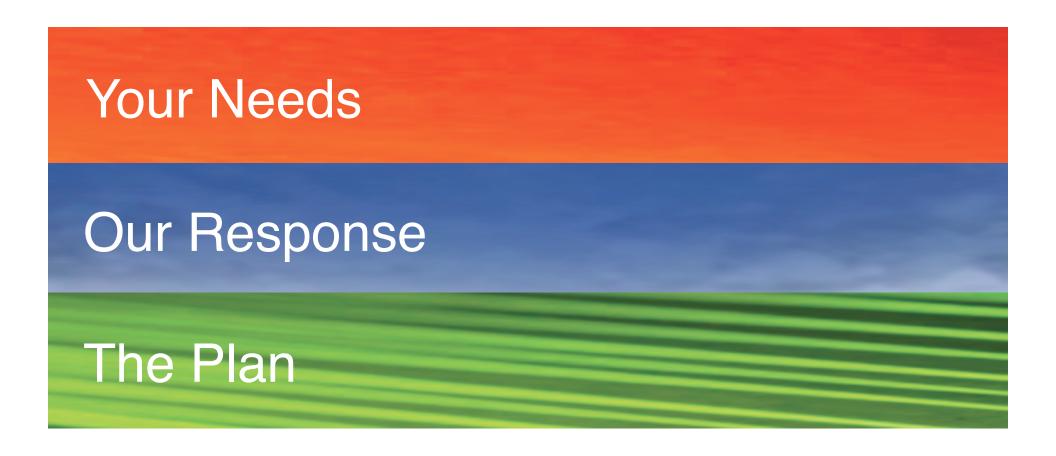


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It is our understanding we will work with the HEALTHeCAREERS Network brand, within the corporate on Target Jobs network.

## Your Needs



## HEALTHeCAREERS Network (HeCN) has created a strong business model.

- Organic growth
- Tens of thousands of engagements
- 15-year track record
- Robust suite of offerings

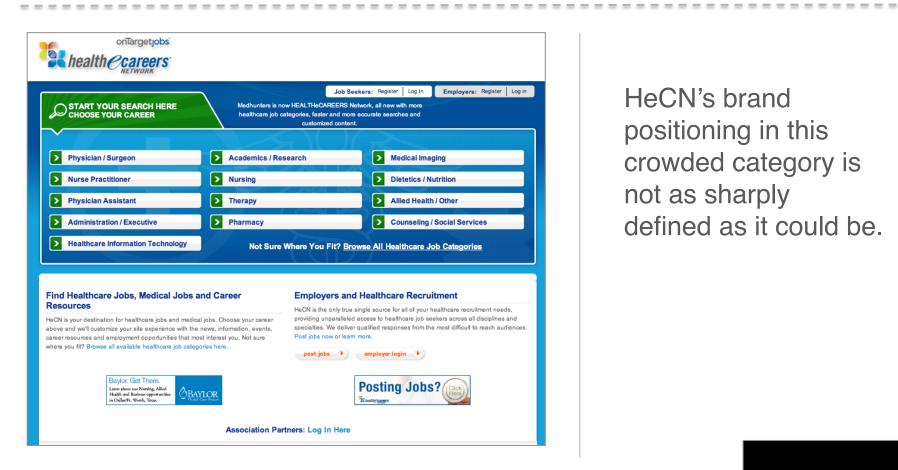
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### HeCN wants to take the next step on its growth journey.

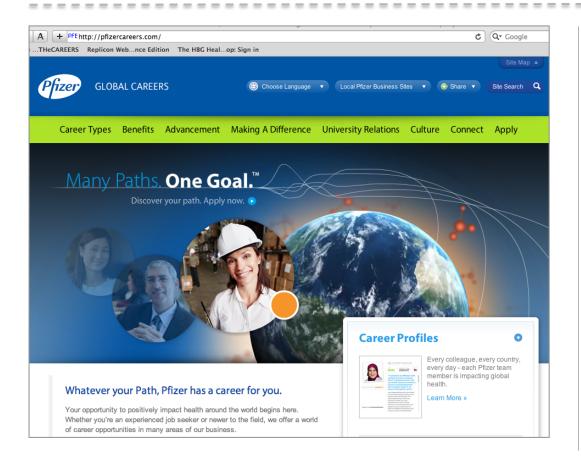
- Raise brand awareness
- Drive better internal alignment
- Efficiently develop, launch and promote new products targeted to different audiences
- Tighten sales messaging
- Foster new association relationships, new distribution partners, and new advertising alliances



But in order to take this next step, HeCN must address a myriad of challenges identified in the 11/10/1 conference call and in a subsequent category audit.



