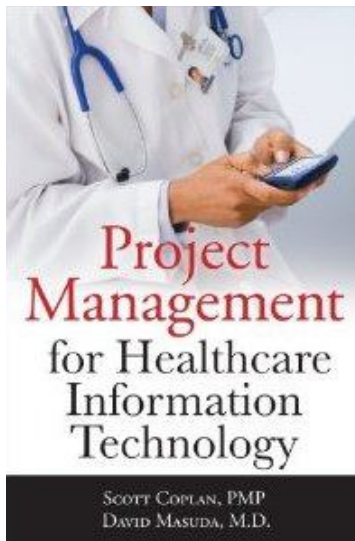

PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***Project Management for Healthcare Information Technology***

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Introduction to the Book

This book could not have come at a better time, with all the states in the US trying to implement the “Meaningful Use”, this adds great value, especially the lesson learned and the formals for success.

Introduction part of this book is very decent; the concept of bringing the three methodologies together to solve this problem is great. more information under the section “Solving the HIT and Health Care Crises” would be helpful. I was kind of pulled towards it as soon as I saw the heading and felt that it is a bit shallow.

Overview of Book’s Structure

Overall the timing of this book is good, but 6-8 months before would have been excellent. With lots of projects on HIT around this country underway, they could have done things differently had they read this book. It is still not too late for many to benefit from this book. I like the concepts and the knowledge areas under IT Management and Change Management.

The one area that I felt could be different was the term “Change Management”, this term being so broad and used in many IT processes (PM, ITIL, etc.) it leads to confusion for many. This is just a suggestion but something like “Preparedness Management” or something in that lines would have been great.

Highlights: What's New in this Book

The breakdown of IT and Change management knowledge areas are the highlights of this book. While I feel there is an overlap of project management knowledge areas and these new ones, elaborating them to this extent is a highlight.

Highlights: What I liked!

The emphasis it places on all aspects of getting prepared (Stakeholders, implementation/technical teams and end users) for a go live for a project like HIT are very valuable.

Shortfalls: What was Missing!

Given the title of this book, I feel this has covered the area very well and has done justice to this title. As indicated earlier, the term "Change Management" is a bit confusing given its existing usage. (For a new concept like this, a new term should be coined)

Who might benefit from the Book

Any state that is in the process of implementing HIT/HIE would greatly benefit from this book. Apart from these people, anyone planning or implementing a large project that is trying to automate/digitalize an Industry could benefit. The core emphasis apart from Health Care is that any industry with a change of this magnitude should benefit from the preparedness perspective.

Conclusion

Great timing with real world experience by folks from different tracks (authors being PMP & MD) is a huge plus. It is very hard for people involved with HIT to see this title and pass away. Nice concepts, the only thing that I would think is about the term "Change Management".

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