

# **Getting Started with** The Sales Activity Manager™

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### Getting Started - Sales Activity Manager™ Review/Activity

#### As a result of your Sales Activity Manager review and completing this activity, you will:

- Become familiar with the basic functionality of your Planner
- Perform the <u>4 Basic Planner Skills</u>:
  - 1. Complete Your Simple Business Plan
  - 2. Post Your Goals
  - 3. Keep Score Daily
  - 4. Weekly Totals
- Become familiar with the Sales Activity Manager Definition of Terms
- Review/Develop a Sample Model Week
- Review/Complete the Business Management section
- Review the Scorekeeping Guidelines

#### Instructions:

- The Associate's Activity Checklist below details a suggested process for learning to use your planner
- Use the Associate's Activity Checklist to track your progress as you complete each task

Status	Task/Outcome	Where To Find It
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	<b>Step 6</b> <i>Review/Develop the Sample Model Week</i> Check status box and continue to the next task.	Sales Activity Manager Getting Started Guide
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### Introduction

### What is the Sales Activity Manager™?

The Sales Activity Manager<sup>™</sup> is the Number One selling planner in the industry! It is a personal productivity tool that is part calendar book and part scorecard. You can use your planner as the one central location to both determine your goals and gather your results to measure the success of your business.

The **Sales Activity Manager**<sup>™</sup> puts the control of your business in your hands, by keeping your goals in front of you at all times (both consciously and subconsciously) and keeping you focused on the high-payoff activities necessary to achieve them. The purpose of this guide is to get you started using your new planner as part of a Sales Activity Management system to manage your business and ensure your success.

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### What is Sales Activity Management?

It is a philosophy and a strategy that empowers its users to have more confidence and better control of their own success by providing a performance road map to get on track and stay on track. It is the belief that we all have the potential to achieve great things and that activity management doesn't leave success to chance. Here is a more complete definition:

**Sales Activity Management:** the self-empowering process of identifying, managing and measuring high-payoff sales activities in order to continually improve results.

By using the principles of activity management you will achieve a better understanding of your business. You will be able to see both the activities that are driving your results, as well as identify where bottlenecks are occurring. Your manager or mentor can play a crucial role in clearing any bottlenecks by helping you to diagnose them and develop solutions.

### **Three Principles of Sales Activity Management**

These are the three guiding principles of sales activity management:

- Sales is a numbers game (Quantity)
- Quality activities produce quality results (Quality)
- What gets measured tends to get done and improve (Measurement)

By measuring the quality and quantity of sales activities you'll gain a solid understanding of your practice and where your strengths and opportunities for improvement lie. Activity management is a career long commitment. You should avoid the mistake of thinking that activity-tracking is only necessary during the early years of your career. Discipline is a career-long commitment that can pay big dividends.

Although activity management will certainly improve your performance when implemented correctly, it is not a panacea. We can't forget that the financial services business is first and foremost a people business. Remember that you are behind the numbers and at the end of the day, those who establish the best relationships and see the most people, will succeed.

Finally, you must accept the fact that you are ultimately responsible for your own success. It has been said that destiny is not a matter of chance, but one of choice. It is the activities that you choose to perform that will ultimately shape your destiny, and you are the one who is responsible and in control of those activities.

We wish you the greatest of success, and trust that *e*ScoreBoard will help you achieve it. We have included the following recommended readings to help you get started.

The Spirit to Serve, *by J.W. Marriott* E-Myth, *by Michael Gerber* As a Man Thinketh, *by James Allen* Think & Grow Rich, *by Napoleon Hill* The Common Denominator of Success, *by Albert E.N. Gray* 

#### (For planning purposes only. Not in actual planner.)

### Step 1 - Complete the Simple Business Plan

In order to be successful in any endeavor, you need a strong sense of purpose, clear direction and proper action steps. Goal setting helps you in all three categories. We describe them as: Why Goals, What Goals and How Goals. The SIMPLE PGA BUSINESS PLAN, located in the front of your planner, will help you to clarify your "Why Goals", or Purpose; with your Personal Mission; Business Vision and Guiding Principles; your "What Goals"; or Business Goals; by stating your Income and Professional Goals. Please confer with your Manager to develop your "How Goals"; or Action Plan by calculating your activity goals.

The sample sections that follow come from real producers that have completed the Simple Business Plan and are provided to give you ideas to consider. Keep in mind that your plan should reflect your personal feelings, what motivates you and your goals.



<u>**Refer to**</u> the front of your Sales Activity Manager<sup>™</sup> (the second page) and follow the instructions to complete your Simple Business Plan.

#### I. Purpose

**Q** Read the definition below and complete your Personal Mission in your planner.

#### **PERSONAL MISSION**

My personal mission is to truly make a difference in the world and

to feel personally fulfilled by the work that I do.