HeCN's brand positioning in this crowded category is not as sharply defined as it could be.

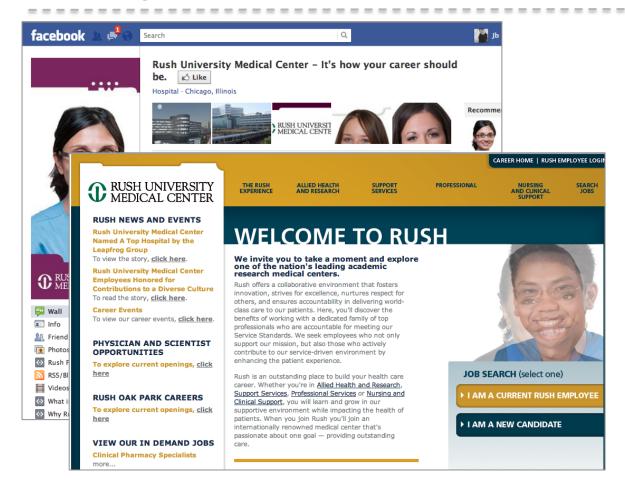


HeCN's brand does not seem driven by a big idea and/or a long-term vision.





HeCN faces competitive threats from the companies identified in the RFP.



HeCN also faces a competitive threat from its own customers as healthcare enterprises are increasingly developing powerful employment brands.



There is an unclear relationship between corporate and product brands and this might speak to wider challenges conveying the value proposition.

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## Challenge 6



HeCN's social media presence does not appear grounded in strategy or protection of brand equity.



# How does HeCN go from where it is TODAY...

## ...to where it wants to go TOMORROW?



# BUILD A STRUKE BRAND



# What do we mean by BRANDA

It's...

The brand architecture that tells a coherent story

The connectivity of your brand in the sales moment

The driver for behavioral change

The types of organizations you partner with

Your strategy and factors for "driving traffic"

The story that brings you to the market in a meaningful way

A culture that extends beyond your employees

The consistent message that builds loyalty

Your recruitment and retention efforts

Your vision for the future and your strategy for how to get there

Your customer experience

onTarget**jobs** 

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The DNA of your organization

The personality and image you present to the world

## Our Response



## How do we know how to build strong brands?

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We are a brand strategy and design firm, working exclusively in healthcare, with over 20 years of experience successfully managing over 300 engagements.

Put simply...



## We've worked across the healthcare continuum...

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Integrated delivery networks > providers > clinics > pt
consumer packaged goods > retail health > universiti
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urology > am
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clinical labs > clinical s
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## We've partnered with the stakeholders who matter most to you...

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Executive Leadership > Boards > Physicians > Key Opinion Leaders > Nurses > Community Groups > Patients > Non-Clinical Staff > GPOs > Employees > Referral Sources > Consumers > Human Resource Recruiters > Donors > Foundations > Government and Elected Officials > Allied Health Professionals >
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## And we've successfully developed strategic initiatives that grow your business...

Research-based brand strategy development > Product and service launches > Product and service line development and positioning > Vision development and crystallization > Internal communications > Digital strategy > Thought leadership > Brand activation and marketing plans > Sales strategy and tools > mobile apps > Employee engagement > Employee recruitment, retention and on-boarding >



# Let us show you a case study of how we've done it before.

## University of

- Top 10 academic medical center in the country
- Branded initiative 2009-2010
- Developed new strategy, print ads, banners ads and microsites
- Results: over 1,000 unique visitors to micro sites each week, above industry average click-thru for online ads, and millions of impressions for threemonth campaign

## The Plan

# And here's how we can build a strong brand for HeCN.

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## > Efficient Process to Build the HeCN brand

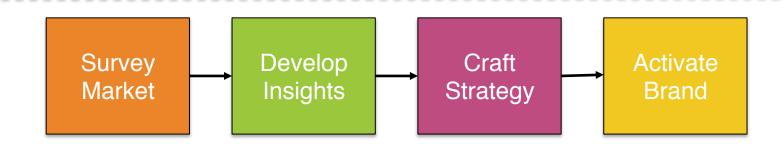
> Strategic Opportunities to Activate the HeCN Brand

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## > Efficient Process to Build the HeCN brand

> Strategic Opportunities to Activate the HeCN Brand

We would utilize a version of our successful Branding<sup>™</sup> process – FastBreak<sup>™</sup> – that's designed for enterprises that want to quickly recalibrate market positions.



