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The process of meeting these challenges, optimizing the workforce, and managing the day-to-day scheduling process, can be summarized in 4 steps. Each step involves specific questions and analysis, and a single software tool does not always meet the needs of an organization. Your specific characteristics will determine which steps are worthwhile investing in and will be determined after a thorough assessment and evaluation.

Prescriptive
Demand & Productivity

4. Manage

**Deployment** 

Scheduling Solutions

3. Predict

**Demand** 

Intelligent Forecasting &

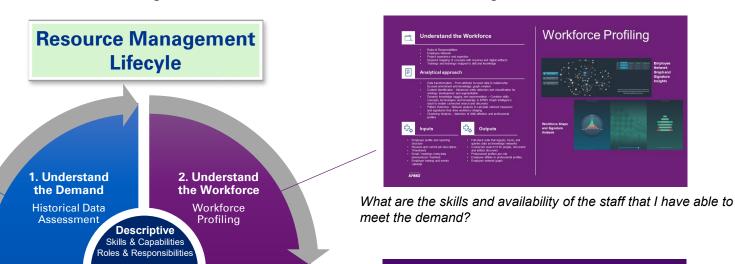
Optimization



What are the historical variations which drive the schedule (eg, patient throughput, demand peaks and troughs, etc?



How can I effectively manage the day-to-day process of roster building, managing and reporting?



What techniques can I use to predict future demand based on what I know historically and about how my business is changing (eg, new facilities, changed offerings, etc)?

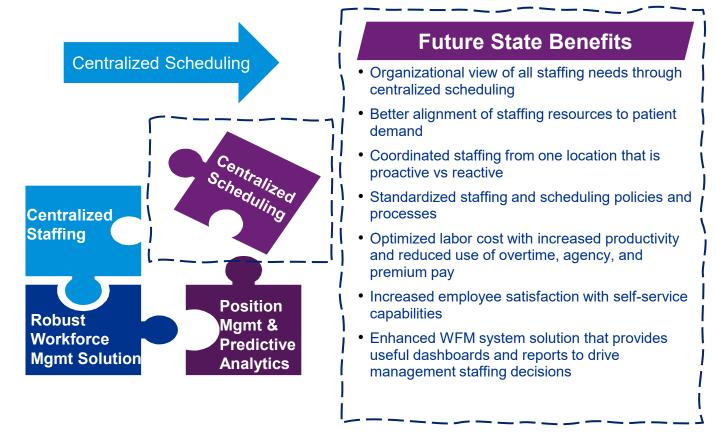
Optimization & Forecasting

# Understanding the Path Forward

Currently, nurse scheduling is decentralized and fragmented, making it difficult to proactively predict and determine staffing needs across the organization.

### **Current State**

- Scheduling is currently decentralized and is completed at the unit level – making it difficult to look at staffing needs across the organization
- Unit Schedules are typically not balanced when they come to the centralized staffing office
- Staffing and Scheduling polices / practices vary by unit
- Positions are hard to fill, and it takes weeks (if not months) to hire and onboard new resources
- CHOP historically has not been able to utilize Kronos to predict staffing demand and forecast future needs
- CHOP is currently on Kronos v7 and is in the process of upgrading to v8 and needs to understand the impacts and capabilities of the system to enhance centralized scheduling
- Currently mobile scheduling capabilities do not exist for staff and need to be evaluated (e.g., PTO request, Swap a shift etc.)