#### **Personal Mission**

A Mission Statement is a clear statement that represents your true motivators for taking action. It goes beyond the superficial to the deep seated reasons why you want to become more successful and what will motivate you to do so. Very often it represents family, feelings and legacy. It inspires passion, and feeds the spirit...not the wallet. A personal mission statement is usually very personal and stated in a way that is non-measurable, non-numerical and inspirational. It may include phrases like: To be well thought of and respected; To be successful; To have a great image/reputation; To become a leader; To provide a wonderful environment and ideal lifestyle for my family to enjoy, To make a difference, To carefully balance the needs of my family and work, etc. It's your true reason to get out of bed in the morning.

Read the definition below and complete your Business Vision in your planner.

**BUSINESS VISION** 

My business vision is to build my practice with integrity to establish my

reputation in the community. I will achieve MDRT level production by

the end of the year.

#### **Business Vision**

A Business Vision Statement is a clear statement of what you want your business to look like in the future, i.e. 1-5 years. It can be stated in terms of size, reputation, prominence and/or production. Your business vision must be congruent with and help you accomplish your personal mission. Examples: To build a full-services practice with the finest reputation in the city; To qualify for MDRT, Top of the Table, and Court of the Table.

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**Q** Read the definition below and complete your Guiding Principles in your planner.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

My guiding principles are to conduct myself with honesty and

integrity so that I will never feel personally compromised.

#### **Guiding Principles**

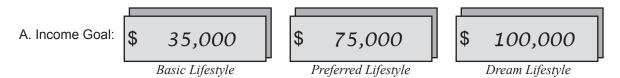
The emotional rules that govern your personal and business behavior make up your guiding principles and reflect your core values. They are the formal and informal ways that you conduct yourself, and the next step is to make sure that your behavior is consistent and congruent with your personal mission and business vision. Examples: Honesty, integrity, work ethic, kindness, mutual respect, punctuality, profitability, etc.

#### II. Business Goals (Financial/Professional)

"What" Goals are your objectives for the year. Be specific, notice that the income goal gives you the opportunity to review your goals in 3 ways; Basic, Preferred and Dream Lifestyle. Consider these definitions:

**Basic**: meeting your basic income needs (versus your expenses). **Preferred**: achieving your first level leaders club for your company or MDRT. **Dream**: what would you achieve in your dreams? Top level leaders club; a new house, or dream car?

□ <u>Complete</u> your income goals along with your Professional Goals; i.e., industry designation (e.g., CLU, ChFC, CFP), product specialty, etc...



- B. What are my three primary professional goals this year? (Position, Designations/Awards, Skills, MDRT, etc.)
- 1. Achieve my Dream Lifestyle income goal
- 2. Penetrate minimum of 3 target markets
- 3. Complete my first CLU course

Goals should have six qualities, represented by SAM-I-AM: Specific, Activated, Measurable - Incremental - Achievable, Motivational. Focus on the week, but treat each day like game day.

### Step 2 - Post Your Goals

One of the greatest benefits of the Sales Activity Manager is the way it keeps your goals in front of you at all times, by having you print them in the Goal Boxes across the top of each week-ata-glance page. Posting your goals each week helps to provide continuity (both consciously and subconsciously) with your business plan.

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### Step 3 - Keep Score Daily

You may not be able to control your results, but you can influence them by controlling your activities. Giving yourself credit by recognizing your accomplishments helps balance out the emotional roller-coaster often associated with your sales/planning cycle.

The grids across the bottom of the week-at-a-glance calendar pages make it easy to keep score daily by providing you with boxes to capture your activity as you perform them throughout the day.

#### Calls

Place the total number of calls made for each day within this section.

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3.		Key Tasks:
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Key Performance Indicator(s):		
Vital Signs (MTD): Closing Interviews = Cl	osing Ratio =	Avg. Case Size = \$

### All Other Activity Grids

Record the total number of each activity within the appropriate section. Make sure to be accurate and consistent.

### Step 4 - Weekly Totals

At the end of the week, you'll want to total up your daily activities in the "Total" section of the Weekly Grid. You will also want to record your number of apps and investment products submitted for the week along with the total Production Credits for each. You have the option to record your Hours worked for the week (Field and Office) along with any MDRT Credits if applicable.

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### Step 5 - Sales Activity Manager Definition of Terms

**CALLS** Any call to a prospect for the purpose of securing an appointment to advance the sale. These are usually via phone, but may also be made in person.

- **CONTACTS** Actual contacts with people who have the authority to book an appointment with you.
- COI'SActual contact with a Center of Influence who may be able to get youREACHEDintroduction or referrals to people within their Market.
- **REFERRALS** The number of times you ask a prospect or client for a Referral who you may be able to do business with in the future.

