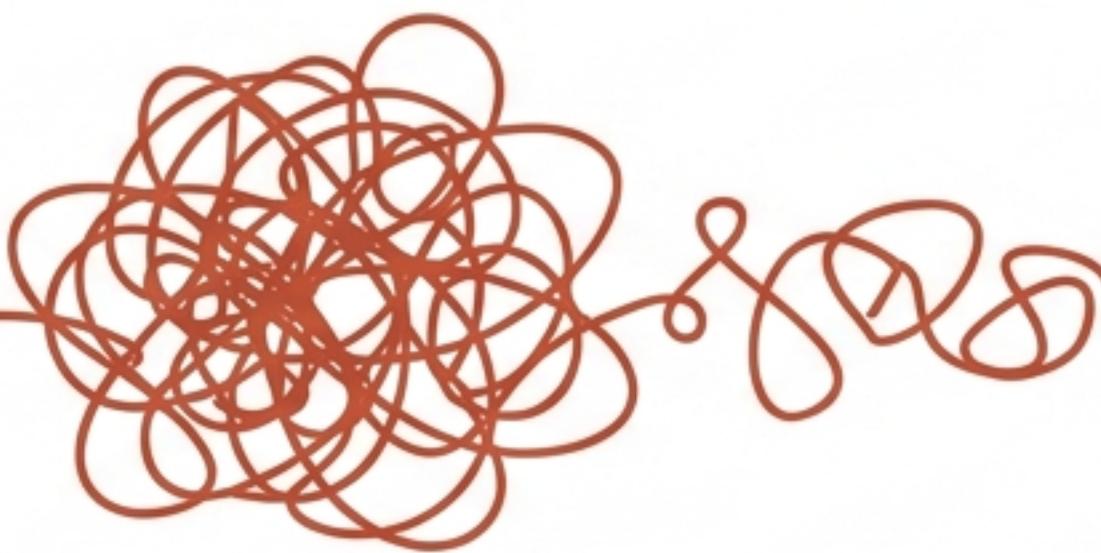


PROJECT PHOENIX

A Framework for Holistic Recovery & Career Pivot



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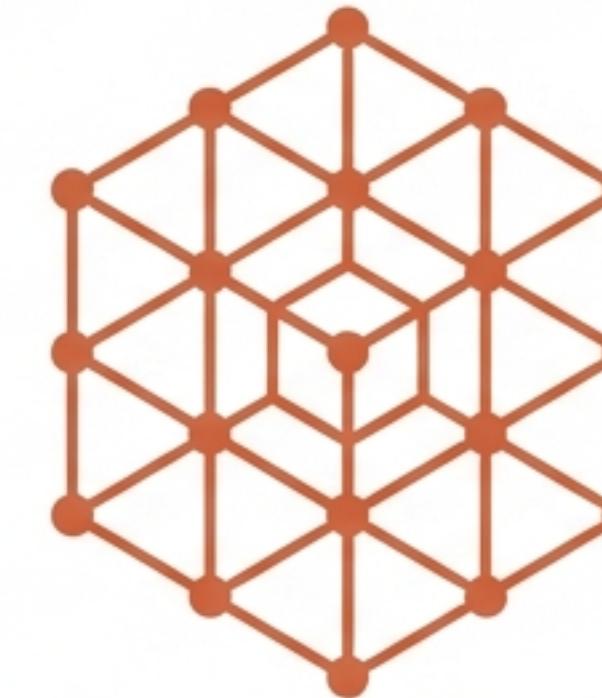
Moving from Crisis Mode to a Managed Project

Current State: Crisis Mode



- Reactive decision making
- Overwhelmed by ambiguity
- Unstructured recovery path
- Loss of professional identity