## Centralized Scheduling Team



#### Stakeholder Interviews

- 38 interviews
- 67 total people from 8 different roles



### **Policy Comparison**

- Review of 18 unit policies
- Creation of policy comparison spreadsheet



### **Staff Surveys**

- 537 staff nurse surveys
- 30 NM surveys
- Comprehensive review of findings and patterns



### **Executive Visioning Session**

- Review of current findings active discussion with CHOP
- leadership team for next steps

## Position Control / Predictive Modeling Team

 Collaboration with Lighthouse team for position control and predictive staffing assessment and recommendations

### **Kronos/UKG Team**

Assessment of current and future Kronos capabilities to facilitate process efficiency

# Development of staffing model that aligns resources, standardizes scheduling practices, and optimizes workforce utilization

- Standardizing scheduling policies
- Right-sizing centralized staffing department
- Cross-training nursing staff across similar units
- Leveraging current and future scheduling software capabilities



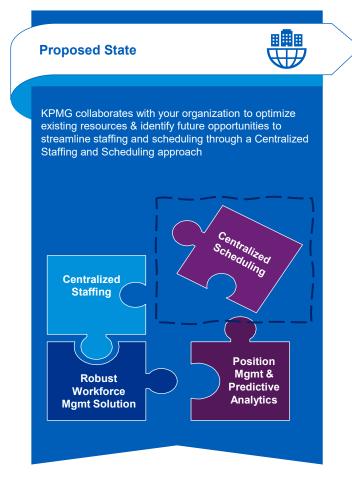
### Review of future of healthcare

- Future of nursing workforce
- Opportunities for "Disruptive Innovation" to address nursing shortages
- Role of digitization in the hospital of the future

## Why move to centralized scheduling?

With the current labor shortage in the market, many organizations have shifted focus to better utilize the workforce they have by streamlining staffing and scheduling practices and enhancing the employee experience.

### **Current State Challenges** De-centralized scheduling completed at the unit level - difficult to view and balance staffing needs across the organization Unbalanced unit schedules - require use of overtime, above status shifts or high dependence on central staffing/float pool Increased leverage of agency staff or incentive programs to meet staffing needs Inability to fully utilize scheduling system to predict staffing demand and forecast future needs High administrative burden in scheduling process Underutilization of scheduling system capabilities (e.g. shift swap, self-scheduling) Staff dissatisfaction of schedule process (e.g. time-off requests) Staff burnout, turnover, and morale issues overtime (OT) or increased workload due to staffing constraints







## Labor Scheduling and Workforce Management Current Trends

Labor Scheduling trends are addressing advancements in employee experience, mobile functionality, integrated time and scheduling data and real-time dashboard reporting.

### **Labor Scheduling Trends**

- WFM Center of Excellence: Dedicated resources focused on overall WFM strategy for the organizations working closely with business managers, HR and Finance
- **Employee Experience**: Employee self-service for PTO requests and swap shifts add greatly to the employee experience.
- Al System Capabilities: Al functionality to automate acceptance of employee requests like PTO, Availability and Predictive Staffing and forecasting demands
- Centralized Scheduling: Completing scheduling tasks at a central level drives consistency, compliance and efficiency
- Real-Time Dashboard Reporting: available within integrated time and scheduling solutions to provide managers with impactful decision making data.
- **Mobile Functionality**: to allow employees direct access with time and schedule data. From clocking, schedule changes (swap shifts, etc.) and requesting PTO.

### **KPMG Client Examples**

- Large healthcare provider: Implementing mobile
  functionality to provide increased schedule interaction
  access and improve employee experience. Scheduling
  functionality such as view schedule, swap shift, pick-up
  open shift are a few of the key items currently deployed via
  mobile
- Large healthcare provider: Implemented new ERP and aligned core HR, payroll, time /attendance and workforce management process/polices to streamline reporting and gain a greater understanding of their workforce use and need. Utilized AI technology to free up managers from spending inefficient time in approving or denying employee requests for PTO and schedule changes
- Large healthcare provider: Deploying centralized scheduling office to improve scheduling consistency, efficiency and free up department managers from the tasks associated with creating, editing and managing schedules. Centralized timekeeping is also a opportunity to improve manager efficiency.

