
- EMCP Performance Evaluation Ratings are not normally appealable to an external body such as the Merit Appeals Board (page 17);
- Adverse actions, such as discharge, involuntary demotion, involuntary transfer, and suspension from an unsatisfactory rating are appealable to the MAB (Appendix G).
Frequently Asked Questions

- Questions and Answers to Frequently asked questions may be found in Appendix F of the Manual.
Further Questions

- If you have further questions regarding the EMCP Performance Evaluation, contact your Departmental Personnel Office.