- ✓ Primary research, but less robust in scope
- ✓ Insights generation, but fewer "deep dives"
- √ Identical brand strategy components
- ✓ Brand activities effective, but narrower focus

## Perfectly Suited For HeCN's Brand Development and Brand Activation Needs

- ✓ Market Research thoughtful survey of market provides appropriate amount of data to develop insights
- ✓ **Insights Development** market-driven insights create key opportunities to build brand, drive revenue
- ✓ Brand Strategy strategy development both linear and holistic, leading to everything HeCN would need to meet objectives, from positioning and vision through creative executions and activation strategies

## Conduct 3-5 Leadership Interviews To Understand:

- Vision for brand
- What HeCN "owns" that's proprietary
- Business model
- Challenges to internal alignment
- Product development process
- Alliance and distribution strategy
- Project goals, drivers

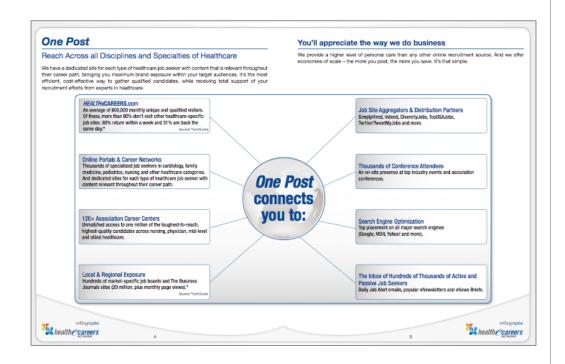


### Conduct 3-5 One-on-One Customer Interviews

- Help frame category dynamics, brand perceptions
- Perceptions of sales messaging and whether HeCN is perceived as being "current" (e.g., impact of product launches)



## Survey Products and Services



project by developing a deep understanding of HeCN's products, services, and processes and we would be particularly interested in which offerings were "table stakes" and which were truly differentiated

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## Survey 3 Competitive Web Sites

- Next, Acme would review Web sites and, as available, marketing materials – of competitors identified by HeCN
- In addition to reviewing positioning, web audit would review seemingly new products and competitors' strategic alliances

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#### Potentially Conduct Quantitative Research

- Because of several factors (hyper-competitive category, sea of "sameness," importance of brand and customer experience) we recommend an online quantitative survey of consumers
- Focus on two dimensions of competitive advantage:
  - brand perceptions
  - user experience
- Probe for perceptions of whether HeCN was perceived as being "current" (e.g., impact of product launches)



#### Develop Insights Based on the Primary Research

- Develop insights to build brand and meet objectives
- Insights would include potential long-term vision for brand, what HeCN "owns" that's proprietary, business model, challenges to internal alignment, product development process, alliance and distribution strategy
- Provides foundation for strategy development in next phase

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#### Craft Relevantly Differentiated Brand Strategy

#### **Brand Strategy Overview**

- Insights developed in previous step would provide foundation for developing strategy in this step
- Ten areas of strategy built in linear fashion but holistically linked
  - 1. Brand Attributes
  - 2. Brand Personality
  - 3. Value Proposition
  - 4. Brand Vision
  - 5. Brand Architecture
  - 6. Design Thinking
  - 7. Brand Voice
  - 8. Tag Line
  - 9. Creative Concepts
  - 10. Brand Activation Strategies



#### **Brand Attributes**

- What are your dimensions of competitive advantage?
- Within these dimensions, where are you at parity?
   Where are you relatively differentiated?



#### **Brand Personality**

- If the brand were a person, how would you describe him/her?
- (e.g., warm, motivating)



#### Value Proposition

 Who is your target market, what do you offer them, and what benefits do they realize from this offering?



#### **Brand Vision**

 What space does your brand claim and how could this be creatively described?



#### **Brand Architecture**

- Would create a system by which all of HeCN's branded products, services, and processes work together as components and work toward supporting the overall brand
- Would create a framework by which additional branded products, services, and processes can be seamlessly added in the future



#### **Design Thinking**

- How the brand "looks and feels"
- First part = overall direction for the visuals, would later be applied to key touchpoints
- Other parts = recommendations on color, type, photography, and illustrations



#### **Brand Voice**

- How the brand "sounds"
- Always important to get right from the start, especially in categories with low differentiation such as HeCN's space



#### Tag Line

 We recommend developing a powerful tag line that captures (1) essence of today's proposition and (2) vision for tomorrow



#### **Creative Concepts**



- A "big creative idea" to drive brand communications
- Serves as a narrative construct to tell the brand's story and as a way for internal stakeholders to align products and services to marketplace