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## Trends in Cost Transformation – Workforce Management

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# **Workforce Management Solution Optimization**

- Optimization of workforce management application to become a decision support tool
- Addition of all staff hourly (overtime-eligible staff) into a workforce management solution



# Reporting (Data Integration)

- Real-time reporting with integrated data systems
- Integrating of agency / contingent staff into the workforce management solution
- Greater insight into invoices paid to hours worked



# **Workforce Management Practices**

- Increased Time from Requisition to Onboarding
- Time from Requisition to Onboarding
- Centralized Scheduling
- Standardized Polices / Procedures
- Alignment of Job Codes / Job Rules



# Position Management

- Strategies to attract top talent
- Leave impacted on budget FTEs
- Insight into FTEs available to work
- Visibility into open requisitions
- Faster approvals for positions
- Automated tracking of open requisitions
- Real-time position control
- Executive dashboard of hiring needs



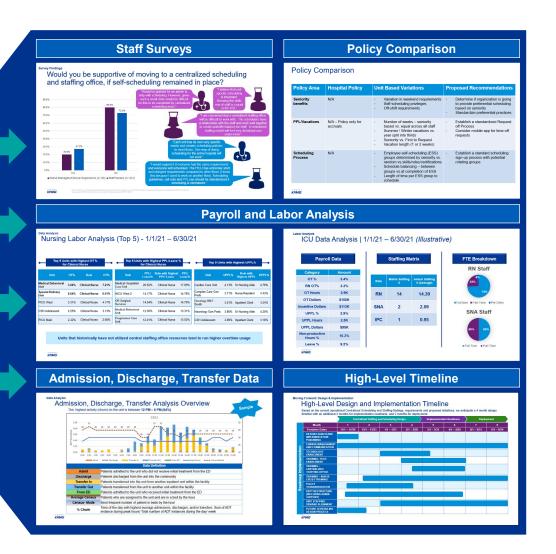
## Assessment approach

KPMG focuses on current scheduling and staffing processes and policies to identify key recommendations based on assessment sources and leading practices for workforce optimization through technology enhancements, process improvements, and education sessions



recommendations for key initiatives

Key initiatives drive next steps for the business case and implementation





## Implementation approach

- Design, build, and deploy KPI tracking dashboard for use after deployment
- Update and refine the ROI throughout deployment
- Development of simulated schedule build training environment
- Collaborative design of centrally scheduled graph
- Manual schedule review prior to release
- Post-deployment debriefs on all key workstreams
- Recommendations for continued monitoring/process improvement
- Development of training materials for staffing model and tech enhancements
- Completion of "train the trainer" education sessions
- Development of tracking and training logs
- Analyses of FTE needs in future state
- ADT review to align staffing resources to needs
- Assessment of current staffing in preparation for transition to alternative schedule model
- Recommendations for temporary staffing enhancement during transition

Schedule Skills Training development and Tracking deployment

Staffing Analysis Alignment KPMG will collaborate to address your organization's unique needs throughout the design, implementation readiness and deployment process



## Change Readiness Planning

- Development of detailed communication and change readiness plan
- Development of strategies to promote leadership and organizational alignment
- Development of communication drafts and education materials for key stakeholders
- Development and deployment of assessment surveys to identify and address specific concerns

sign Sessions

- Collaborative design sessions with key stakeholders from multiple disciplines to determine design and implementation framework for key initiatives
- Analyses of impact of design decisions on staffing and scheduling across the organization

Policy Revision

- Standardized policy design based on key variances found in policy comparison
- Collaborative draft and review process
- Impact analysis of policy changes on staffing and scheduling and morale
- Development of dashboard to monitor and track compliance

Technology Enablement

- Execution of key technology enhancements critical to success in alternative staffing model
- Assessment of staff and leadership knowledge of key enhancements
- Recommendations for future state information technology needs to support workforce management based on leading practices



## Benefits of Centralized Scheduling

| Projected cost reductions |          |                       |                           |                         |                              |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cost category             | Overtime | Premium/incentive pay | Turnover/onboarding costs | Unplanned PTO/call-outs | Administrative support staff |
| Projected Cost Reduction  | 15-25%   | 15-25%                | 2-5%                      | 15-25%                  | Varies                       |