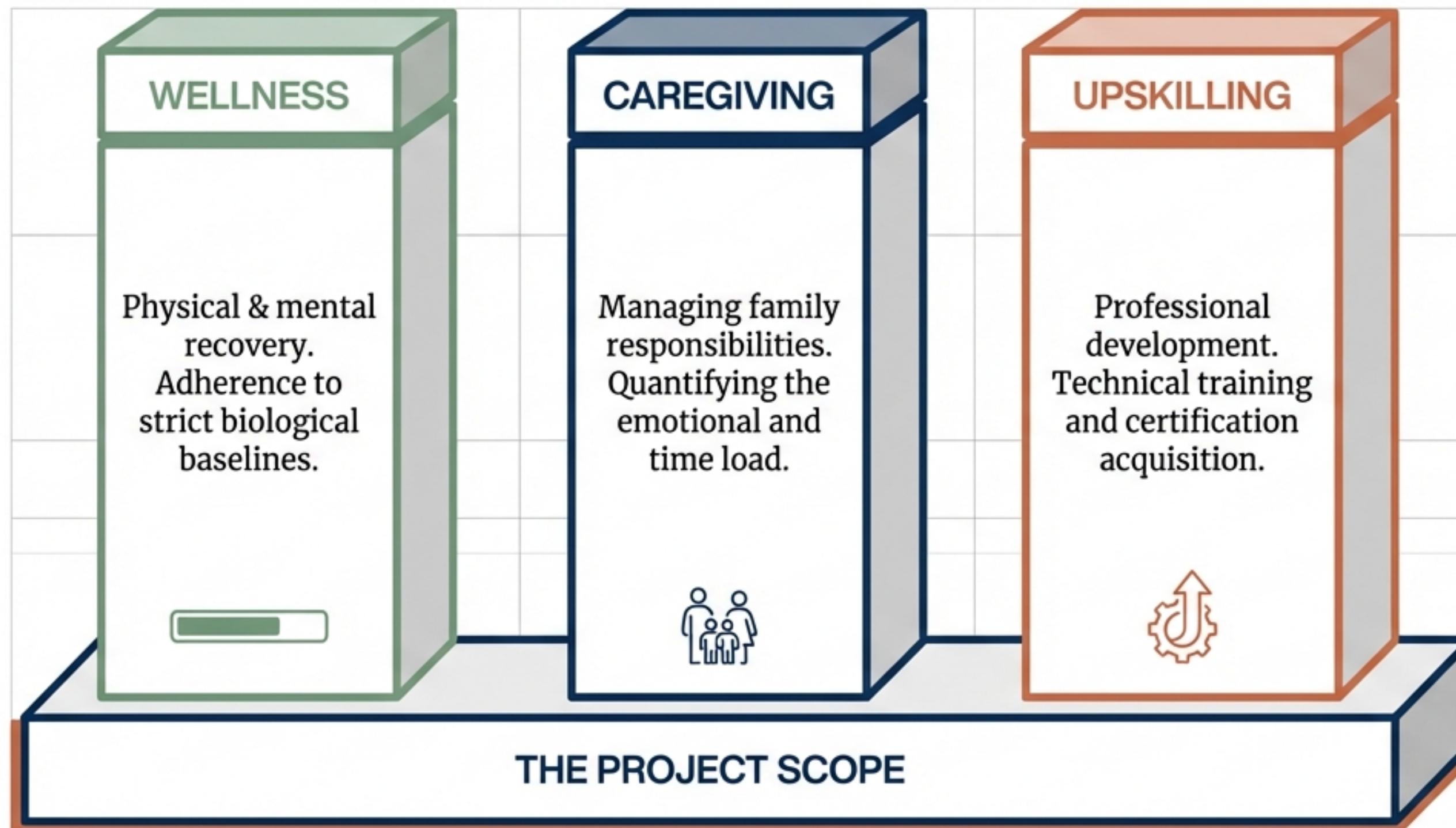
Future State: Project Phoenix



- Intentional, data-driven execution
- Tracked metrics and deliverables
- Iterative 'New Normal'
- Integration of health and career

The Mission: To reclaim health and professional identity while honoring caregiving commitments. We are not returning to the past; we are engineering a New Normal.

