

### Using HRM to Prevent the Need for Discipline

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## Principles of HRM

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Gomez-Mejia, L. R., Balkin, D. B. & Cardy, R. L. (2012). *Managing human resources (7<sup>th</sup> Ed.)*. New Delhi: PHI Ltd.

## Calming angry workers when you are the target (HR Specialist, 2012)

- "Abstain from interrupting
- Agree to the extent you can
- Acknowledge the problem
- Apologize to the extent that you can
- Act within your authority
- Assess the outcome"

## Preventing the need for discipline with HRM (Gomez-Mejia, Balkin & Cardy, 2012)

- Recruitment & selection:
  - □ Person-job fit
  - "Checking references & gathering background information on applicants' work habits & character"
  - "Multiple interviews that involve diverse groups in the company can reduce biases that lead to poor hiring decisions."
  - Personality tests administered over a period of a few days to assess their disposition and ability to work as expected

# Preventing the need for discipline with HRM (Contd.) (Gomez-Mejia, Balkin & Cardy, 2012)

- HR planning:
  - "Jobs should be designed to use the best talents of each employee"
  - Job banding: "...[replacement of] traditional narrowly defined job descriptions with broader categories, or bands, of related jobs."
  - "Job descriptions & work plans should be developed to communicate effectively to employees the performance standards to which they will be held accountable"

# Preventing the need for discipline with HRM (Contd.) (Gomez-Mejia, Balkin & Cardy, 2012)

- Performance appraisal:
  - Reasonable standards of performance appraisal criteria
  - Provision of continuous feedback to subordinates with interventions as often and as promptly as required
  - □ Proper documentation of employee appraisals to "... protect employees against wrongful discharge or discrimination suits"
  - Ability of performance appraisals to "... measure employee behaviors in addition to performance outcomes so that employees receive feedback on the methods they use to achieve their expected performance goals"

# Preventing the need for discipline with HRM (Contd.) (Gomez-Mejia, Balkin & Cardy, 2012)

- Compensation:
  - □ Perception of pay policies as fair by all employees
  - "An appeal mechanism that gives employees the right to challenge a pay decision"