### **OPENING INTERVIEWS** Refers to a person or business entity you have enough information about which has a strong interest in doing business with you. This is someone who you has strong interest in doing business with you.

- **CLOSING** INTERVIEW Any meeting or interview in which you ask a prospect or client for their business. It most commonly refers to "asking for money", but may also refer to a request for their signature or approval for anything that advances the sale towards a successful conclusion.
- **SALES** Refers to the number of sales you made from the Closing Interview. This could be either collecting of money or by obtaining the necessary signed documents to complete the sale.
- **REVENUE** Refers to the total dollars obtained as a result of a sale. This could be FYC, Premium, or any other financial means necessary.
- **NEW LEADS** Actual names of "New Leads" you have obtained for that week. This is for prospects in which you have not done business with in the past.
- **REFERRED BY** Refers to the names of clients, prospects, COI's, etc who have provide a name of someone which you would call to introduce yourself.
- **KEY** Refers to any project (work or personal) which you would like to highlight for the week. This may be a way to remind yourself of important larger projects to complete for the week.
- **KEY TASKS** Refers to any task (work or personal) which you would like to highlight for the week. This may be a way to remind yourself of important dates or events.

#### **Products Sold**

- INSURANCE<br/>APPS/LIVESThis is the number of submitted life insurance or related insurance sales<br/>units. These are generally sales that require underwriting such as life,<br/>disability or long term care insurance. However, some offices include<br/>annuities in this category.INVESTMENT<br/>PRODUCTSThis is the number of submitted sales of products that do not require<br/>underwriting such as equities/securities, annuities and other financial<br/>products or fees. Be sure to check with management for clarification.PRODUCTIONThis is the first the fir
- **CREDITS** This is the First Year Commission value of the submitted sales in the "Insurance" and "Investment Products" sales categories.

### Step 6 - Develop a Model Week

Time management is an essential part of building your practice and using a model work week helps to keep you focused on your high pay-off sales activities. Utilize the model week provided to you by your manager and/or refer to the sample that follows. The key is to create model week for yourself that matches your practice and market. While there is no doubt that you need to "seize the day", you must do so with the "week" in mind and "seize the week" with as much enthusiasm.

While keeping in mind your key tasks, identify them appropriately on your calendar pages, and transfer those activities that you deem necessary to the monthly calendar pages. Using your weekat-a-glance calendar pages, block out productivity time, administrative time, self-development time, personal time, etc., from Monday through Saturday, to the best of your ability.

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9:00 9:30 10:00	CLASSROOM TRAINING: Fact Finders		Classroom Training: Case Analysis	Role Play: Phone Scripts Referral Scripts	Prospecting/ Marketing/ Early Appointments	Appointment (Optional)	
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2:00	Return Calls	Return Calls	Return Calls	Return Calls	Return Calls		
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Types of Appointments: Fact Finders, Closing, Strategy, Service, etc.

### Step 7 - Business Management

The final step is to maintain your business plan over time to ensure success. Be sure to involve your manager to receive the proper coaching and support. This objective opinion is critical to achieving your goals.

The Sales Activity Manager contains the monthly/annual practice management pages you need to manage your business:

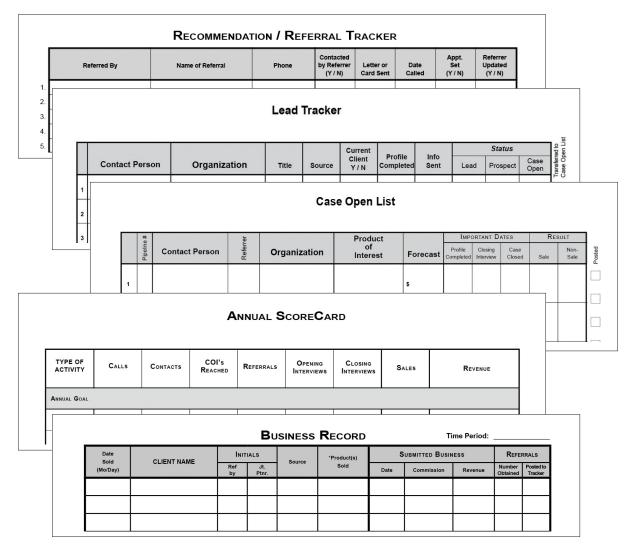
- Recommendation / Referral Tracker
- Lead Tracker

Case Open List

Annual ScoreCards

Business Record

These pages are self explanatory in nature and follow the client building and sales activity management process. We hope that you find these tools an effective way to manage your business.