The Three Core Pillars of Execution



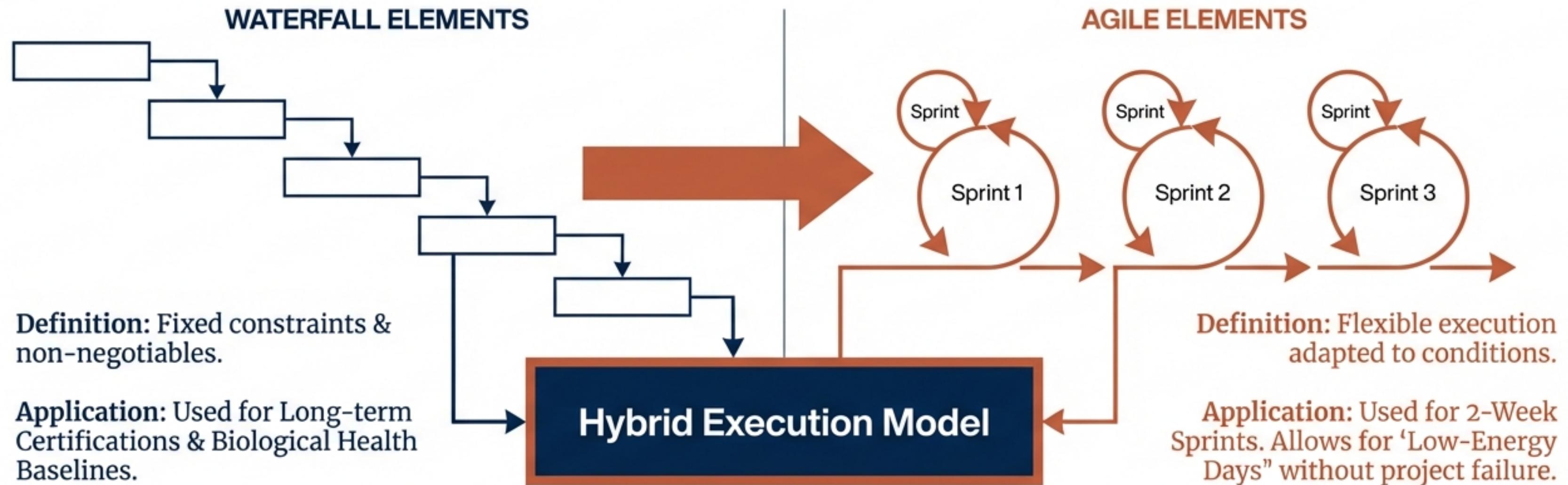
Key Insight

Success requires balancing these three competing demands simultaneously, not sequentially.

Neglecting one pillar destabilizes the entire structure.