#### **Higher Staff Satisfaction**

- Reduced administrative burden related to staffing and scheduling
- Reduced staff burnout
- Increased staff morale and satisfaction
- Decreased absenteeism
- Improved Work-life balance and health with patterned schedules (Circadian rhythm)



### Improved Quality of Care

- Increased patient-focused care with quality outcomes
- Enhanced patient experience with more engaged staff and managers
- Improved patient satisfaction scores



### Decreased Labor Cost

- Reduced OT, Premium pay Reduction in agency spend
- Reduced turnover leading to less training and onboarding time



### Standardized Policies and Processes

- Standardization of staffing processes and improved workforce optimization
- Enhances staffing projects and reporting
- Ensures proper allocation and optimization of float pool resources
- Establishes stable work groups and decreased floating
- Reduction in scheduling errors



#### Improved Management of Specialized Resources

- Better alignment of hiring needs across the organization
- Improved management of resources with specialized skill sets
- New approach to future hiring and skill sets needed cross the organization



## Case Study: WFM Technical and Operational Assessment of System's WFM Solution Capabilities & Utilization

Client: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

**Sector:** Healthcare – Hospitals & Health Systems

**Project:** Workforce Management Solution, Centralized Staffing & Scheduling Assessment

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) worked with KPMG to complete an assessment of their current scheduling and timekeeping practices. In their current state, scheduling and timekeeping was completed at the unit level with multiple participants including unit administrative support staff, charge nurses, clinical supervisors, and nurse managers. In addition to the lengthy process and large administrative burden associated with the scheduling and timekeeping process, variation in unit-based scheduling guidelines and policies contributed further to the challenge of allowing the organization to proactively create scheduling and staffing solution. This contributed to high utilization of overtime and incentive pay programs to meet the organization's staffing needs. Ultimately, the organization determined there was a need to reevaluate scheduling and timekeeping process.

#### **Client challenge**

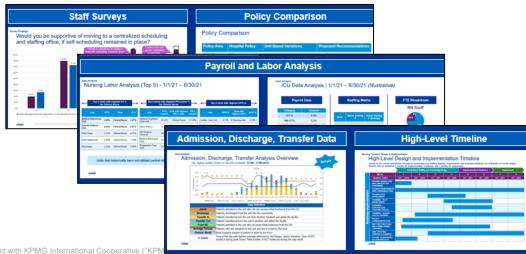
- Lengthy schedule build process involving multiple participants
- Varying approaches to scheduling and timekeeping at the unit level
- Limitations in central staffing (float pool) resources for specialized units or populations requiring specialized skill sets
- Underutilization of existing scheduling and timekeeping software features, increasing dependence on manual processes
- Staff dissatisfaction with current scheduling and request-off process
- Staff resistance to a change related scheduling practices

#### **KPMG** response

- Recommendation to centralize scheduling and timekeeping to central office
- Restructure nursing operations department in a way that allows central oversight
  of the schedule build process to promote proactive solutions and reduce
  administrative burden on unit leadership
- Optimize timekeeping software functionalities and knowledge base train staff in automated processes to reduce dependence on manual processes
- Right-size and up-skill central staffing (float pool) resources to meet organizational needs
- Standardize scheduling and timekeeping guidelines to ensure scheduling needs are met consistently across the organization
- Emphasize change readiness initiatives with focus on frequent communication and staff participation, along with training

#### Benefits to client

- Proactive view of staffing at the organizational level to provide staffing resources during schedule build process
- Increased use of existing scheduling capabilities to promote balanced schedules and reduce burden associated with schedule build, balance, and shift swaps
- Improved request off process to promote work / life balance and reduce absenteeism related to previously denied requests
- Decreased dependence on overtime and incentive pay programs to consistently meet staffing needs across the organization







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