#### **Brand Activation Strategies**

After developing creative concepts, we would develop strategies to activate brand with employers, target talent and HeCN employees that would achieve stated objectives



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At the conclusion of the recommended process, HeCN will have a brand that is:

- Anchored in a long-term vision
- Relevantly differentiated
- Foundational strong enough to ground strategic brand activation strategies

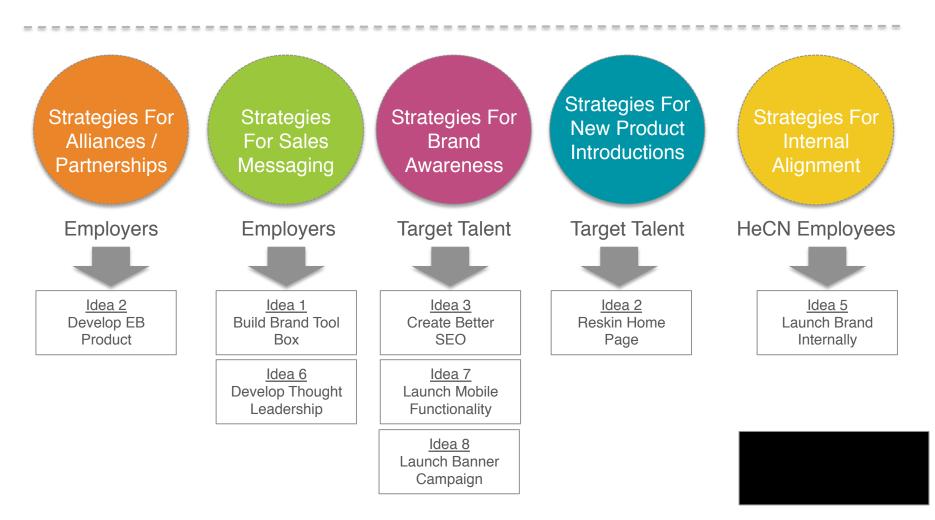


# > Efficient Process to Build the HeCN brand

# > Strategic Opportunities to Activate the HeCN Brand



The strategies to activate brand with employers, target talent and HeCN employees would achieve the stated objectives



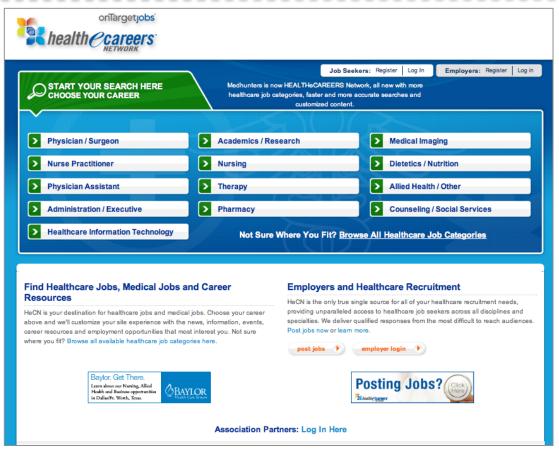
First, build a Brand Tool Box to drive consistent messaging and to create efficient framework for 2012 marketing.

- User's guide to brand for HeCN employees
- Straight forward, "non-brand speak"
- Brand positioning
- Brand architecture
- Messaging matrix
- Brand graphic guidelines
- Sales/marketing templates\*
  - Sales presentations
  - Banner ads

\*would be developed over several months, some initially and some subsequently



Second, align the Web site\* with refreshed brand strategy to break free of category norms and establish leadership.



How can three
 "levers" – design,
 content, and user
 experience – be
 pulled to support
 HeCN's evolution
 into a leadership
 brand

<sup>\*</sup> The recommended budget envisions /



#### Third, raise brand awareness by improving SEO.

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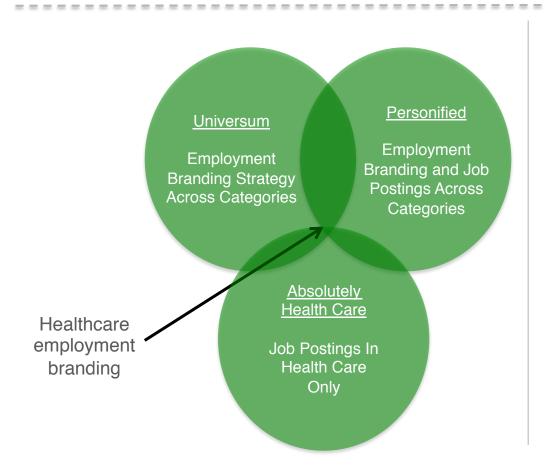
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Fourth, broaden product portfolio to include employment branding offering, a true strategic value-add.