The Strategy: Adopting a Hybrid Agile Methodology



**“Rigidity breaks under pressure.
Agility adapts to biology.”**

Operational Tooling & Workflow

The Tools

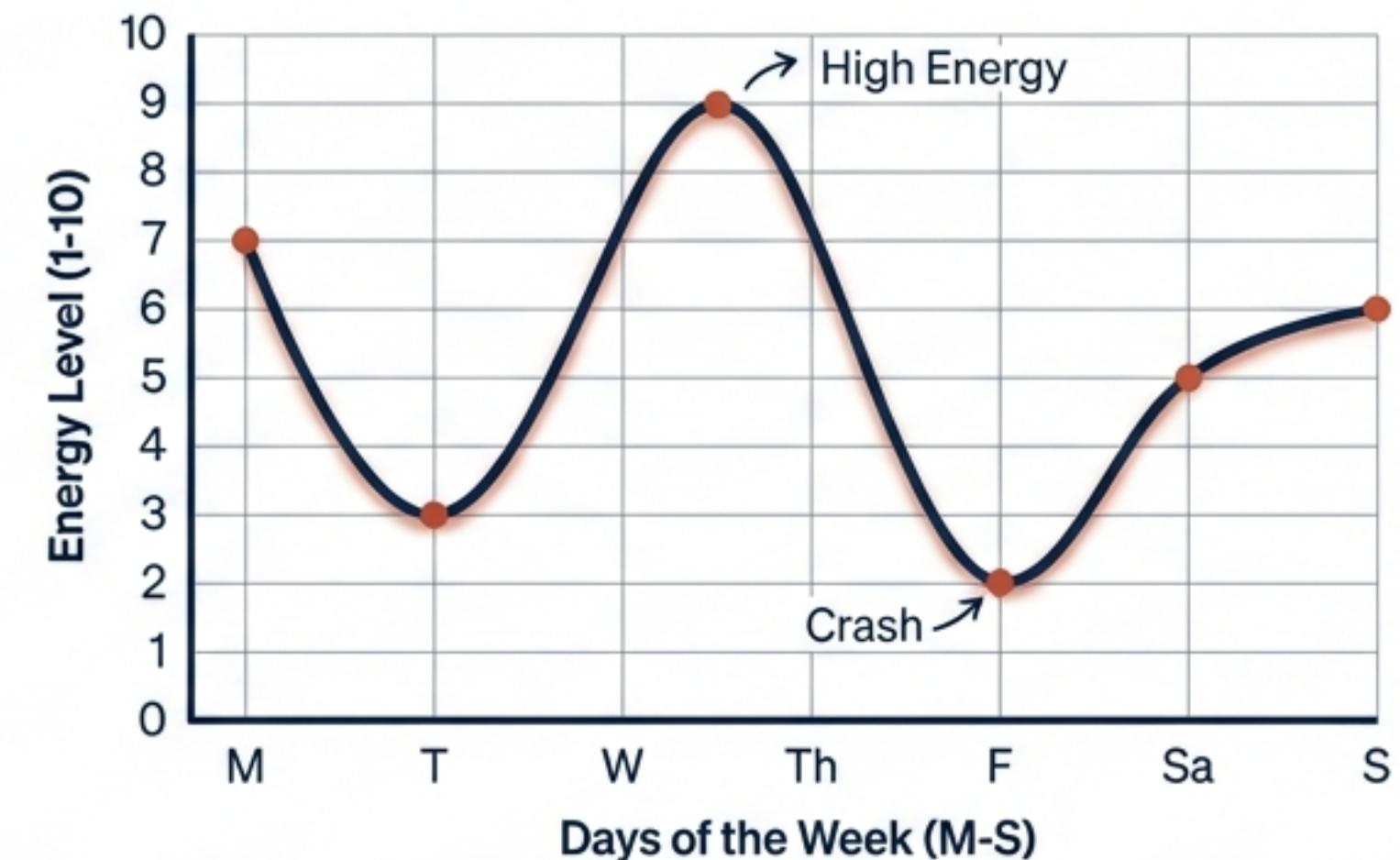
Tool 1: The Kanban Board



Externalizes tasks to reduce cognitive load.

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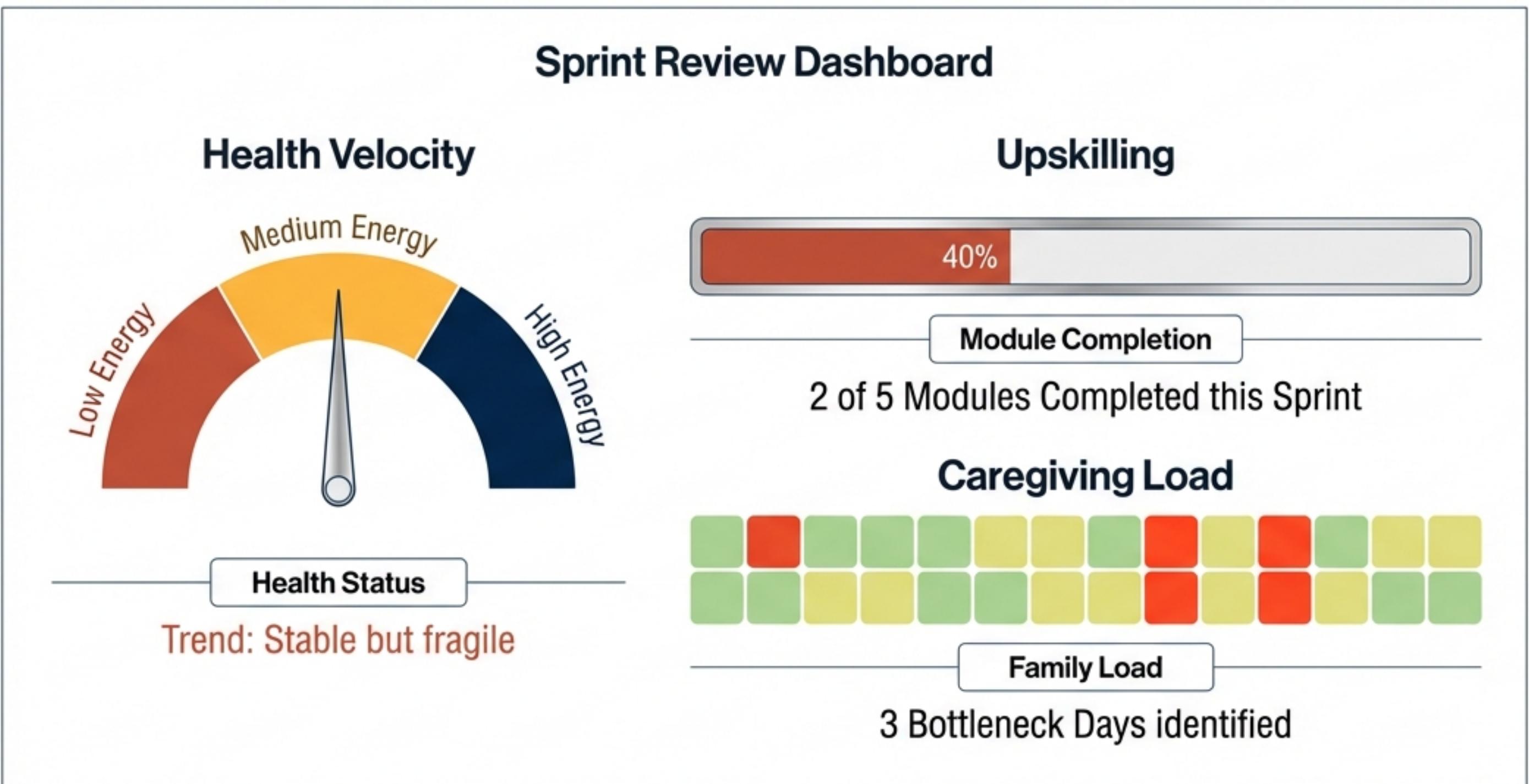
Tool 2: The Mood Tracker



