# CSweetener Mentor Network Case Study

How CSweetener is Evolving the Healthcare C-Suite

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## **CSweetener**

Matching Women
Healthcare Leaders with
Experienced Mentors



<u>CSweetener</u> is a not-for-profit dedicated to connecting female leaders on the path to – and already in – the healthcare C-Suite with male and female industry leaders and innovators who have the knowledge plus experience to propel them forward.

## PROBLEM: Healthcare lags behind other industries in terms of promoting diversity and female leadership among its ranks.

#### **Context**

Women entrepreneurs face a lack of access to the mentorship and growth opportunities that are often available organically to their male counterparts and which directly contribute to leadership success.

#### Why this Matters

There is growing recognition among both men and women that more women-led ventures and companies will lead to a more robust healthcare system that will benefit all participants.

#### **Closing The Gap**

71% of Fortune 500
companies have formal
mentoring programs to
assist younger managers to
rise through the ranks. But
few exist to help emerging
women leaders who are not
associated with large
corporations. CSweetener
seeks to meet that need.

## InstaViser Powering CSweetener's Solution

Find An Expert

**Schedule A Session** 

Get Advice + Guidance

#### Matching and Self-Selection

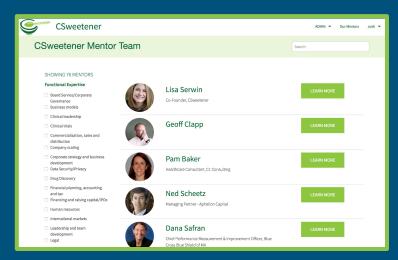
After acceptance into the CSweetener Network, mentees are provided a list of compatible mentor matches and can browse all mentor profiles, searchable by industry and expertise.

## Seamless and Efficient Scheduling

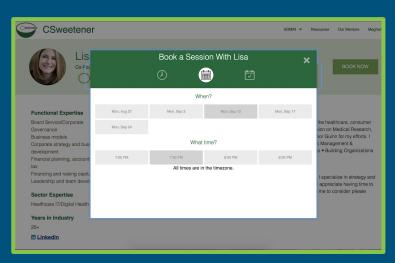
Mentees select a time that works in their schedule and book an online virtual video or phone session with their chosen mentor, all done via the platform. No ping-pong scheduling or unanswered connection requests.

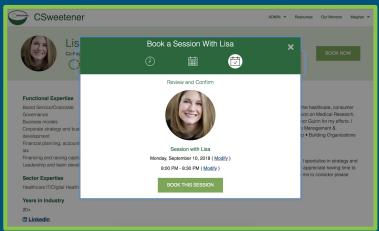
#### Amplify Odds of Success

Mentees connect with top executives and leaders in healthcare to collaborate on goals, get answers to their questions and broaden their professional network.









## **Impact**

Connection. Mentorship. Results.



Since its launch in January 2017, CSweetener has served nearly 200 mentees and conducted more than 400 successful mentorship sessions, connecting high-potential women with leaders in the healthcare industry for expert advice and career guidance.

#### Platform Growth and User Engagement



- In its first year, (Jan.-Dec. 2017), 207 mentorship sessions occurred on the platform for an average of 17.25 sessions per month.
- Seven months into its second year, (Jan-July 2018), CSweetener is averaging 22.6 sessions per month (a 41% increase YOY).

#### CSweetener Testimonials and Success Stories

"It's comforting to hear we all have issues, challenges and opportunities in common and can learn from each other's experiences. This type of connection and conversation is invaluable."

"This was incredible.

My mentor gave me
guidance on how to
improve my
executive presence."

"My mentorship session truly bolstered my career aspirations and tempered some of my anxieties about the quest to have it all. I look forward to many more conversations in the future!"

"My experience with the network was really amazing. I felt like my mentor was extremely clued into what I am working on and was so generous in her offer to help."

After just one session on the platform, a Mentor invited the mentee to formally pitch his VC firm, and subsequently funded her company.

Using the platform, more than 50 mentees have shared pitch decks and business plans with founders, VC partners, and established executives for review and expert feedback.

In over 350 sessions, CSweetener users have given an average rating of 4.63 out of 5 for content quality and overall session satisfaction.