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As the Executive Director of a not-for-profit agency, I have found Kevin O'Connor's consultations over the past two years very helpful in stimulating important professional growth and development in our organization and me. At my request, Kevin conducted an anonymous evaluation of me by the agency's staff. I found the information I received and, more importantly, the reflection and guidance from Kevin on how to respond to be beneficial in evolving new methods of management. Similarly, he has provided individual mentoring to members of the staff. He also has conducted in-service education programs for the entire staff on topics such as communication, that have benefited our organization's ability to provide better internal and external "customer" service. Of note, Kevin provided consultation to our Board of Directors that resulted in important observations of areas that needed reconsideration for overall organizational growth. Kevin has a great deal of understanding of how and why people, organizations, and people in organizations act the way they do. He is personable and the consummate teacher and mentor who is not afraid to challenge the norm in the name of an individual's or an organization's improvement.

Peter H. Vlasses, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP
Executive Director
Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
Chicago, IL

Kevin O'Connor, through his intervention as my executive coach, has helped me to enhance and further develop my leadership skills and reach my full potential as a police chief. By working with someone outside the organization, I was able to obtain an unbiased opinion of my performance and to fine tune my strategic thinking.

Kevin has helped me to appreciate the importance of finding balance in my professional and private life and how this balance allows for one to reach their full potential as a leader and as a person.

My work with Kevin has allowed me to position myself, and thereby my organization, for future success. Kevin is able to provide insight and advice about the issues an executive needs to consider to ensure continued success.

Chief of Police Rick Tanksley
Oak Park Police Department
Oak Park, IL

I have found the programs run by Kevin O'Connor to be insightful and fun. He individualizes his coaching strategies to fit the development needs of each participant. Kevin's style allows everyone to build from their strength while making adjustments to derive additional impact. Importantly, I have found his programs to be a great team-building exercise for my teams of clinicians.

Richard Peters, MD, PhD
Senior Director
Onyx Pharmaceuticals

We liked Kevin so much, we are going to ask him back in 2009! He was so engaging, very interactive with my physicians and extremely well-prepared. He was very receptive to my ideas for weaving in various messages and he did it with ease. You are in for a real treat!

Debby Saraceni
Vice President, Physician Services
Covenant Health
Knoxville, TN

Kevin O'Connor understands doctors. Kevin has helped me to help physician executives achieve greater levels of leadership, awareness, and mission. The business of medicine is a business, but the business of leadership is very much akin to the art of medicine--treating each individual with respect and care as well as with expectation and accountability. Kevin knows how to talk to doctors. In my 50 years in medicine, Kevin is an individual who comes closest to my vision of the ultimate physician executive teacher--treating doctors with care, respect, expectation, and accountability. Kevin cares deeply for the role of the emerging physician executive--and the doctors listen to him.

Francis V Dono, DO, FACOOG, FACOS
Medical Director
OhioHealth
Columbus, OH

Kevin O'Connor is one of the most gifted presenters I've ever experienced - the most gifted talking about topics relating to disability. He is insightful, inspirational, humorous, and poignant. I have had the pleasure of witnessing five or six of his presentations over the course of time. They were all different which amazed me, but equally fabulous. He captures an audience in a way I've not seen others do. I heartily recommend Kevin for any organization that wants a first rate motivational speaker.

Carl Augusto
President
American Foundation for the Blind
New York City, NY