Correlates task completion with biological reality.

The Fortnightly Review: Assessing Velocity

A dashboard to adjust the plan based on reality, not wishful thinking.



The Agenda

Review these metrics every two weeks.

If Health Velocity drops, reduce Upskilling scope.

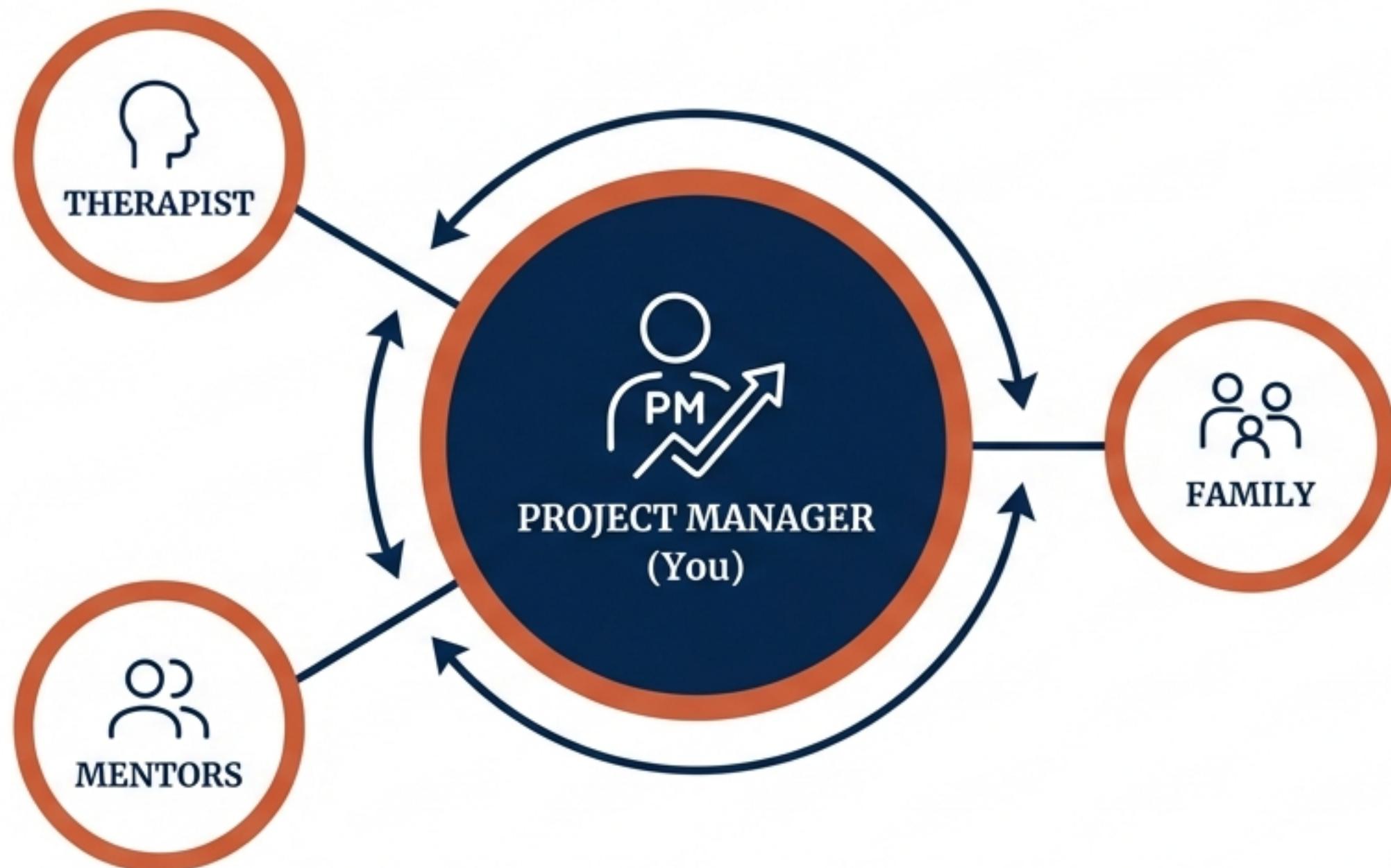
If Caregiving Load increases, pause new tasks.