### Step 8 - ScoreKeeping Guidelines

#### DAILY:

- Keep Your Goals in the Forefront As you begin each day, and periodically throughout the day, scan your goals which are across the top of each calendar page, as well as the inspirational quotes. This helps keep motivation high, while resisting negativity and the seemingly endless distractions of the day.
- 2. Focus on High-payoff Activities Do what you must first throughout the day. Seize the day... but with the week in mind. When you are at work, be at work, so that when you're home, you can be at home.
- 3. Keep Score Daily Using the grids across the bottom, keep score and give yourself credit. Remember, "What gets measured tends to get done and improve."
- 4. Use your Schedule Wisely Respect your time by wasting as little as possible and stick to your Model Week.
- 5. Before retiring, post and prioritize At the end of each day, tally your results in the daily grids and prioritize tomorrow's goals. Remember, your subconscious never sleeps and often you'll awaken with the answers and motivation you were searching for.
- Keep your Qualified Prospect Evaluator, Case Open List, Business Records & Recommendation/Referral Tracker, Recommendations & Referral List current – This should be done each day/week.

#### WEEKLY:

- 1. Keeping Score Daily/Weekly Results Add up your daily scores and write them in the total columns at the bottom of the scorekeeping grids.
- 2. Review Progress Review how you are doing against your goals. Remember the sage advice from the Kinder Brothers, "Measure and monitor what matters most."
- 3. PEP/One-on-one Coaching Meet with your manager and ask them to help you refine your skills. Be sure to bring your planner and any tracking reports to your coaching session.

#### MONTHLY:

Throughout the month, you need to take time to work on your business, as well as in your business. By that we mean, you need to perform the necessary activities, but you also need to collect information along the way so that you can analyze and strategize on ways to get better.

- 1. Review Last Month's Goal vs. Actual Performance Stop and reflect on the last month. What's going well? What are your opportunities for improvement? What kinds of things can you do to improve?
- 2. Update Recommendations/Referrals & Case Open Lists Record or check the status of all prospects and open cases. This becomes your "Hot List" of cases to be developed or closed

during the upcoming month, which will initiate your contact call list. Record these in the daily "Will Do's" sections of the upcoming month.

- 3. Update Business Record Using the section in the back, post all business submitted, issued and paid throughout the month, as well as business-in-transfer. Be sure to track MDRT credits
- 4. Prepare for PEP/One-on-one Coaching and Sales Team Meeting Bring your planner and any tracking reports to review your results in detail with your manager.
- 5. Review Recommendation/Referral Tracker & Referral Scripts Recommendations/Referrals and personal introductions are the life blood of a successful financial services practice. Review your existing list (inventory) of referrals. Check the quantity and quality of your existing referrals. Determine how many of these you will call each day and record this goal in the "Will Do's" sections. This is also the time to review your list of names that you are going to suggest to prospects and clients to help prompt their referral efforts. An example might be a roster of Associates in a law firm or a list of company officers. This is also an excellent time to review your referral language. Are you comfortable with the content? Have you mastered it?
- 6. Complete Mileage & Expense Reports No business achieves its full potential without good financial records. The mileage and expense form in the back of the Sales Activity Manager can help keep you profitable. (The master copy in the back is meant for copying. We recommend you affix receipts to each month's report and store them separately.)

### Miscellaneous Tips:

- Review Quality of Prospects It is highly advisable to have an identified clear profile of both your ideal client and the minimum standards required to qualify as a new client in your practice. Review these two profiles and see if the quantity and quality of your prospects measure up.
- Review Centers of Influence & Strategic Alliance Lists One way of upgrading your clientele is to systematically work on developing Centers of Influence (C.O.I.) who can refer you "up" to markets with greater potential. These are often Attorneys, Accountants, Trust Officers or influential business people. Review the quantity and quality of your list. Your Monthly Work Plan should include further identification and contact. Use your "Will Do's" sections to prompt your contact.

Our company philosophy is "Activities Produce Results, and if you want to accomplish your goal of greater results, you need only improve the quality and quantity of your activities." This is the Law of the Farmer, "We reap what we sow," and it applies to every aspect of our life. The Sales Activity Manager<sup>™</sup> helps you to stay focused on those precise activities that you can control and that ultimately drive your business.

Here is a summary of the four-step process we have described in this guide.

- 1. FOCUS on what you want and why
- 2. PLAN on how to get there
- **3. EXECUTE** on the plan's high-payoff activities and
- 4. MAINTAIN the process and progress over time with regular reviews



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## P R O M I S E Seven Top Reasons to be in the Financial Services Industry

### Population

The U.S. population is living longer and growing at the rate of 2.5 million per year.

Retention The industry values retention and provides supportive tools and systems.

**O**pportunity The opportunity to accumulate wealth and help others is abundant.

Mentoring Our industry is built on mentoring and helping each other succeed.

Insurance The "I" word is back in vogue and more important than ever.

Stability Financial services products are needed during all economic times.

Entrepreneurship The entrepreneurial spirit and freedom to be your own boss is alive and well.