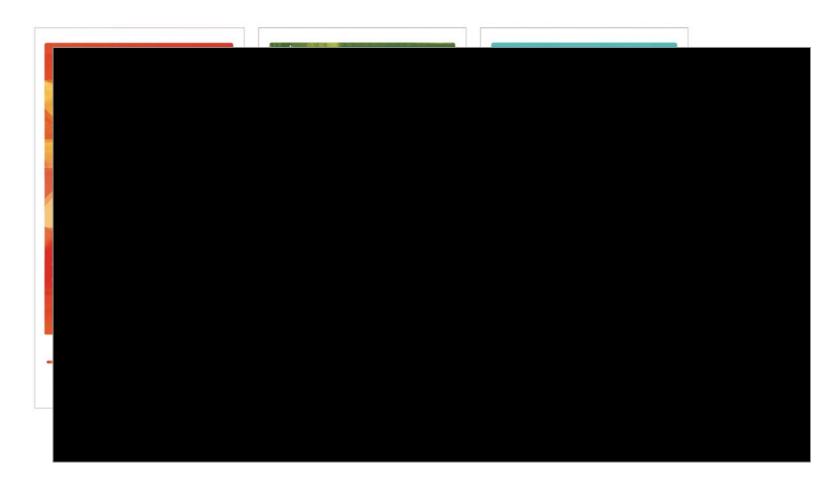


- HeCN and could partner on an employment branding offering with HeCN bringing recruitment expertise, everaging branding expertise, and both sharing heritage in health care category
- Product could command price premium and could be tied to wider offering (e.g., "lower end" = brand page, "higher end" = employer value proposition)



Fifth, align HeCN employees with the HeCN brand vision through an internal branding campaign.

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Sixth, support leadership positioning via social media – thought leadership for B2B + more robust profiles / distribution channels communication for B2C.



#### **Employers**

Support brand positioning with employers by developing/distributing thought leadership and by publicizing new products that meet their needs. Topics might include branded series on ROI of talent retention in health care.

#### **Target Talent**

Become the place for target talent to connect with employers by creating/promoting significantly more robust profiles that are searchable and embedded with two-way communications.

Possibly create additional distribution channels by vertical (e.g., HeCn Twitter For Nurses)



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Seventh, could create greater connectivity with target talent by developing a mobile site (table stakes) or app (point of difference).



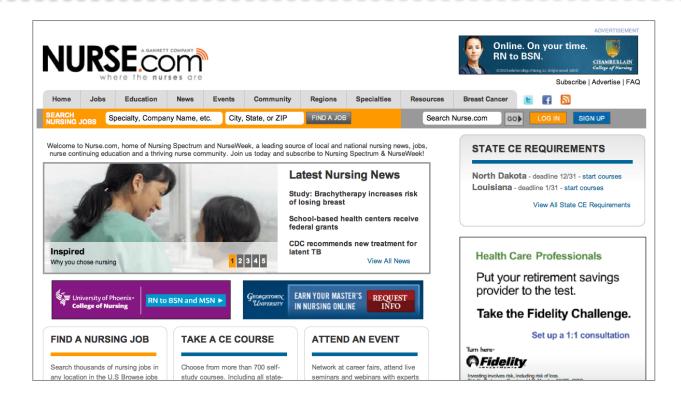
- According to Nielsen, 60% of new phones are smart phones
- Meaning 1/5\* of target talent use smart phones for job searches
- ...but only 7% of employers have mobile capabilities\*

\*Ericka Swallow, "Mobile Recruiting is on the Rise," Mashable, 11/13/11

<sup>\*</sup> The recommended budget would not include development costs.



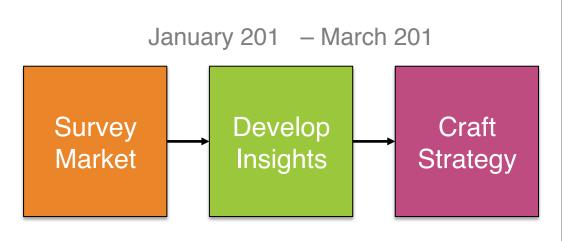
Eighth, using the Tool Box and an appropriate investment, raise awareness and drive traffic via an efficient and powerful banner campaign\* in select vertical sites.



<sup>\*</sup> The recommended budget would not include media buys.



We understand that an investment of \$120,000 has been allocated to develop the brand strategy, creative concepts, and activation strategies.



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Final art, implementation, and outside costs would be covered by a supplemental SOW Q & A

# Thank you.