Identifying and Managing Project Blockers

Normalizing symptoms by treating them as logistical blockers rather than personal failings.

	Blocker Name	Impact	Mitigation Strategy
	Brain Fog	Reduces study efficiency by 50%.	Switch to passive learning (videos) instead of active coding.
	Sleep Interruption	Reduces daily energy velocity.	Cancel morning tasks. Late start permitted.
	Bottleneck Days	Caregiving load prevents deep work.	Declare “No-Study Day”. Focus solely on maintenance.

The Impact Meeting: Managing Stakeholders



The Narrative Shift

Old Way

I feel terrible and I'm not getting anything done. I'm worried about the future.

New Way

Status Update: Health velocity is stable. Completed 2 technical modules. Caregiving load is high but managed. Risks are identified.

Purpose: Move the conversation from subjective feelings to objective achievements. Demonstrate stability to build trust.

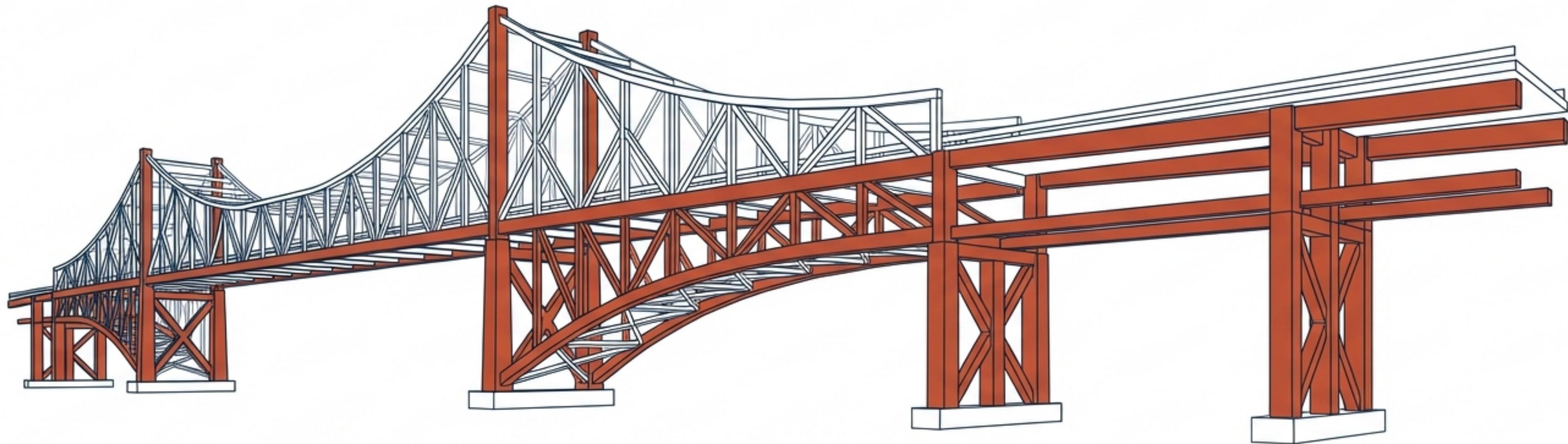
Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Recovery

Success is defined by stability and resilience, not just speed.



Purpose: Define and track objective measures of recovery to demonstrate progress and build confidence in long-term stability.

Project Phoenix is a Permanent Pivot



- We honor the “New Normal” rather than fighting it.
- We treat energy as a finite budget, not infinite fuel.
- By treating recovery as a project, we remove the emotion from the setback and focus on the execution of the comeback.

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